

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, April 24, 1961, 4:10 P.M.
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by Dr. John G. Eriksen.

Present

Bowen, Willis H.
Corsaw, Roger
Crim, Ed. F.
Crosser, Orin K.
de Stwolinski, Gail
Doerr, Arthur H.
Ellison, Herbert J.
Eriksen, John G.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fite, Gilbert C.
Granger, Bruce
Hale, John M.
Howard, Robert A.
Huff, William N.
Johns, O. D.
Keeley, Joe W.
Keown, William H.

Present

Patterson, Helen E.
Peterson, Robert V.
Rarick, Joseph L.
Schottstaedt, W. W.
Stanley, A. J.
Steanson, Edith
Upchurch, Vernon
Upthegrove, William R.
Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Artman, Jim P.
Bittle, William E.
Campbell, John M.
Clark, F. Donald
Craven, Clifford J.
Cross, George L.
Dunham, Lowell
Ewbank, Walter J.
Ewing, Cortez A. M.
Holland, C. Joe
Hoy, Harry E.
Kitts, David B.
Rice, Leslie H.
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Shadid, Tannell A.
Sommers, E. Blanche
Springer, C. E.
Wiens, Gerhard

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Acting on nominations made by the University Senate, President Cross, on April 4, made the following committee appointment:

Budget Council -- Theodore P. Herrick -- Accounting -- replacement for O. D. Westfall.

SENATOR ELECTED

Clifford J. Craven, Dean of Students, was recently elected by the General Faculty to complete the unexpired portion of the 1960-63 term of Robert H. Perry.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
AND NOMINATING PROCEDURE

Explanatory Comment

On March 27, the University Senate approved a resolution relative to the Senate Committee on Committees and Nominating Procedures. This was done to indicate to the General Faculty how the committee system would be facilitated in accord with the Charter of Government of the University of Oklahoma. The resolution was in the nature of an amendment to the By-Laws of the University Senate. However, the actual amendment could not be accomplished without a 30-day waiting period.

Senate Action

Dr. Fite commented relative to the proposed changes for the Committee on Committees and moved that the By-Laws of the University Senate be changed to include the following:

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.

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.

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The motion by Dr. Fite to amend the By-Laws of the University Senate with regard to the Committee on Committees was seconded and approved by the Senate.

INTERPRETATION AND USAGE OF "S" AND "U" GRADES

Explanatory Comment

On October 24, 1960, Dean Fellows recommended that the University Senate consider certain problems involved in the use of "S" and "U" grades. He suggested that appropriate policies be developed to guide the Faculty and the Office of Admissions and Records in this matter.

Report of the Committee on Courses and Curricula

March 20, 1961

The Committee on Courses and Curricula recommends that the following interpretation and usage of "S" and "U" grades be adopted by the Senate and forwarded to the President of the University for approval.

1. "S", meaning satisfactory, is used in certain courses to indicate a neutral and passing grade and the work so graded may count toward credit hours earned. In the Graduate College an "S" may be used for seminar courses and must be used as the grade to indicate that a thesis or dissertation is satisfactory.
2. "U", meaning unsatisfactory, is used to indicate that no credit in the work undertaken is to be given. It is also a neutral grade in computing grade averages. The "U" may not be used as a grade designation other than where "S" is applicable.
3. Where work has been failed in courses using "S" or other letter-grade designations, the grade of "F" is used.

Walter J. Ewbank	L. M. Rohrbaugh
Gilbert Fite	Tannell Shadid
Bruce Granger	Blanche Sommers
Robert Howard	John Eriksen, Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Eriksen commented relative to the manner in which the foregoing report was developed and moved approval of it by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:41 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 29, 1961. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, May 17.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

INTERPRETATION AND USAGE OF "S" AND "U" GRADES

Explanatory Comments

On October 22, 1950, Dean Feltow recommended that the University Senate consider certain proposals involved in the use of "S" and "U" grades. He suggested that appropriate policies be developed to guide the Faculty and the Office of Admissions and Records on this matter.

Report of the Committee on Courses and Grading

March 10, 1951

The Committee on Courses and Grading recommends that the following interpretation and usage of "S" and "U" grades be adopted by the Senate and forwarded to the President of the University for approval.

1. "S", meaning satisfactory, is used in certain courses to indicate a passing grade and the work is graded on a pass-fail basis. In the Graduate Catalog an "S" may be used for certain courses and will be used as the grade to indicate that a thesis or dissertation is satisfactory.
2. "U", meaning unsatisfactory, is used to indicate that no credit in the work undertaken is to be given. It is also a neutral grade in computing grade averages. The "U" may not be used as a grade designation other than where "S" is applicable.
3. When work has been failed in courses with "S" or other letter grade designations, the grade of "U" is used.

Arthur L. Feltow, Chairman
 Robert R. Rice, Secretary
 William G. Strang, Member
 Robert Howard, Member
 John R. Johnson, Member

Senate Action

Dr. Johnson presented a report to the Senate in which the foregoing report was developed and voted approval of it by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 1951. Resolutions for the Senate should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, May 14.

Arthur L. Feltow, Secretary