

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, September 26, 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, Chairman for 1959-60.

Present

Artman, Jim P.
Bowen, Willis H.
Campbell, John M.
Clark, F. Donald
Corsaw, Roger
Crim, Ed F.
Cross, George L.
de Stwolinski, Gail
Ellison, Herbert J.
Eriksen, John G.
Ewbank, Walter J.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fite, Gilbert C.
Granger, Bruce
Hale, John M.
Holland, C. Joe

Present

Hoy, Harry E.
Johns, O. D.
Keown, William H.
Kitts, David
Patterson, Helen E.
Peach, William N.
Peterson, Robert V.
Rarick, Joseph L.
Rice, Leslie
Schottstaedt, W. W.
Springer, C. E.
Stanley, A. J.
Steanson, Edith
Upchurch, Vernon
Upthegrove, William R.
Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Bittle, William E.
Crosser, Orrin K.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Dunham, Lowell
Howard, Robert A.
Huff, William N.
Keeley, Joe W.
Perry, Robert
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Shadid, Tannel A.
Somers, E. Blanche

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on May 30, 1960, was approved.

SENATE ACTION APPROVED

On June 8, 1960, President Cross approved the University Senate recommendation relative to returning tests to students. The recommendation was reported in the Journal of the University Senate for May 30, 1960, pages 4 and 5.

ELECTION OF UNIVERSITY SENATE OFFICERS FOR 1960-61

Chairman - Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing was elected to serve as Chairman of the University Senate. He immediately assumed his duties as Chairman for 1960-61.

Vice Chairman - Dr. William H. Keown was elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Secretary - Dr. Gerald A. Porter was elected Secretary of the University Senate.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR for 1961-62 X

Letter from President Cross

September 20, 1960

Professor John C. Brixey, Chairman
University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Brixey:

It has come to my attention that the University calendar for the 1961-62 session, according to the calendar policies now in effect, will place the beginning of classes on Monday, September 25. The beginning of classes this fall on September 26 has been the subject of a great deal of inquiry and criticism by students, parents of students, faculty and Regents. There is no doubt in my mind but that for the past two years we have been starting the fall semester and ending the spring semester too late. I cannot approve another calendar that calls for delaying the beginning of classes until the last week in September.

I find, however, that the printing of bulletins for next year is being delayed until the calendar for 1961-62 is approved. It is necessary, therefore, that revision be accomplished immediately. There is not time to refer the question to the University Senate, as I have done in the past, with a request for a revision.

Accordingly, I am appointing a special committee to recommend to me a revised calendar for 1961-62. I am placing on this committee two members of last year's Committee on Academic Standards who have been nominated for reappointment to be confirmed September 26. These two gentlemen will be already conversant with the problems involved and will presumably be able to represent the Senate's point of view.

The other members of the committee are the administrative officers directly concerned. I am designating Vice President McCarter Chairman of the special committee.

You and the Senate will be interested to know that the State Regents Office will probably set in motion a plan for a uniform calendar for the state system, beginning perhaps in 1962.

I hope you will find a way to convey this message to the University Senate.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross, President

Senate Action

The foregoing letter was read in the University Senate on September 26, 1960. Since it contained information for the Senate but no request for a recommendation, no action was taken on it by the University Senate.

COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FOR 1960-61

Approval was indicated by the University Senate for membership of Senate committees for 1960-61 as follows:

Committee on Academic Standards

1. Clayton Feaver*
2. Willis Bowen
3. Cortez Ewing
4. William Keown
5. David Kitts
6. John Campbell
7. Gail de Stwolinski

Committee on Courses and Curricula

1. John Eriksen*
2. Tannell Shadid
3. L. M. Rohrbaugh
4. Gilbert Fite
5. Robert Howard
6. Blanche Sommers
7. Bruce Granger
8. Walter J. Ewbank

Committee on Teaching and Research

1. Arthur H. Doerr*
2. W.R. Upthegrove
3. Jim Artman
4. Herbert J. Ellison
5. W. W. Schottstaedt
6. Ed Crim
7. Donald Clark

Committee on University Organization,
Budget and Publications

1. C. E. Springer*
2. Edith Steanson
3. Robert Perry
4. John M. Hale
5. William E. Bittle
6. Joe Keeley
7. Lloyd P. Williams

Committee on Faculty Personnel

1. W. Nelson Peach*
2. Lowell Dunham
3. O. K. Crosser
4. Vernon Upchurch
5. Leslie Rice
6. Joseph Rarick
7. A. J. Stanley

Committee on Student and Public
Relations

1. Joe Holland*
2. W. N. Huff
3. Harry Hoy
4. Robert V. Peterson
5. O. D. Johns
6. Helen E. Patterson
7. Roger Corsaw

Committee on Committees

1. Gilbert Fite, Chairman
2. Willis Bowen
3. John Campbell
4. John Eriksen
5. C. E. Springer

Journal Committee

1. Cortez A. M. Ewing
2. Harry Hoy
3. Lloyd Williams

*The individuals listed above with asterisks beside their names will be responsible for calling the first meetings of the committees.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Explanatory Comment

The resignation of George Murphy of the Department of Chemistry from the University Council on Instruction has created a vacancy on that council. The Senate was requested by Vice President McCarter to nominate two persons, one of whom will be appointed by President Cross to replace Dr. Murphy.

Senate Action

The following persons were nominated by the Senate Committee on Committees:

J. Teague Self -- Zoology Kenneth E. Crook -- Chemistry

One of these men will be appointed by President Cross to fill the vacancy on the Council on Instruction.

CHARTER OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY X

Letter from President Cross

June 29, 1960

Professor John Brixey, Chairman
University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Brixey:

I have received a copy of the "Charter of Government of the University" which was submitted by the Senate to the General Faculty and approved by the General Faculty on May 24, 1960.

I cannot approve this charter for submission to the Regents of the University.

My objections to the charter involve the following:

1. Lines 106 to 109 inclusive which read as follows:

"And the senate shall have authority by statute to create new and abolish existing agencies, provided that all administrative agencies shall be directly responsible to the president."

2. Lines 115 to 117 inclusive which read as follows:

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

Charter of Government of the University -- continued

Broad power to legislate concerning any University matter of academic welfare is provided the Senate in lines 80 to 82 inclusive. Specific power to investigate the President's administrative organization is provided in lines 105 and 106. Such powers should be sufficient. In my opinion, the charter should not give the Senate specific authority to create and abolish administrative agencies for which the President ordinarily has responsibility. I believe that to include this specific provision in the charter might lead to unnecessary and serious misunderstandings between future presidents and senates. The later provision for the President's approval or veto does not meet my objection.

I cannot agree that the charter should give the Senate specific authority to nominate to the President membership of administrative councils and committees. I think the President should have freedom of choice in the selection of such personnel.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Cross
President

Senate Action

The contents of the letter from President Cross, as reproduced above, were noted by the members of the University Senate. It was the consensus that this matter should be referred to the committee which prepared the first draft of the charter in 1959-60. Members of that committee are:

D. L. Barnes
Arthur Heilman
John Powers

Joseph Rarick
Cortez A. M. Ewing, Chairman

In accord with the request from President Cross, the committee will make appropriate revisions for consideration by the General Faculty.

Consideration of required revisions will be a matter on the agenda of the meeting of the General Faculty on October 19, 1960.

1961 COMMENCEMENT

Memorandum from Vice President McCarter to the Chairman of the University Senate

July 6, 1960

The Commencement Committee has made the following recommendations to President Cross concerning the 1961 Commencement:

1. That application for graduation be made at the time of enrollment for the last semester and that no application be accepted later than April 1.
2. That a policy of early graduation ceremonies be established in 1961, with ceremonies to be held on the Sunday two weeks prior to the last day of final examinations, and that University Band, Glee Club, and other appropriate organizations be invited to participate in the ceremonies.

President Cross is referring these recommendations to the University Senate for its consideration and recommendation to him.

Senate Action

Dr. Keown moved that the matter involving the 1961 Commencement be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

This problem was immediately referred to the Committee on Academic Standards.

SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICY

Statement from Vice President McCarter

August 3, 1960

To: Professor John Brixey
From: Pete Kyle McCarter
Subject: Sabbatical Leave Policy

In the statement of our Sabbatical Leave policy appears the following paragraph:

If a person applying for a Sabbatical Leave will receive a stipend for the same period from another institution or agency, he may still receive a Sabbatical provided that it appears to the proper authorities that it is in the best interest of the University and will be needed to prevent financial loss to the person obtaining the Sabbatical.

Sabbatical Leave Policy -- continued

This part of the policy has proved to be a most difficult one to administer. In a half-dozen or more cases, in which faculty members have accepted extra-University appointment or employment and then applied for Sabbatical Leave with an appeal to the "financial loss" policy, we have had to cope with such difficulties as these:

1. The embarrassing business of probing into the applicant's personal financial situation.
2. The need to make marginal decisions as to what may be meant by the "best interest of the University."
3. The unpleasant suspicion that in such arrangements the applicant's standard of living may be of greater consequence than the interests of the University.

From our experience with such cases, we in the President's Office have come to believe that the financial arrangements made by a faculty member with an external employer or granting agency should have no bearing on his eligibility for Sabbatical Leave.

We prefer a policy under which a faculty member who accepts such external appointment or employment is ineligible for Sabbatical Leave if study, travel, research, writing, "professional growth," scholarly pursuits -- the usual justifications for Sabbatical Leave -- are incidental to, or by-products of, the appointment or employment.

The University should not be expected to subsidize indirectly the work of governmental agencies, professional associations, business organizations, or other educational institutions, by making it financially possible or attractive for our faculty members to accept temporary appointments to work for them.

Since our present Sabbatical Leave policies were established by recommendation of the Senate, I am sending you this statement of opinion with the hope that you will ask the Senate to consider the desirability of recommending a revision of that part of the policy pertaining to combining a Sabbatical Leave with external employment.

Senate Action

Dr. Fite moved that the problem of sabbatical leave policy be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

This matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Faculty Personnel.

CREDIT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Memorandum from Dr. Coffman

To: Vice President Pete Kyle McCarter
From: Stanley K. Coffman, Jr., Chairman
Physical Education Committee

May 27, 1960

At its meeting May 25 the Physical Education Committee voted to recommend a change in the present policy of substituting credit in flight training for credit in basic Physical Education. It recommends that the sentence "As much as.....towards a degree" under "Flight Training," General Catalogue, p. 37, be deleted.

Senate Action

The foregoing item was referred to the University Senate by Vice President McCarter.

In the Senate meeting on September 26, Dr. Fite moved that it be considered by the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

This matter was immediately referred to the Committee on Academic Standards.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 31, 1960. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 19.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary