

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, March 28, 1960, 4:10 P. M.  
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by  
Dr. John C. Brixey.

Present

Almquist, C. T.  
Bandy, William R.  
Bavinger, Eugene A.  
Bittle, William E.  
Bowen, Willis H.  
Brinker, Paul A.  
Brixey, John C.  
Crosser, Orin K.  
Doerr, Arthur H.  
Dunham, Lowell  
Ellison, Herbert J.  
Eriksen, John C.  
Ewing, Cortez A. M.  
Feaver, J. Clayton  
Fell, Ruth  
Fite, Gilbert C.

Present

Hale, John M.  
Holland, C. Joe  
Howard, Robert A.  
Hoy, Harry E.  
Huff, William N.  
Keown, William H.  
Love, Tom J.  
Peterson, Robert V.  
Pool, Richard  
Roller, Duane H. D.  
Rupiper, Omer  
Schultz, E. J.  
Springer, C. E.  
Steanson, Edith  
Upthegrove, William

Absent

Artman, Jim P.  
Cass, Carl B.  
Coffman, Stanley K.  
Colmore, John P.  
Cross, George L.  
Elconin, Victor  
Larsen, Earl G.  
Morris, Virginia  
Peach, W. Nelson  
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.  
Shadid, Tannell A.  
Sommers, E. Blanche  
Upchurch, Vernon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on  
February 29, 1960, was approved.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Memorandum from President Cross relative to action by the University Senate as  
reported in the Journal of the University Senate for February 1960.

To: Professor John C. Brixey

March 9, 1960

From: G. L. Cross

I have received from the University Senate a recommendation of changes to  
be made in University Regulations, "Maintenance of a 'C' Average" (File No.  
1959-60-3), and a "Resolution on Raising Eligibility Requirements for Inter-  
collegiate Athletic Competition" (File No. 1959-60-2).

In passing the recommendation I am appreciative of the fact that the Senate  
has attempted most co-operatively to correct the difficulties that I pointed out  
in the C-average regulation as it was originally drawn. The solution that the  
Senate has found is a plausible one and is the best that can be worked out if a  
regulation of this kind has to be stated in our bulletins.

Academic Standards -- continued

I do, however, have some reluctance to approve it for these reasons:

1. The Probationary status that the regulation defines is not very meaningful. I believe the Senate will agree with me on this point. Since it carries no penalty of its own, the probation would tend to be confusing to the student and would require administrative busy-work.

2. I am quite hopeful that we can persuade the other Big Eight Institutions to raise the scholastic eligibility requirements for athletes and they may be able to influence them to adopt something like the C-average regulation as part of their general academic standards. If something of the kind is arrived at, I should like to have our own books clear so that we would not have to confuse matters further by making more revisions in our own regulations.

For these reasons I propose, instead of revising the regulation, that we simply suspend it with the understanding that discussions will proceed in the meetings of the Conference until a decision is reached.

Accordingly I am directing the Editor of University Publications to delete the C-average regulation from all bulletins and catalogues. I am also directing our Faculty Representative for Intercollegiate Athletics to seek positive action by the Conference on a motion to adopt a requirement of a straight C-average for scholastic eligibility.

I also urge the University Senate to make its own direct approach to the corresponding faculty bodies in the other Big Eight universities and see whether concerted faculty action on this matter may be generated in that way.

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As for the Resolution, what I have said above indicates that I am in hearty agreement with its intent. The third "Whereas" clause, however, has now become inaccurate. If the Senate will amend this paragraph, I shall be glad to approve the Resolution; but I am already accepting its intent and doing what I can to implement it.

GLC:sm

cc: Professor Gerald Porter -- Dr. John Fellows -- Dr. Jim P. Artman

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Doerr moved that the Senate Committee on Academic Standards be assigned responsibility for the preparation of a resolution relating to the desirability of the C-average as a scholastic eligibility requirement; the resolution then to be sent to the appropriate faculty bodies in each of the other Big Eight universities. His motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Ewing then moved that the resolution approved by the University Senate on February 29, 1960 (see page 4, Journal of the University Senate for February 1960), be referred back to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards for the needed revisions indicated in the memorandum from President Cross. His motion was seconded and passed.

"INCOMPLETE" AND "F" GRADES 

Report of Committee on Courses and Curricula

March 1, 1960

The Committee has met several times, including two meetings with Dean Fellows and representatives of his office, to discuss the problem of the "blue F" and the "I". (See University Senate Journal 9-59, page 3)

The Committee recommends:

That the Office of Admissions and Records be requested to discontinue the practice of assigning the grade of "F" in the case of a student who has never attended a class in a course in which he is officially enrolled, and for which the instructor turns in no grade; and that the Office of Admissions and Records be further requested to record in such cases an appropriate neutral mark.

That "Incomplete" work shall be made up only within the next calendar year of residence. That if it is not made up within this period, the "I" shall become an "F". If, however, the student chooses to repeat the course before the expiration of a calendar year of residence and a grade is given, the "I" remains on the record as originally entered, in no way affecting the student's overall grade average.

That all undergraduate colleges in the University abide by this regulation if it is adopted.

COMMITTEE ON COURSES AND CURRICULA

John Eriksen  
Gilbert Fite  
Robert Howard  
E. J. Schultz

Tannell Shadid  
Blanche Sommers  
Stanley Coffman,  
Chairman

Senate Action

In the absence of Dr. Coffman, Chairman of the Committee on Courses and Curricula, Dr. Eriksen presented the foregoing report and commented relative to its development. Dr. Dunham moved that the report be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded. Following considerable discussion the motion was passed.

UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION

Statement from the Committee for the Study of University Organization

March 28, 1960

Dr. John Brixey, Chairman  
University Senate

Dear Sir:

The senate committee for "The Study of University Organization" conceived its function to consist of two parts: (1) to study and propose revision of the University Charter of 1947; and (2) to submit to the senate a list of subjects for legislation which the committee views as indispensable to the implementation of the revision of faculty government which it proposes.

The committee herein submits for the consideration of the senate its report on Part 1. It will submit its recommendations on Part 2 at a later time.

D. L. Barnes  
Arthur Heilman  
John Powers  
Joseph Rarick  
Cortez A. M. Ewing, Chairman

Senate Action

Copies of the committee report on Part 1 were distributed to members of the University Senate present on March 28. The report was not discussed.

Dr. Ewing moved that the University Senate meet in special sessions as soon as possible after the Spring Vacation to consider the report and to take appropriate action relative to it. His motion was seconded and passed.

It was the consensus of senate members present that special meetings of the University Senate should be held at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, April 11 and on Wednesday, April 13. These two meetings have been scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 1960. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 13.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary