

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, October 31, 1960, 4:10 P.M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing.

Present

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

Present

Howard, Robert A.
Hoy, Harry E.
Huff, William N.
Johns, O. D.
Keown, William H.
Perry, Robert
Peterson, Robert V.
Rarick, Joseph L.
Rice, Leslie
Shadid, Tannell A.
Somers, E. Blanche
Springer, C. E.
Stanley, A. J.
Steanson, Edith
Upthegrove, William R.
Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Bittle, William E.
Campbell, John M.
Crosser, Orrin K.
Ewbank, Walter J.
Keeley, Joe W.
Kitts, David
Patterson, Helen E.
Peach, William N.
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Schottstaedt, W. W.
Upchurch, Vernon

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on September 26, 1960, was approved.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Acting on nominations made by the University Senate, President Cross, on October 11, made the following committee appointment:

Council on Instruction -- J. Teague Self -- Zoology -- (replacement for George Murphy)

RULES CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF CASES OF CHEATING ~~X~~Explanatory Comment

In a memorandum to the Secretary of the University Senate on October 19, 1960, Professor Tannell A. Shadid proposed that a third item be added to the list of two items appearing in the current rules concerning cheating. The rules are stated on Page 33 of the current Faculty Handbook.

Rules Concerning the Handling of Cases of Cheating -- continued

The proposed addition suggested by Professor Shadid is as follows:

- (3) A student who by any act other than those covered by (1) and (2) above seeks to obtain an unmerited grade for himself or another person, may be suspended from the University for the remainder of the semester in which the act took place, or for the following semester.

Senate Action

Dr. Feaver moved that the suggestion made by Professor Shadid be referred to the appropriate senate committee for consideration and a report. His motion was seconded and passed.

This matter was immediately referred by the Chairman of the University Senate to the Committee on Student and Public Relations.

USE OF "U" GRADE IN RESEARCH COURSES ✕

Letter from Dean Fellows

October 24, 1960

Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, Chairman
University Senate

Dear Dr. Ewing:

On May 30, 1960, Dr. Kenneth S. Mills telephoned the Office of Admissions and Records regarding the possible use of a "U" letter grade in research courses. On June 10, 1960, he followed this up by a written memorandum.

On October 17, 1960, the Office of Admissions and Records received a memorandum from the Graduate College on the same matter.

Although the Catalog Issue of the University Bulletin does not specifically recognize such grades (p. 28-29), "U" grades have been occasionally reported by various faculty members during the past few years. The Office of Admissions and Records has accepted such reports and has listed the "U" as an unsatisfactory mark on its printed Key to Transcript which accompanies all official transcripts.

It is recommended that the University Senate consider this problem and suggest the appropriate policies to guide the Faculty and the Office of Admissions and Records in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Fellows
Dean of Admissions and Registrar

Use of "U" Grade in Research Courses -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Fite moved that the problems involved in the use of the "U" grade be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

This matter was immediately referred by the Chairman of the University Senate to the Committee on Courses and Curricula.

STATEMENT OF TENURE PROCEDURES

Report from the Committee on Faculty Personnel

As the result of committee discussion of the letter from Professor Bienfang, included in the Senate Agenda of April 25, 1960 (Item A), the committee proposes the following changes in the Faculty Handbook of October 1, 1958, in the section describing tenure granting procedures (p. 22), and recommends their approval:

Par. 2 - "... material" to the Chairman or the senior member of the "Committee on Faculty . . ."

Par. 3 - "... recommendations, the Chairman or the senior member of the Committee on Faculty Retirement and Tenure shall call a meeting of this Committee.

Par. 5 - "... recommendations from the President's Office, the . . ." (not "Budget Council").

"... writing to the President." (strike "; provided, however, that").

Capitalize "t" in "This . . ."

Respectfully submitted,

Orrin K. Crosser, Chairman
Committee on Faculty Personnel

Senate Action

Professor Rice moved that the foregoing report of the Committee on Faculty Personnel be adopted by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

Following approval of the motion, each of the three paragraph changes was approved by means of a separate motion.

1961 COMMENCEMENT ~~X~~

Report from the Committee on Academic Standards

October 21, 1960

University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Gentlemen:

Two recommendations from the Commencement Committee, relating to the 1961 Commencement, were referred by the University Senate to the Committee on Academic Standards.

The recommendations were as follows:

- "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."

The Committee on Academic Standards does not support the first recommendation because it believes the present statement in the General Catalog is adequate:

- "7. A student who is a candidate for a degree at the next commencement is required to apply for graduation and pay the graduation fee at the time of enrollment for his last resident credit."

The Committee on Academic Standards endorses the second recommendation.

Willis Bowen	John Campbell
Gail de Stwolinski	Cortez Ewing
Clayton Feaver	David Kitts
William Keown, Chairman	

Senate Action

Dr. Keown moved adoption of the foregoing report from the Committee on Academic Standards. His motion was seconded and passed.

In voting on the recommendations from the Commencement Committee, the University Senate disapproved Item 1 above. Thus, the statement as indicated in Item 7 above will remain in the General Catalog if this action is approved by President Cross.

The University Senate voted approval of Item 2 above. This will constitute an addition to the General Catalog if it is approved by President Cross.

CREDIT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION X

Report from the Committee on Academic Standards

October 21, 1960

University Senate
Faculty Exchange

Gentlemen:

A recommendation of the Physical Education Committee to change the present policy of substituting credit in flight training for credit in basic physical education was referred by the University Senate to the Committee on Academic Standards.

The recommendation was to delete the following sentence which appears under "Flight Training" on page 37 of the General Catalog:

"As much as four hours credit in flight training may be substituted for four hours of physical education either as filling a requirement in physical education or as elective credit towards a degree."

The Committee on Academic Standards endorses this recommendation.

Willis Bowen	John Campbell
Gail de Stwolinski	Cortez Ewing
Clayton Feaver	David Kitts
William Keown, Chairman	

Senate Action

Dr. Keown moved that the University Senate approve the foregoing report from the Committee on Academic Standards. His motion was seconded and passed.

APPOINTIVE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT X

Explanatory Comment

Lines 115 to 117 inclusive of the Proposed Charter of Government of the University relate to the appointive power of the President of the University. The proposed charter was approved by the University Senate and the General Faculty during the second semester of 1959-60. However, President Cross has indicated that he cannot approve the charter with lines 115 through 117 included.

At the meeting of the General Faculty on October 19, 1960, the following motion was approved:

"Be it moved: That the University Senate undertake immediately a study of the present system of committee nominations and recommend remedies for existing weaknesses in the procedure which would meet the objections of the President by offering him improved choices while at the same time retaining faculty initiative. Further, that after the Senate would act on a new policy in this matter, views of the President be sought on these recommendations prior to a meeting of the General Faculty."

Appointive Power of the President -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Upthegrove moved that the Senate refer this matter to the Committee on Committees; moreover that this committee be empowered to enlist additional members from the faculty for the purpose of this study and to consult with the President's Office and appropriate administrative and faculty personnel; and finally, that this committee be empowered to study the present and future committee system of the University of Oklahoma to determine the most useful role of this system as a meaningful part of University government. The motion was seconded and passed.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Progress reports on organizational meetings and work in progress were given by members of several of the University Senate committees. Chairmen of committees selected thus far are:

Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications -- C. E. Springer

Committee on Faculty Personnel -- Orrin K. Crosser

Committee on Academic Standards -- William Keown

Committee on Committees -- Gilbert Fite

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 1960. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 16.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary