

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, April 25, 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.
 Brixey, John C.
 Cass, Carl B.
 Coffman, Stanley K.
 Crosser, Orrin K.
 Doerr, Arthur H.
 Elconin, Victor
 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.
 Huff, William N.
 Keown, William H.
 Love, Tom J.
 Pool, Richard
 Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
 Roller, Duane H. D.
 Sommers, E. Blanche
 Springer, C. E.
 Upchurch, Vernon
 Upthegrove, William
Stinson

Absent

Artman, Jim P.
 Brinker, Paul A.
 Colmore, John P.
 Cross, George L.
 Dunham, Lowell
 Ellison, Herbert J.
 Hoy, Harry E.
 Larsen, Earl G.
 Morris, Virginia
 Peach, W. Nelson
 Peterson, Robert V.
 Rupiper, Omer
 Schultz, E. J.
Shadid

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on
 March 28, 1960, was approved.

SENATE ACTION DISAPPROVED

Faculty Personnel Problems -- Statement from President Cross -- March 30, 1960.

I have received and studied the University Senate's recommendation of
 February 29, 1960, concerning extended sick leave, compensation for
 substitute teaching, and retirement payments.

I regret that I cannot approve this recommendation.

During the past year the University has made great improvements in
 fringe benefits for the faculty, and I am very much pleased that we have
 been able to establish the retirement plans and the insurance plans that
 are now in effect. In the future I hope to be in a position to recommend
 additional improvements to the Regents of the University. But for reasons
 of financing and of practicality I do not think it would be wise to try
 to extend the program of benefits further at the present time.

SENATE ACTION APPROVED

On March 31, 1960, President Cross approved the University Senate recommendations relative to "Incomplete" and "F" Grades. The recommendations were reported in the Journal of the University Senate for March 28, 1960, page 3.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Two resolutions were submitted on April 25, 1960, by the Committee on Academic Standards. The resolutions pertaining to athletic eligibility requirements are as follows:

Resolution No. 1

Resolution on Faculty Position in Athletic Eligibility Requirements

Whereas the university senate, representing the general faculty of the University of Oklahoma, heartily endorses the policy of requiring that university students must maintain a C average on all academic work undertaken in order to remain in good standing:

Whereas the senate would deprecate the development of any policy which featured distinctions in academic standards between athletes and non-athletes in the student body; and

Whereas under existing regulations, it is possible for an athlete to retain his athletic eligibility and to compete in intercollegiate contests with a C in only 60 per cent of his work, and thus to remain in "good athletic standing" with only slightly better than a D average.

Be it resolved that the university senate requests President George L. Cross to inform the presidents of the other universities of the Big Eight conference of faculty convictions on the desirability of improving academic standards and to urge their faculties to consider approval of raising the existing eligibility requirements to a C-average minimum for conference athletic competition; and it further requests that the University of Oklahoma Faculty Representative, Dean Earl Sneed, continue his efforts to secure agreement by the faculty representatives of the other conference universities to raising the minimum conference athletic competition requirement to that standard; and it further requests that the University of Oklahoma Athletic Council continue to solicit the support of the council's counterpart in each of the other conference institutions to establish that standard.

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Academic Standards -- continuedResolution No. 2Resolution on Raising Eligibility Requirements
for Intercollegiate Athletic Competition

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Whereas the senate would deprecate the development of any policy which featured distinctions in academic standards between athletes and non-athletes in the student body; and

Whereas under existing regulations, it is possible for an athlete to retain his athletic eligibility and to compete in intercollegiate contests with a C in only 60 per cent of his work, and thus to remain in "good athletic standing" with only slightly better than a D average;

Whereas the university senate has formally requested the University of Oklahoma Faculty Representative to the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association to encourage and support in every way the adoption of a minimum C-average requirement for Big Eight athletic eligibility;

Be it resolved that the university senate, as representative of the general faculty of the University of Oklahoma, earnestly requests that the faculty of the University of Kansas,* and the faculties of all other universities of the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Big Eight), join in raising minimum requirements for athletic eligibility to a C average.

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*The separate statements of this resolution to be mailed to each of the Big Eight Universities will name specifically a different university.

Senate Action

Dr. Keown presented Resolution No. 1, commented concerning its development, and moved that it be adopted by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Keown then presented Resolution No. 2, commented concerning its development, and moved that it be adopted. His motion was seconded and passed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Explanatory Comment

Each year the Committee on Committees of the University Senate submits nominations for University committees which will be appointed by President Cross. The Senate then considers the nominations, may make additional nominations from the floor, and at a subsequent meeting approves the list of nominations for submission to President Cross.

Senate Action

Professor Pool, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the list of nominations prepared by the Committee. On motions by members of the Senate two names were deleted from the list of nominations and seven names were added. The entire list was then approved. All nominations will be voted upon at the May meeting of the Senate and the approved list will be submitted to President Cross so that he may make appointments for the year 1960-61.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:38 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 30, 1960, at 4:10 p.m. Materials for the agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, May 18.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary