

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Special Session, April 11, 1960, 4:10 P. M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

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Present

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Bandy, William R.
Bavinger, Eugene A.
Bowen, Willis H.
Brinker, Paul A.
Brixey, John C.
Coffman, Stanley K.
Ellison, Herbert J.
Eriksen, John C.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Holland, C. Joe
Hoy, Harry E.
Huff, William N.
Keown, William H.

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Love, Tom J.
Morris, Virginia
Peterson, Robert V.
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Roller, Duane H. D.
Schultz, E. J.
Shadid, Tannell A.
Sommers, E. Blanche
Springer, C. E.
Steanson, Edith
Upchurch, Vernon
Upthegrove, William

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Bittle, William E.
Cass, Carl B.
Colmore, John P.
Cross, George L.
Crosser, Orin K.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Dunham, Lowell
Elconin, Victor
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PROBLEMS FOR SENATE COMMITTEES

The Chairman of the University Senate reported that two problems had been called to his attention. Because of the limited time remaining in the school year, he referred these matters to senate committees at the special session.

1. Recommendations for Revision of Current Statement of Tenure Procedures. -- Recommendations from Dr. Bienfang, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Retirement and Tenure, were referred to the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel for study and a report at the May meeting.
2. Returning of Tests to Students. -- This matter, in the form of a Student Senate Resolution, was referred to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations for study and a report at the May meeting.

Both of the foregoing items will be presented in their entirety in the Agenda for the University Senate regular meeting on April 25.

STUDY OF UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION /

The major portion of the time involved in the special session of the Senate was devoted to consideration of recommendations from the Committee for the Study of University Organization. Dr. Ewing, chairman of that committee, presented specific items for consideration by the Senate. Approximately one half of the total committee report was approved. The remainder will be considered at a second special session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 13.

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STUDY OF UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION

All of the time of this meeting was devoted to continued discussion of the report of the Committee for the Study of University Organization. Specific elements were presented by Dr. Ewing, chairman of the committee. They were discussed at length and certain items were approved by the Senate.

Discussion of the report will be continued at a third special session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 1960. This meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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STUDY OF UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION /

This third special session of the University Senate to be held in April, 1960, was devoted to a continuation of consideration of the report of the Committee for the Study of University Organization. Separate portions of the report were discussed at length and approved with minor amendments.

When discussion of the elements in the report was completed, Dr. Ewing moved that the entire report under the title "CHARTER OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY" be adopted by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The remainder of this Journal of the University Senate, indicated by lines numbered 1 through 163, constitute the material adopted by the Senate for submission to President Cross and ultimately for consideration by the General Faculty.

The University Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

CHARTER OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Preamble:

1 The University of Oklahoma is, under the constitution and laws of the
2 state, governed by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, subject to
3 overall direction by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The
4 University of Oklahoma Board of Regents herein continues the delegation of
5 1947 to the general faculty of the university of authority to enact laws,
6 rules, and regulations with respect to the academic welfare of the univer-
7 sity; but no such laws, rules, and regulations may be enforced until
8 approved, first, by the president and second, by the Board of Regents.

THE GENERAL FACULTY

Composition:

9 The general faculty of the university is composed of all fulltime
10 university faculty members with the rank of instructor or above, the presi-
11 dent and the vice-presidents of the university, the deans and the associate
12 and assistant deans, and other such persons who have been or may be nominated
13 by the president and approved by the University Senate.

Meetings:

14 The general faculty shall meet at least once each semester (on the
15 third Thursday of October and the third Thursday of April) and at other
16 times upon call by the president on his own initiative or petition of
17 thirty members representing two or more colleges. Fifty members shall
18 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The president is
19 ex-officio chairman of the general faculty and he shall appoint a secre-
20 tary who shall keep a record of the proceedings.

Powers:

21 All legislative powers of the faculty of the university relative to
22 the university as a whole are vested in the general faculty. These legis-
23 lative powers shall be exercised either directly by the general faculty or
24 by the senate, created by the general faculty, provided that the exercise
25 of any of these powers by the senate shall be subject to conditions speci-
26 fied hereinafter.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Composition:

27 The general faculty continues to delegate, under limitations herein-
28 after provided, its legislative powers to the University Senate. The senate
29 shall consist of forty-three members.
30 The members of the senate shall be elected by written ballot in the
31 general faculty, the constituent colleges, and the independent degree-
32 recommending schools of the university. The electors shall consist of
33 members of the general faculty. The allocation of senate seats shall be
34 determined in the official triennial apportionment proposed by the senate
35 and approved by the general faculty. Under the apportionment the alloca-
36 tion of senate seats shall be determined by the ratio which a constituent
37 college's fulltime professors and instructors (as listed on the university

38 payroll) bears to the total number of fulltime professors and instructors
39 in the university, provided that each college and independent degree-
40 recommending school shall have at least one senate seat and that no fewer
41 than six nor more than nine seats shall be allocated to the general faculty.
42 The elections of 1960, 1961, and 1962 shall be conducted under the 1959
43 apportionment.

Eligibility and Term of Office:

44 All members of the general faculty with the rank of assistant professor
45 or above shall be eligible for election to the senate. The term of office
46 shall be three years, with one-third elected each year. An election to fill
47 a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term only. No member of the senate
48 shall be eligible to serve until one year has elapsed after the end of his
49 last prior service in the senate.

Election Procedure:

50 The president of the university shall appoint a committee on elections
51 to consist of five members, no two of whom shall be from the same consti-
52 tuent faculty. This committee shall establish administrative regulations
53 for all elections to the senate and shall conduct the elections in the
54 general faculty.

55 Before the end of February the secretary of the senate shall notify
56 the dean of each constituent faculty of the number of senators which that
57 faculty shall elect at the March meeting. The deans of the respective
58 faculties shall certify to the secretary of the senate the names of the
59 newly elected senators within one week after their election.

60 Before April 10 the committee on elections shall notify the members
61 of the general faculty of the names of all persons elected in the separate
62 faculties and present members of the senate. The committee shall invite
63 each member of the general faculty to nominate one candidate for the
64 senate. These nominations shall not be signed, but shall be enclosed in
65 an envelope on which the faculty member making the nomination shall sign
66 his name.

67 Thereafter, the committee on elections shall circulate primary ballots
68 to all members of the general faculty containing the names of all persons
69 who have been nominated for election to the senate. Each faculty member is
70 entitled to vote for as many nominees as there are seats to be filled.
71 Each faculty member shall mark and return one ballot unsigned in an envelope
72 on which he shall sign his name.

73 The committee shall then circulate final ballots listing the names
74 of those candidates who receive the greatest numbers of votes in the pri-
75 mary election. Such ballots shall list twice as many names as there are
76 seats to be filled. Each faculty member shall be entitled to vote for as
77 many nominees as there are seats to be filled. The chairman of the committee
78 on elections shall certify to the secretary of the senate the names of
79 senators elected from the general faculty

Powers of the Senate:

80 The senate shall have authority to enact legislation on any matter
81 affecting the academic welfare of the university, provided that any
82 enactment of the senate shall be subject to review by the general faculty.
83 Any senate enactment may be placed on the agenda of the next regular or
84 called meeting of the general faculty by a petition signed by not less than

85 thirty members of the general faculty; provided that such petition shall
86 be filed with the secretary of the general faculty within five days
87 (Sunday excepted) after circulation to the general faculty of the Senate
88 Journal in which the measure is published. If the general faculty
89 approves the protested measure, it shall be forwarded by the secretary
90 of the general faculty to the president. The secretary of the senate
91 shall forward each unprotested senate measure directly to the president
92 at the expiration of the protest period.

93 The senate shall determine its own time of meeting and its own rules
94 of procedure. It shall elect a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary,
95 and such other officers as it shall by its rules provide. The secretary
96 need not be a member of the senate.

97 Each standing committee is authorized to select non-senate members
98 of the general faculty to serve as ad hoc members of the committee for
99 specific problems.

100 Subjects for legislation may be brought to the attention of the sen-
101 ate by written communication from the president, any university adminis-
102 trative agency, any constituent college or independent degree-recommending
103 school, any member of the general faculty, any standing committee of the
104 senate, or the official student governing body.

105 Where academic welfare is involved the senate shall have the authority
106 to investigate any university administrative agency. And the senate shall
107 have authority by statute to create new and abolish existing agencies,
108 provided that all administrative agencies shall be directly responsible
109 to the president.

110 If under extraordinary conditions, the senate should determine that
111 specific actions of the university administration are detrimental to the
112 academic welfare of the university, the senate shall address an appropriate
113 memorial to the president who shall place it on the agenda of the next
114 meeting of the Board of Regents.

115 For appointment to the permanent administrative councils and committees,
116 the senate shall nominate to the president twice the number of persons as
117 there are vacancies to be filled.

118 The senate shall at the earliest feasible time provide for the publi-
119 cation of "The Statutes of the University of Oklahoma," which shall be
120 regularly revised and shall contain the statutes in force in the govern-
121 ment of the university.

THE PRESIDENT

Role in Legislation:

122 The president shall present to the first meeting of the senate in a
123 new academic year a general message on the state of the university in which
124 he shall give recommendations for the furtherance of the academic progress
125 of the university. He may also at any time make special recommendations
126 for the consideration of the senate.

127 The president shall within 30 calendar days after the end of the pro-
128 test period inform the senate by written message of his disposition of a
129 senate measure. If he vetoes the measure, the president shall in writing
130 give the senate the reasons for his action. If he chooses, the president
131 may orally present to the senate an elaboration of his written message.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Role in Legislation:

132 If the president approves a senate or general faculty measure, he
133 shall forward it to the Board of Regents with his recommendation. No
134 measure shall become a university statute without the approval of the
135 Board of Regents. If they approve the measure, the regents shall deter-
136 mine the date at which the statute becomes effective. If no date is
137 specified, the statute shall become effective at the beginning of the
138 next regular university semester.

CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

Powers of Colleges and Independent Degree-Recommendng Schools:

139 Legislative powers relating to a single college or independent
140 degree-recommending school of the university are vested in the faculty
141 thereof. The faculty of a college or independent degree-recommending
142 school normally shall meet once a month, and in no event less than twice
143 a semester, to deliberate upon and determine its own policies.

AMENDMENT

Procedures:

144 This charter may be amended by action of the general faculty in
145 a regular or special session of that body, provided that no amendment
146 shall be effective until it shall have been approved by the president
147 and the Board of Regents. If the president fails to approve the
148 general faculty's action to amend, he shall so report to the next
149 regular meeting of the general faculty which occurs at least thirty
150 days after the meeting of the general faculty at which the action was
151 taken.

152 A proposal to amend the charter may originate by action of the
153 senate or by motion in a meeting of the general faculty. In those
154 cases in which the proposal originates through senate action, the
155 proposal must be submitted to the general faculty at either a regular
156 or special session; provided that consideration for the proposal's
157 adoption in the general faculty shall not occur until the expiration
158 of thirty days after the notification of the general faculty through
159 the Senate Journal.

160 If the proposal originates in the general faculty, it shall not
161 be considered for adoption until the expiration of thirty and not more
162 than forty days after the members of the general faculty have received
163 copies of the proposal from the secretary of the general faculty.

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Adopted by the University Senate, April 18, 1960.

