JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, April 27, 1964 -- 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.
Brown, V. Jean
Chisolm, Mildred Y.
Christian, Sherril D.
Cross, George L.
Ewing, George M.
Fowler, Richard G.
Gibson, Arrell M.
Hall, Rufus G., Jr.
Harlow, James G.
Kondonassis, Alex J.
Lee, Cecil

Present

Male, Roy R.
McFarland, Dora
Morris, Virginia
Phelps, Elbridge D.
Phillips, Marion C.
Pray, Joseph C.
Sutherland, Patrick K.
Turkington, D. Barton
Wallingford, E. Keith
Warren, Mary A.
Wilcox, Stewart C.
Allison, John E.
Brues, Alice M.

Absent

Brixey, John C. Comp, LaVerne A. Crook, Kenneth Daniels, Raymond D. Daron, Garmon H. David, Paul R. Eek, Nathaniel S. Eichholz, Erich H. Eriksen, John G. Jones, Lillian W. Kelly, John W. Love, Tom J. Matlock, J. Ray Monahan, William G. Riggs, Carl Ruggiers, Paul G. Smith, Thomas M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on March 30, 1964, was approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT CROSS

Examination Practices

On April 1, 1964, President Cross indicated his approval of a resolution from the University Senate relative to the prosecution of those who engage or attempts to engage in fraudulent examination practices. (See the Journal of the University Senate for March 30, 1964, pages 2 and 3.)

Removal of an 'I' Grade

On April 10, 1964, President Cross indicated his approval of a recommendation from the University Semate relative to the removal of an "I Grade. (See the Journal of the University Senate for March 30, 1964, page 2.) Please refer to page 2 of this Journal for the statement from President Cross in which he indicated his approval along with a relatively minor qualification.

Action by President Cross -- Removal of an 'I' Grade -- continued

Statement from President Cross indicating approval of the University Senate Recommendation on this matter.

April 10, 1964

I am quite in agreement with the action of the University Senate of March 30, 1964, concerning the definition of the I Grade and the prescription for its removal, and I am approving the recommendation in principle. Furthermore, I wish to thank the Senate for giving a second consideration to this action at my request, so that all points of view might be thoroughly considered.

I am still concerned, however, about the occasional student who, for reasons beyond his control or because of the way in which the faculty thinks best to conduct a course, receives an 'I', and who, again for reasons quite beyond his control or for the convenience of the University, is unable to remove the 'I' within the twelve-month period to which the recommendation of the Senate would limit him. In those occasional situations where a student happens to be powerless to conform to a University procedure, we usually try to provide him with an appeal procedure so that he may present his case for adjudication.

My approval of the Senate's recommendation is qualified, therefore, by the provision that if a student receives a grade of 'I' for reasons clearly beyond his control, and if, again for reasons clearly beyond his control, he fails to remove the 'I' within the prescribed twelve-month period, the time limit may be extended for a stated period upon the recommendation of his adviser and the approval of his dean.

I trust that this qualification is in accord with the spirit and intension of the Senate's recommendation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Letter from President Cross to the Chairman of the University Senate (Please note carefully the final paragraph)

April 14, 1964

Dear Professor Pray:

In February the University Senate adopted two recommendations concerning military training and physical education. I presented these proposals to the Regents at their meeting last week with my recommendations as follows:

1. The first of these recommendations is that the present University requirements in military training and physical education be abolished, 'at the earliest feasible date.' I have approved this recommendation, and I now recommend that the Regents approve it, with the understanding that 'earliest feasible date' means such time as the Congress and the Department of Defense settle upon a satisfactory plan establishing a two-year program for ROTC leading to the reserve commission.

Physical Education for Men and Women -- continued

2. The second recommendation provides for the satisfying of physical education and sports skills requirements by demonstration or by the completion of an appropriate number of courses in Physical Education. I recommend that action on this recommendation be deferred until the outcome of the first recommendation is known and a better determination of costs than is now possible can be made.

The Regents approved abolishing the present University requirements in military training and physical education at the 'earliest possible time,' and agreed that 'earliest possible time' means such time as the Congress and the Department of Defense settle upon a satisfactory plan establishing a two-year program for ROTC leading to the reserve commission. They voted, however, that the action should become effective no later than the opening date of the fall semester, 1965.

The Regents also approved my recommendation to defer action on the Senate recommendation to provide for the satisfying of physical education and sports skills requirements by demonstration or by the completion of an appropriate number of courses in Physical Education until the outcome of the first recommendation is known, and a better determination of additional costs involved can be made.

In further action the Regents requested the faculty to study the feasibility of discontinuing compulsory physical education for women without any requirements of screening or testing for sports skills. I believe it is in accordance with the intent of the Regents that I refer this last question to the University Senate for its further consideration.

Senate Action

At the request of the Chairman of the University Senate, President Cross commented relative to the matter of physical education for men and women and the origin of the request that it be studied further as indicated in the last paragraph of the material above.

Dr. Sutherland then moved that study of compulsory physical education for both men and women be continued by the appropriate committee of the University Senate and that a firm recommendation be presented by that committee at the May meeting of the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

Professor Chisolm moved that the matter be referred to the University Senate Committee on Courses and Curricula. Her motion was seconded and passed.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES, 1964-65

Nominations for university councils and committees, prepared by the University Senate Committee on Committees, were presented by the Chairman of that committee, Dr. Virginia Morris. Several additional nominations were made from the floor of the Senate. The list of nominations was then approved by the University Senate. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the May meeting of the University Senate and a complete list will be approved for consideration by President Cross.

SELECTIVE TUITION INCREASE

Resolution Prepared by Dr. Bishop

April 27, 1964

To: President George L. Cross

The recent petition by the faculty and students of the College of Law for a selective tuition increase for students in that College seems to this body not to be in the best interests of the University. While we fully appreciate the financial problem that prompted this action, we believe that the proposed action may create more difficulties than it would solve.

Selective tuition increases with at least a portion of the proceeds earmarked for faculty salaries in a particular division establishes a precedent which deviates drastically from long-standing University procedures. We have not, in the past, operated on the basis that an academic division should generate funds for its own operating expenses—had we done so, several vital functions would not be in existence today. Nor have we permitted salary deficiencies to be used as the basis for selective tuition increases—had we done so, wide disparities in tuition rates would have appeared long ago. We have not followed a policy of charging what the traffic would bear, nor have we relied on ability to pay, because such a policy would seem to violate the purposes for which the University was established.

We believe that the proposal of the College of Law is based on one or more of the foregoing considerations. We believe, further, that the adoption of such a policy would not be in the best interests of the University. We urge you to convey to the Board of Regents our respectful suggestion that their earlier action be rescinded.

Senate Action

Dr. Bishop presented the foregoing resolution from the floor of the University Senate and commented at some length about it. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bishop moved adoption of the resolution by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed. The resolution has been submitted to President Cross.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, May 25, 1964. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, May 13.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary