

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, October 29, 1962, 4:10 P.M.  
 Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Bruce I. Granger.

Present

Allison, John E.  
 Bishop, L. Doyle  
 Bowen, Willis H.  
 Brixey, John C.  
 Brown, V. Jean  
 Campbell, John M.  
 Christian, Sherrill D.  
 Comp, LaVerne A.  
 Craven, Clifford J.  
 Crook, Kenneth  
 David, Paul R.  
 de Stwolinski, Gail  
 Ewing, George M.  
 Fowler, Richard G.  
 Granger, Bruce I.  
 Johns, O. D.

Present

Kitts, David  
 Lee, Cecil  
 Male, Roy R.  
 Matlock, J. Ray  
 Morris, Virginia  
 Patterson, Helen  
 Phillips, Marion C.  
 Plint, Colin A.  
 Rarick, Joseph L.  
 Riggs, Carl  
 Stanley, A. J.  
 Sutherland, Patrick K.  
 Wallingford, E. Keith  
 Warren, Mary A.  
 Wilcox, Stewart C.  
 Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Chisolm, Mildred Y.  
 Clark, F. Donald  
 Crim, Ed F.  
 Cross, George L.  
 Gooch, Brison  
 Hall, Rufus G.  
 Keeley, Joe W.  
 McFarland, Dora  
 Rice, Leslie  
 Schottstaedt, W. W.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction: On Page 2 of the Journal of the University Senate for September 24, 1962, Dr. Stewart C. Wilcox is listed as the fifth member of the Senate Committee on Committees. This is incorrect is that the fifth member elected at the meeting on September 24 is Professor Mary A. Warren.

With the correction noted, the Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on September 24, 1962, was approved.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Nominations for University committees were approved by the University Senate on September 24 as follows:

1. Faculty Personnel Committee -- As the replacement for Robert A. Howard and to serve for three years, 1962-65:

Harry Hoy -- Geography  
 Blanche Sommers -- Pharmacy

Nominations for University Committees -- continued

2. Council on Planning and Development -- As the replacement for Verne C. Kennedy and to serve for three years, 1962-65:

W. W. Schottstaedt -- Medicine

Bruce V. Ketcham -- Aeronautical and Space Engineering

William F. Eick -- Health, Physical Education and Recreation

3. Budget Council -- As the replacement for Harriet Harvey and to serve for one year, 1962-63:

John B. Bruce -- Pharmacy

J. Clayton Feaver -- Philosophy

George J. Goodman -- Botany

UNIVERSITY CALENDARS AND COMMENCEMENTS

Memorandum from President Cross

October 24, 1962

1. For the past few years we have been experimenting with the University Calendar and with the University Commencement. In general these experiments have been unsatisfactory. Especially unsatisfactory has been our failure to be able to designate for graduation those students who had actually completed their requirements and earned their degrees, and to have their diplomas ready to deliver to them immediately after the adjournment of the Commencement exercises. Waiting for weeks, sometimes months, after the end of the session to check the person's eligibility for graduation and mail his diploma to him has created problems for graduates whose immediate employment was contingent upon proof of graduation and has drawn complaints from students and their parents. Furthermore, packaging and posting the diplomas and replacing those that were lost or damaged in the mails has proved to be very expensive. I believe that we should return to the conventional Commencement, involving a genuine graduation with conferral of unconditioned degrees, and that we must do so with the 1963 Spring Commencement.
2. The key to making this change is revision of the rule, recommended some years ago by the Senate and approved by me, that final grades are to be reported within 96 hours after the final examination. I believe the faculty will agree with me that it would be impractical to close the final examination period on Tuesday in order to allow four days for reporting grades in time for graduation on Sunday. I request the Senate, therefore, to co-operate with me in reducing the maximum reporting period from 96 to 48 hours, effective with the spring semester of 1963; and to join with me in urging the entire faculty to observe conscientiously this requirement.
3. I have placed upon the Dean of Admissions and Registrar the responsibility for revising the 1962-63 calendar and for developing future calendars, with the understanding that he will confer with administrative people and representative faculty members and that final approval of the calendar remains in the President's Office. I am sure that he will welcome suggestions from all interested and responsible people. Since publication dates for bulletins

University Calendars and Commencements -- continuedSenate Action

The memorandum from President Cross relative to University calendars and commencements was read in the Senate by the Chairman. Discussion followed in which there was recognition of the need for bonifide graduation exercises. There was an indication of disagreement with the suggestion from President Cross that the maximum grade reporting period be changed from 96 to 48 hours.

Dr. Plint moved that the University Senate recommend a return to the use of a card system for early reporting of grades for seniors. His motion was seconded.

Following additional discussion, Dr. Fowler offered a substitute motion that the problem of University calendars and commencements be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate for study and a report at the November 26 meeting. His motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman of the University Senate referred this matter immediately to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

Dr. David then moved that the Committee on Academic Standards be instructed to determine with the President's Office the degree of urgency existing with the possibility that a special session of the University Senate be called if necessary to give further consideration to the problem. His motion was seconded and passed.

## STUDY OF THE SUMMER SESSION

This matter was raised from the floor of the Senate by Dr. Fowler. He asked for information regarding what has been done relative to the report from the Senate on the matter of more effective use of University facilities (Senate Journal, May 29, 1961, pages 4-8).

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Fowler moved that the University Senate study the matter of improvement of summer session facilities and programs and that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee for the development of a plan for a comprehensive study of the total problem. His motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman of the University Senate referred this matter to the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications.

## ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:42 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 1962. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, November 14.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary