

## JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, February 27, 1961, 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

Bowen, Willis H.  
Corsaw, Roger  
Crim, Ed. F.  
Cross, George L.  
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  
Howard, Robert A.  
Huff, William N.

Members on leaves of absence: W. Nelson Peach  
Robert Perry

Present

Keeley, Joe W.  
Keown, William H.  
Kitts, David  
Peterson, Robert V.  
Rarick, Joseph L.  
Rice, Leslie  
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.  
Schottstaedt, W. W.  
Stanley, A. J.  
Steanson, Edith  
Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Artman, Jim P.  
Bittle, William E.  
Campbell, John M.  
Clark, F. Donald  
Crosser, Orin K.  
de Stwolinski, Gail  
Doerr, Arthur  
Ewbank, Walter J.  
Hoy, Harry E.  
Johns, O. D.  
Patterson, Helen E.  
Shadid, Tannell A.  
Sommers, E. Blanche  
Springer, C. E.  
Upchurch, Vernon  
Upthegrove, William R.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on January 30, 1961, was approved.

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Acting on nominations made by the University Senate, President Cross, on February 1, made the following committee appointment:

Budget Council -- Clyde Farrar -- Electrical Engineering -- Replacement for Robert H. Perry.

## NOMINATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT ON BUDGET COUNCIL

The resignation of Professor O. D. Westfall from the Budget Council has created a vacancy on that council. The Senate was requested by Vice President McCarter to nominate two persons.

Nominations for Replacement on Budget Council -- continued

Senate Action

The Committee on Committees submitted two names of persons they recommended as nominees to fill the vacancy on the Budget Council. The Senate approved the nominations of:

Dewey L. Barnes -- Accounting                      Luther Doyle Bishop -- Bus. Mgmt.

ANNUAL "ROBE DAY" AT O. U.

and

MODIFICATION OF UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations

February 16, 1961

Professor Gerald A. Porter, Secretary  
University Senate

Dear Professor Porter:

On February 15 the Committee on Student and Public Relations met to consider the two questions referred to it by the Senate.

On the question of an annual Robe Day, it was felt that the majority of faculty are not interested in such a day and that the increased emphasis on an earlier Commencement will do enough toward satisfying interest in academic regalia.

The second matter considered was the recommendation on the modification of University regulations. We felt that this item cuts across all of the areas of operation of the University. We therefore suggest that the Senate go on record as realizing the need of relaxing rigidity of the University's present system of regulations. We also suggest that each committee of the Senate consider means of simplifying its rules and methods of operation if feasible.

Submitted by the Committee on  
Student and Public Relations

Joe Holland	Helen E. Patterson
Harry Hoy	Roger Corsaw
Robert V. Peterson	W. N. Huff, Chairman
O. D. Johns	

Annual "Robe Day" at O. U. and Modification of University Regulations -- continued

Senate Action relative to Annual "Robe Day"

Dr. Huff presented the report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations. He called attention to the second paragraph of the report as presented on page 2 of this Journal. He then moved that the University should not establish an Annual Robe Day. The motion was seconded and passed.

Senate Action relative to Modification of University Regulations

Dr. Huff commented relative to the last paragraph of the report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations as presented on page 2 of this Journal. He moved adoption of that portion of the report. His motion was seconded.

Following a brief discussion of the need for and problems in modification of University regulations, Dr. Bowen made a substitute motion to refer this matter back to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for further consideration; with the stipulation that the Committee call on other committees, if necessary, in its efforts to determine which regulations should be modified and methods required to effect appropriate modification. This motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS 

Explanatory Comment

On April 25, 1960, the University Senate approved two resolutions pertaining to athletic eligibility requirements. These resolutions recommended action to raise the requirements and were designed to encourage similar procedures in all universities in the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

On January 30, 1961, Dr. Uptegrove raised two questions relative to the eligibility requirements:

1. What action has been taken in the Association (Big Eight) to implement the University Senate recommendations with regard to raising the athletic eligibility requirements?
2. What follow-up procedures have been followed in regard to correspondence with other Universities in the effort to establish comparable requirements for athletes in all schools in the Big Eight Conference?

The problems and questions raised by Dr. Uptegrove were referred by the Chairman of the University Senate to the Committee on Academic Standards.

In response to inquiries made by Dr. Keown, Chairman of the Committee on Academic Standards, President Cross prepared the statement which appears on the next two pages of this Journal.

Academic Standards -- continued

Letter from President Cross

February 24, 1961

Professor William H. Keown, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Academic Standards

Dear Professor Keown:

This is in response to the questions raised by Professor Uptegrove concerning revision of academic standards in the Big Eight Conference.

As a result of the University of Oklahoma's interest and effort, the Conference passed a new regulation last year which will become effective September 1, 1961:

Our old regulation was as follows:

"During the two semesters (or three quarters) of residence immediately previous to the semester (or quarter) in which participation is to occur, the student must pass at least 24 semester credit hours (or 36 quarter credit hours). At least 60% of the credit hours in which a grade is received must be C or above, except that students with 60 hours or less total semester credits (or 90 quarter credits), including accepted transfer credits at the time of certification, may become eligible by completing at least 24 semester hours (or 36 quarter hours) which include 18 semester hours (or 27 quarter hours) of C grade or above."

Our new regulation which will be effective next September is as follows:

"During the two semesters of residence immediately previous to the semester in which participation is to occur, a student must pass at least 24 semester credit hours with a grade-point average of 1.8, except that a student who, at the time of certification, has 60 hours or less total semester credits, including accepted transfer credits, may become eligible by completing at least 24 semester hours with a grade-point average of 1.6, and provided, further, that a student with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or better shall be eligible in any event providing that he has passed 24 hours the two preceding semesters of residence. (4.0=A)"

I wrote to each President of the Big Eight Conference and enclosed a copy of the resolution which had been passed by our Senate concerning the matter of improving academic standards within the Conference. I asked each President to refer the matter to the senate at his school for consideration and action.

I had replies from five of the Presidents. President Newton of Colorado and Chancellor Hardin of Nebraska merely acknowledged my letter; Presidents Willham of Oklahoma State University and Ellis of the University of Missouri indicated

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that their athletic councils rather than their senates would consider the matter sometime during the fall of 1960; President Hilton of Iowa State University expressed the hope that the Presidents might consider the matter before the athletic councils were asked to discuss it. The matter has been placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Presidents. Two attempts were made to organize a meeting, but up until now we have been unable to find a date when all could get together.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ G. L. Cross  
President

Senate Action

President Cross commented relative to the foregoing letter and the degree of progress which might be expected. The Senate took no further action on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:35 P. M. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 1961. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, March 15.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

Office of the Secretary of Defense, March 12.

The following points reference to O-1327. M. The next meeting will be held on March 13, 1954. Minutes for the week should be on the

MEMORANDUM

It is noted that comments relative to the foregoing letter and the desire of

General Wilson

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generally were

referred

a meeting due to will be as has been made to hold a date when all could get  
agenda for the next meeting of the Committee. The agenda was made to organize  
official minutes were asked to discuss it. The date has been placed on the  
expressed the fact that the Committee might consider the matter before the  
meeting during the fall of 1954. General Wilson of New York University  
that their objective would be to have their meeting held during the summer

Administrative Memorandum - continued