

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, November 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. Joseph C. Pray.

Present

Bell, Digby B.
Bishop, L. Doyle
Bowen, Willis H.
Brikey, John C.
Brown, V. Jean
Chisolm, Mildred Y.
Christian, Sherril D.
Comp, LaVerne A.
Crook, Kenneth
Cross, George L.
Daniels, Raymond D.
David, Paul R.
Eek, Nathaniel S.
Eriksen, John G.
Ewing, George M.
Gibson, Arrell M.
Hall, Rufus G., Jr.
Harlow, James G.

Present

Kondonassis, Alexander J.
Lee, Cecil
Love, Tom J.
Male, Roy R.
McFarland, Dora
Morris, Virginia
Phelps, Elbridge D.
Phillips, Marion C.
Pray, Joseph C.
Riggs, Carl D.
Ruggiers, Paul G.
Smith, Thomas M.
Sutherland, Patrick K.
Turkington, D. Barton
Wallingford, E. Keith
Warren, Mary A.
Wilcox, Stewart C.

Absent

Allison, John E.
Brues, Alice M.
Daron, Garmon H.
Eichholz, Erich H.
Fowler, Richard G.
Jones, Lillian W.
Kelly, John W.
Matlock, J. Ray
Monahan, William G.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

ACTION BY PRESIDENT CROSS

On November 4, 1963, President Cross approved a recommendation from the University Senate relative to the matter of disciplinary suspension. (See the Journal of the University Senate for October 28, 1963, pages 16 and 17.) In accord with this action, the University General Catalog will contain the following statement:

Credit earned by a student at any institution during the period such student is under disciplinary suspension will not be accepted for credit by the University of Oklahoma.

FACULTY TENURE ✓

Dr. Eriksen, Chairman of the Committee on Faculty Personnel, presented an oral report of the progress made in study of matters pertaining to faculty tenure. He indicated that a formal report should be available for study by the entire Senate prior to the meeting in February 1964. No action was taken.

CHANGE IN CALENDAR ✓

Memorandum from President Cross

November 15, 1963

As it happens, this year's Calendar calls for classes after Christmas vacation to resume on Friday, January 3. The general unhappiness of the students with being expected to return for that one day and then a fairly empty week-end has become quite well known in the last week or so. I have been led to suspect that there might be a similar degree of dissatisfaction among the faculty as they contemplate trying to teach classes with poor attendance and poor attitude on that day.

For these reasons I am referring to the University Senate the question whether classes should resume on Monday, January 6, instead of Friday, January 3. I hope that the Senate will be able to act on this question at the regular November meeting.

Memorandum from Dean Craven to the Office of the President

November 18, 1963

Student Senate Bill No. 1963-2-10, suggesting the modification of the Christmas Vacation Schedule, has been routed directly to your office and the Faculty Senate.

It is the recommendation of the Office of Student Affairs that the change suggested in this bill, to the effect that the vacation shall end at 8:10 a.m., Monday, January 6, 1964, be approved.

If this recommendation is not inconsistent with your position on the matter and if in your judgment the endorsement of Student Affairs should be brought to the attention of the Faculty Senate, I would appreciate having this communication so forwarded.

Although the reasons for this recommendation are probably self-evident I would be happy to expand on them if desired.

Student Senate Bill No. 1963-210

November 14, 1963

Title: "A Resolution Suggesting the Modification of the Christmas Vacation Schedule"

Whereas: It is the duty of the Student Senate to represent the viewpoint of the Student Body to the University administration, and to attempt to accomplish that which will benefit the University; and

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Whereas: The vacation at Christmas is presently scheduled to begin at 10:00 p.m., Friday, December 20, 1963, and to end at 8:10 a.m., Friday, January 3, 1964; and

Whereas: The Student Body of the University of Oklahoma feels that it is not in their best interest to return from Christmas vacation for but one day of classes before a weekend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Christmas vacation schedule be modified to begin at 10:00 p.m., Friday, December 20, 1963, and to end at 8:10 a.m., Monday, January 6, 1964; and be it further

Resolved, That class periods lost by this modification be compensated for, at the discretion of the instructor, by calling a meeting of the class at some other than the regularly scheduled time, between now and the vacation or between the vacation and finals; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution, when passed by the Student Senate, be forwarded to the Board of Regents, the President of the University, the Faculty Senate, the Dean of Admissions and Registrar, and the Dean of Students, for their consideration.

Report of the Committee on Academic Standards

November 22, 1963

The Committee on Academic Standards recommends that the Christmas vacation begin at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 1963, and end at 8:10 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 1964. Instructors and students are urged to take appropriate action to insure that the quantity and quality of instruction is not impaired by the loss of class time due to this extension of the length of vacation.

John C. Brixey, Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Brixey, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, reviewed for the senate members all of the foregoing materials. He commented relative to the manner in which his committee had considered them. He then moved approval of the report of the Committee on Academic Standards and that it be submitted to President Cross. His motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

Professor Phelps moved that the University Senate recommend to President Cross that the College of Law be permitted to maintain its schedule as it was set forth at the beginning of the first semester of 1963-64. His motion was seconded and passed.

GRADING SYSTEM ✓

Memorandum from President Cross

November 18, 1963

At the November meeting, on the basis of recommendations that I had

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received from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Fine Arts, I recommended to the Regents that there be no change in the grading system for courses taken to meet the all-University requirements in Physical Education.

The Regents action was as follows:

"The recommendation was approved but it was the consensus of the Board that the courses required of freshmen and sophomore women to meet physical education requirements should not be counted in computing the grade point average, except for majors in physical education. The President was asked to look into the matter further and report at a later date, it being understood that any change will be made retroactive to the 1962-63 academic year."

Despite the fact that the University Senate declined to act on the question of the grading system, I still think that this whole problem, since it has to do with an all-University requirement, is a matter of Senate concern. I am referring, therefore, to the Senate the Regents' suggestion that grades earned in courses taken to meet an all-University requirement not be counted in computing the grade point average. I ask for the Senate's reaction so that I may convey it to the Regents.

Senate Action

Following a brief discussion of this problem, Mr. David moved that the appropriate committee of the University Senate give consideration to the handling of grades earned in Men's Physical Education and Military Sciences as well as those earned in Women's Physical Education. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards with Dr. John C. Brixey, Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 1964. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, January 15.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary