

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, February 25, 1963, 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.
Crim, Ed F.
Crook, Kenneth
de Stwolinski, Gail
Ewing, George M.
Gooch, Brison
Granger, Bruce I.
Kitts, David B.
Lee, Cecil

Present

Male, Roy R.
McFarland, Dora
Morris, Virginia
Patterson, Helen
Phillips, Marion C.
Rarick, Joseph L.
Rice, Leslie
Ruggiers, Paul G.
Stanley, A. J.
Sutherland, Patrick K.
Wallingford, E. Keith
Warren, Mary A.
Wilcox, Stewart C.

Absent

Chisolm, Mildred V.
Clark, F. Donald
Craven, Clifford, J.
Cross, George L.
Fowler, Richard G.
Hall, Rufus G.
Johns, O. D.
Keeley, Joe W.
Matlock, J. Ray
Plint, Colin A.
Pray, Joseph C.
Riggs, Carl
Schottstaedt, W. W.
Williams, Lloyd P.

(David, Paul R. -- on sabbatical leave)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on January 28, 1963, was approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT CROSS

Reporting of Mid-Semester Grades -- On February 1, 1963, President Cross indicated approval of a recommendation submitted to him relative to the reporting of grades on mid-semester progress reports (see the Journal of the University Senate for January 28, 1963, pages 4 and 5). The recommendation will become effective during the first semester, 1963-64.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES

Memorandum from Vice President McCarter

February 12, 1963

Because of his added duties as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor Robert E. Collier has offered his resignation from the Committee on Libraries, and President Cross has accepted it.

Please ask the Senate to send to the President nominations from which the President may fill this vacancy for Professor Collier's unexpired term (to 1965).

Nominations for the University Committee on Libraries -- continued

Senate Action

Dr. Male, a member of the Senate Committee on Committees, reported for that committee and presented the following list of nominees to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Libraries:

Alfred J. Weinheimer -- Chemistry
Charles C. Carpenter -- Zoology
Robert M. St. John -- Physics

The nominations submitted by the Senate Committee on Committees were approved.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP

Explanatory Comment

In a memorandum on May 31, 1962, Vice President McCarter referred to the University Senate a recommendation from the Graduate Council and the Dean of the Graduate College that would modify the present regulations governing the Research Professorship. The referral constituted a request for the Senate's own recommendation on this matter.

At the September, 1962, meeting of the University Senate, this matter was considered briefly and referred to the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel for study and a report.

On November 26, 1962, Dr. Wilcox, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, presented a progress report on the work of his committee. Following some discussion, the matter was tabled until the January meeting of the University Senate.

On January 28, 1963, a report from the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel was considered at some length. The matter was then referred back to the committee for further study and more specific recommendations.

Report of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel

February 22, 1963

The Committee recommends the following:

1. That the term of appointment of Research Professors be until statutory retirement.
2. That there not be established the category of Research Associate. Instead, the Committee recommends that the Graduate Dean and the Graduate Council working with the Departmental Chairmen and the Deans of the colleges decide who shall receive reduced teaching loads for research. Such an arrangement would by no means preclude a faculty member's having a reduced load for an extended period; on the other hand, it would allow for assistance for a short period to an individual who wanted to finish a particular research activity.

Regulations Governing the Research Professorship -- continued

3. That the funds needed to support the reduced teaching loads in item 2 be under the control of the Dean of the Graduate College and their allotment subject to approval by the Graduate Council.
4. That the present arrangements regarding the Faculty Research Committee be left as they are.
5. That recommendations for the Research Professorship require the approval of at least 75 per cent of the total membership of the Graduate Council.

Committee on Faculty Personnel

Willis H. Bowen	Leslie Rice
Cecil Lee	A. J. Stanley
V. Jean Brown	S. C. Wilcox,
Joseph F. Rarick	Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Wilcox commented relative to the five recommendations in the foregoing report. Each of the five items was then considered apart from the others and voted upon by the Senate.

When item 2 above was considered, Dr. Sutherland made a motion to substitute the following statement for that particular item.

The Senate recommends that the Graduate Dean, in consultation with the undergraduate Deans and Graduate Council, be empowered to grant six hour load reductions for two year periods to faculty members showing extraordinary promise of research productivity. The funds required for such load reductions shall be a part of the Graduate College budget.

The motion by Dr. Sutherland was seconded, discussion followed, and the motion was defeated.

The University Senate approved the five recommendations submitted by the Committee on Faculty Personnel. They have been submitted to President Cross for his consideration.

GRADING SYSTEMS

Memorandum from President Cross

February 11, 1963

In recent months the University Regents have manifested a considerable interest in our grading system - that is, in the use of letter grades. Some of the Regents feel that the letter-grade system does not permit a wide enough range of discrimination in the evaluation of the student's work and does not permit as accurate a comparison of one student with another as the numerical system would permit.

Grading Systems -- continued

At their February meeting the Regents asked me to request the faculty to make a study of the advantages of both the letter system and the numerical (or percentage) system of grading and consider whether a change to the letter should be made.

The Regents also requested that I raise with the faculty the question of whether "S" and "U" grades in Physical Education would not be desirable.

I am referring both these questions to the University Senate with a request that you return to me within a reasonable time a recommendation that I can pass on to the Regents.

Senate Action

Dr. Bishop moved that the problem of grading systems 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 problem to the Committee on Academic Standards -- Dr. David Kitts, Chairman.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL AND THE
DEANS' COUNCIL TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Explanatory Comment

Dr. Male requested from the floor of the Senate clarification of the relationship existing between the President's Council and the University Senate. He pointed out that his concern stemmed from study of the University of Oklahoma Interoffice Communication of January 28, 1963, as issued by Vice President McCarter (this memorandum dealt with "Departmental Administration").

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bishop moved that an invitation be extended to President Cross to discuss at the next meeting of the Senate the relationship of the President's Council and the Deans' Council to the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:12 p.m. Because the regularly scheduled date of the March meeting of the Senate falls within the Spring Vacation period, it now appears that the March meeting will be cancelled. All senators will receive a memorandum in this regard prior to March 20. Materials for the Agenda for the April meeting of the Senate should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 17.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary