

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, March 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

Bittle, William E.
Bowen, Willis H.
Campbell, John M.
Clark, F. Donald
Corsaw, Roger
Crim, Ed F.
Cross, George L.
de Stwolinski, Gail
Doerr, Arthur H.
Ellison, Herbert J.
Eriksen, John G.
Ewbank, Walter J.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fite, Gilbert C.
Granger, Bruce
Hale, John M.

Present

Huff, William N.
Hoy, Harry E.
Johns, O. D.
Keeley, Joe W.
Keown, William H.
Kitts, David B.
Patterson, Helen E.
Peterson, Robert V.
Rarick, Joseph L.
Rice, Leslie H.
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Shadid, Tannell A.
Sommers, E. Blanche
Steanson, Edith
Upchurch, Vernon
Upthegrove, William R.
Wiens, Gerhard

Absent

Artman, Jim P.
Crosser, Orin K.
Dunham, Lowell
Holland, C. Joe
Howard, Robert A.
Schottstaedt, W. W.
Springer, C. E.
Stanley, A. J.
Williams, Lloyd P.

Member on leave of absence: Robert Perry

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on February 27, 1961, was approved.

NOMINATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT ON BUDGET COUNCIL

Explanatory Comment

The resignation of Professor O. D. Westfall from the Budget Council created a vacancy on that council. On February 27, the University Senate nominated Professors L. D. Bishop and D. L. Barnes. However, because of schedule commitments, President Cross could not appoint either of the nominees.

Senate Action

In accord with the second request for nominees from President Cross, the Committee on Committees submitted two names of persons they recommended as nominees to fill the vacancy on the Budget Council. The Senate approved:

Theodore P. Herrick -- Accounting James M. Murphy -- Finance

UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE X

Letter from President Cross

March, 13, 1961

Professor Cortez A. M. Ewing, Chairman
University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate
Faculty Exchange

Dear Professor Ewing:

The Regents of the University in session last week requested that the faculty and the administration of the institution give consideration to the following:

1. The advisability of scheduling the University on a trimester basis.
2. The advisability of scheduling the academic year on a quarter basis--with or without a fourth quarter.

The above requests stem from a discussion initiated by the Regents themselves on the necessity of using with greatest possible economy and efficiency the personnel and facilities of the University during the decade ahead when certainly legislative appropriations will not keep pace with the expanding enrollment of our student body.

Will you please bring this matter to the attention of the Faculty Senate for study and recommendations.

Cordially yours,

G. L. Cross, President

Senate Action

Dr. Fite moved that the problems presented in the letter from President Cross be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman of the University Senate then referred the problems to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications for study and a report.

APPOINTIVE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT X

Report of the Senate Committee on Committees

March 20, 1961

On October 19, 1960, the General Faculty approved a motion asking the University Senate to study ". . . the present system of committee nominations and recommend remedies for existing weaknesses in the procedures which would meet the objections of the President by offering him improved choices while at the same time retaining faculty initiative. . ."

Appointive Power of the President -- continued

On October 31, the University Senate referred the above motion to the Committee on Committees and also directed this Committee ". . . 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 Committee on Committees studied these questions over a period of many hours. It is proposing

1. a statement for the University Charter on the Committee System.
2. a statement on membership and procedure for the Senate Committee on Committees.
3. a general statement on University Committees for the Faculty Handbook.
4. a list of eight committees whose members will be appointed by the President upon nomination by the Senate. These eight committees represent areas of activity where we believe the faculty must have strong representation, where it can make major contributions, and where the welfare of the University can be enhanced by faculty
5. a proposal for two new major committees: a Committee on Student Activities and Welfare, and a Committee on Faculty Personnel.
6. abolition of a number of committees.

The Committee on Committees is recommending that, except for the eight major committees, the number of lesser committees be reduced and faculty participation be more limited. The Committee believes permanent committees which have few functions and which meet only infrequently should be abolished. Other committees appointed by the President should be kept to a minimum size compatible with their duties and responsibilities.

The substance of the Committee's recommendations is that, outside of the eight major areas, the faculty should be less involved in committee activity. The members believe that approval of these recommendations will reduce time-consuming faculty participation in areas of committee activity not of vital academic concern to the University.

The principal advantages of reducing faculty participation on committees other than the eight named above are (1) more faculty members will be available for service on the eight major committees which in turn should help upgrade the quality of personnel (2) faculty members would have more time for teaching and research which we consider their major functions.

John G. Eriksen	Willis H. Bowen
C. E. Springer	Gilbert C. Fite,
John M. Campbell	Chairman

NOTE: The complete report of the Committee on Committees relative to the appointive power of the President of the University of Oklahoma consisted of 18 pages. Because only items 1 and 2 listed above were considered on March 27, the complete report is not reproduced here. Material pertaining to items 1 and 2 is presented under Senate Action which follows here.

Appointive Power of the President -- continuedSenate Action

Involved in consideration of the appointive power of the President were items which had previously been considered by a special committee that developed a Proposed Charter of Government of the University. Dr. Ewing, Chairman of the University Senate, served on the special committee. For this reason, he requested Dr. Keown, Vice Chairman of the University Senate, to preside over the discussion of matters pertaining to appointive power. Dr. Keown did preside.

Dr. Fite presented the report of the Committee on Committees and commented at some length concerning its development. He then moved that the statement proposed by the Senate Committee on Committees for inclusion in the University Charter be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded. Following much discussion and approval of several minor changes in specific wording, the Senate approved the following statement:

Faculty committees shall be utilized by the President in development of policies on matters of vital interest to students and faculty of the University. These areas include: curriculum, teaching and research; academic and administrative personnel; budget; athletics and student activities; and planning and development. As a matter of principle, committees shall be concerned only with matters in which they can make meaningful contributions. The committee system shall not be regarded as a substitute for administrative responsibility. In order to give the faculty a voice in determining the membership of major committees, which shall be named by Senate resolution, the University Senate shall provide a list of nominees from which the President will make his appointments. Other administrative committees may be created by the President without nominations from the Senate.

Following additional discussion, Dr. Fite moved adoption as a Senate Resolution of the statement entitled, "The Senate Committee on Committees and Nominating Procedure"; this resolution to be considered by the General Faculty at its regular meeting in April, 1961. His motion was seconded and passed. The resolution is as follows:

The Senate Committee on Committees
and Nominating Procedure

The Senate Committee on Committees will consist of five members elected for staggered terms in such a manner that not more than two members will be elected in any one year. They must have been members of the faculty for at least five years and hold tenure. Members of the Committee will be nominated from the floor and elected by the Senate.

In its nominations the Committee on Committees will consider broad and balanced representation for the entire University.

Appointive Power of the President -- continued

In order to carry out its function of providing nominations the Committee will seek information from chairmen of departments, deans, directors, and others who have a wide knowledge and acquaintance of faculty personnel. Before presenting the final nominations to the Senate, the Committee shall consider personnel suggested by the President of the University. Final nominations, however, will be made by the Committee on Committees and the Senate.

For each of the following Committees:

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| 1. Athletic Council | 5. Council on Planning and Development |
| 2. Budget Council | 6. Committee on Student Activities and Welfare |
| 3. Extension Council | 7. Committee on University Libraries |
| 4. Council on Instruction | 8. Committee on Faculty Personnel |

the Committee on Committees will provide three names for each vacancy. Nominations are presented to the Senate at the April meeting and voted on at the May meeting. If it so desires the Senate may make additional nominations to supplement those made by the Committee on Committees. All persons nominated must have previously agreed to serve if appointed by the President of the University.

NOTE: Because the foregoing statement involves an amendment of the By-Laws of the University Senate, approval was indicated by the University Senate in the form of a resolution. This matter will be acted upon again at the April 1961 meeting of the University Senate when it will take the form of an amendment to the By-Laws.

The remainder of the report of the Committee on Committees, involving several additional recommendations, will also be considered at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 1961. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 12.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

Appointive Power of the President - continued

In order to carry out the function of providing recommendations the Committee will seek information from members of faculty, deans, heads, librarians, and others who have a wide knowledge and acquaintance of faculty personnel. Before presenting the final recommendations to the Senate, the Committee shall consider personnel suggested by the President of the University. Final recommendations, however, will be made by the Committee on Organization and the Senate.

For each of the following Committees:

- 1. Athletic Council
- 2. Budget Council
- 3. Finance Council
- 4. Council on Instruction
- 5. Committee on University Libraries
- 6. Committee on Faculty Personnel
- 7. Council on Planning and Development
- 8. Council on Student Activities and Welfare

The Committee on Organization will provide three names for each vacancy. Recommendations are presented to the Senate at the April meeting and voted on at the May meeting. If it is desired that the Senate may make additional nominations to supplement those made by the Committee on Organization, all persons contacted must have previously agreed to serve if obtained by the President of the University.

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The resolution of the report of the Committee on Organization, involving several additional recommendations, will also be considered at that time.

Announcement

The University Senate adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 1951. Resolutions for the April 23 meeting should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 18.

Given at the Office of the Secretary