

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, September 27, 1965 -- 4:10 p.m.  
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by Dr. James G. Harlow, the Chairman for 1964-65.

Present

Bienfang, Ralph D.  
Bishop, L. Doyle  
Braver, Gerald  
Campbell, John M.  
Collier, Robert E.  
Crook, Kenneth E.  
Cross, George L.  
Daniels, Raymond D.  
Duncan, J. Paul  
Eriksen, John G.  
Feiler, Seymour  
Gooch, Brison D.  
Goodman, George J.  
Harlow, James G.  
Hart, Frances  
Howard, Robert A.  
Huneke, Harold V.  
Johns, O. D.

Present

Levy, Gene  
Livezey, William E.  
Murphy, James M.  
Ohm, Robert E.  
Olson, Ralph E.  
Patnode, Robert  
Phelps, Elbridge D.  
Plint, Colin A.  
Reeves, Charles H.  
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.  
Smith, Thomas M.  
Steen, Wilson D.  
Sutherland, Stephen M.  
Terry, Richard S.  
Thayer, Calvin G.  
Turkington, D. Barton  
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Bell, Digby B.  
Berenda, Carlton W.  
Daron, Garmon H.  
Eek, Nathaniel S.  
Love, Tom J.  
Maehl, William H.  
Smith, William H.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on May 31, 1965, was approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT CROSS

The recommendation relative to sabbatical leave, approved by the University Senate on May 31, 1965, was approved by President Cross on June 3, 1965 (see the Journal of the University Senate for May, 1965, pages 2 and 3).

GROWTH OF THE UNIVERSITY

In lieu of his annual statement to the University Senate regarding the general condition of the University, President Cross commented briefly on the manner in which cooperative planning is developing in Norman for the mutual growth and development of both the University of Oklahoma and the City of Norman.

He then called upon Mr. Joseph Lee Rodgers, Jr., Director of the Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies. Mr. Rodgers explained in some detail the plan for University plant growth to 1974 and expressed ideas about the projected growth of the University to 1985.

## FACULTY TENURE ✓

Explanatory Comment

Matters relating to faculty tenure are continually being studied by the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel. The following report was developed by members of that committee who served during 1964-65.

Report of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel

September 27, 1965

The following resolution of the Council on Faculty Personnel was referred to the University Senate by Vice-President McCarter upon request of President Cross on April 24, 1963, to see whether the Senate wished to recommend that the statement, or something similar, be incorporated into the University Tenure Policy.

The University Council on Faculty Personnel believes that it would be advantageous to the University if, when it appears that a faculty member whose tenure is pending may be denied tenure, he were to be apprised of the possibility of the denial of tenure one year before the decision on his tenure is made. Such a warning period would afford the faculty member an opportunity to correct the conditions that are contributing to his possible denial of tenure.

The Council recommends therefore that one year before the decision on tenure is to be made, the Department Chairman or other appropriate administrative officer be instructed to make an informal poll of his department and the deans concerned, and, if it appears that tenure may be denied, that the Chairman so inform the faculty member concerned.

The memorandum incorporating the request stated further that "the Senate may wish to consider going beyond the Council recommendation and establishing a policy under which Committee A would hold a counseling session with each faculty member toward the end of each year of his probationary appointment even if he appears to be proceeding satisfactorily toward tenure."

In a subsequent memorandum from Dr. McCarter, dated June 28, 1963, the following recommendation to President Cross from the University Council on Faculty Personnel was referred to the University Senate for consideration:

The University Council on Faculty Personnel recommends that the classes of a probationer for faculty tenure be visited by all of the members of Committee A or their representatives sufficiently often to determine the teaching effectiveness of the probationer. At the time that tenure recommendations are made, Committee A shall certify that these visits have been made.

The Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel has considered the above resolutions of the Council on Faculty Personnel as submitted to the University Senate. While the committee's statement is addressed specifically to the request of June 28, 1963, the committee feels that its report applies to both resolutions.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel that the resolution not be recommended by the Senate to the President. The Committee is not in favor of specifying in the tenure regulations of the University the procedures by which a department determines a probationer's professional qualities and his suitability for purposes of recommending tenure.

Richard A. Terry  
Garmon H. Daron

William H. Smith  
Ralph D. Bienfang

Calvin G. Thayer  
John G. Friksen, Acting Chairman

Faculty Tenure -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Eriksen presented the foregoing report of the University Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel. After explaining the views of the committee concerning it, he moved that the resolutions of the University Council on Faculty Personnel, contained in the report, not be recommended to President Cross. His motion was seconded.

Following considerable discussion, Dr. White moved to defer action until the October meeting of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

## UNIVERSITY SENATE OFFICERS FOR 1965-66

Chairman -- Dr. John G. Eriksen was elected to serve as Chairman of the University Senate. He immediately assumed his duties for 1965-66 and presided over the remainder of the meeting on September 28.

Vice Chairman -- Dr. Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh was elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Secretary -- Dr. Gerald A. Porter was re-elected as Secretary of the University Senate.

## COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FOR 1965-66

Dr. Turkington presented the report of the Senate Committee on Committees and approval was indicated by the University Senate for membership of committees for 1965-66 as follows:

Committee on Academic Standards

Nathaniel S. Eek - *Chairman*  
Raymond D. Daniels  
Harold V. Huneke  
L. Doyle Bishop  
Robert E. Ohm  
James G. Harlow *Robert Peterson*  
(Replacement for Donald I. Berthrong)

Committee on Student and Public Relations

Digby B. Bell  
Thomas M. Smith  
Wilson D. Steen  
John M. Campbell  
George J. Goodman *Chairman*  
Kenneth E. Crook

Committee on Courses and Curricula

James M. Murphy  
Frances Hart  
J. Paul Duncan  
Colin A. Plint  
Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh  
Carlton W. Berenda

Committee on Teaching and Research

Tom J. Love *Chairman*  
Robert Patnode  
Charles H. Reeves  
Stephen M. Sutherland  
Robert A. Howard  
Seymour Feiler  
(Replacement for Alice M. Brues) *Michael Gray*

Committee On Faculty Personnel

Garmon H. Daron  
John G. Eriksen  
Ralph D. Bienfang - *Chairman*  
William H. Smith  
Calvin G. Thayer  
Richard A. Terry

Committee on University Organizations,  
Budget and Publications

Elbridge D. Phelps *Chairman*  
Robert E. Collier  
Raymond R. White  
Gerald Braver  
William E. Livezey  
O. D. Johns

Committees of the University Senate for 1965-66 -- continuedCommittee on Committees

D. Barton Turkington -- Chairman  
 Gene Levy 64-67  
 William H. Maehl 64-67  
 Brison D. Gooch 65-68  
 Ralph E. Olson 65-68

Journal Committee

John G. Eriksen  
 Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh  
 Raymond R. White

FACULTY PARKING ✓

Explanatory Comment

On May 5, 1965, Dr. Phelps submitted the following memorandum:

I am advised by constituents that there is afoot an attempt to further restrict faculty parking on campus, and have been requested to ask you to make room on the Agenda for the May, 1965, meeting for the raising of this matter before the Senate.

At the May 31, 1965, meeting of the University Senate, action was deferred until September, 1965.

Senate Action

Dr. Phelps commented with regard to faculty parking and the reasons why he submitted the foregoing memorandum in May of 1965.

Dr. Campbell moved that the University Senate request information relative to the long-range and the short-range plans for parking on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. His motion was seconded and passed.

In the near future, Mr. Joseph Lee Rodgers, Jr., Director of the Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies, will be asked to present to the University Senate a full report of present parking facilities and plans for the development of additional facilities.

FACULTY RATE FOR TUITION ✓

Explanatory Comment

On May 19, 1965, Dr. Nathaniel Eek submitted the following memorandum:

One of my faculty members has requested that with the proposed hike in tuition next year that the Senate consider the possibility of a special or lower rate of tuition for those faculty members who have children attending the University of Oklahoma. I would appreciate your consideration of this matter.

This problem was referred on May 31, 1965, to the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

Faculty Rate for Tuition -- continued

Senate Action

Dr. Phelps commented about previous senate consideration of this matter. He emphasized that a faculty rate for tuition had been considered on several occasions but that no action had been taken.

It was the consensus that the 1965-66 Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications should study this matter further and report to the Senate.

COMMENCEMENT ✓

Letter from Dr. Levy

August 11, 1965

Dear Dr. Porter,

I wish to suggest the following two items for consideration of the University Senate at its September meeting:

1. Replacement of our present unified commencement with a system in which each degree-granting college would conduct its own commencement.
2. Abolishment of the requirement that all faculty members attend commencement exercises and establishment of a quota system by which each department would be required to have a certain percentage of its staff in attendance at the commencement exercises.

Yours very truly,

(s) Gene Levy  
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Senate Action

Dr. Reeves moved that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred by the Chairman of the University Senate to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations.

OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRESS COMMISSION ✓

The Student Senate has recommended the formation of a Commission:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OKLAHOMA  
UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRESS COMMISSION

SECTION 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRESS COMMISSION.

Oklahoma University Academic Affairs Progress Commission -- continued

SECTION 2: The purpose of this act is to organize an active commission that will review current problems concerning integrity in academic studies, and to formulate suggestions as to how such problems might be alleviated.

SECTION 3: Organization

- A. The Commission shall have a total membership of eleven persons. It shall be composed of three representatives from each of the following committees: The Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee, The Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, and the Student Rights Commission. Members serving on the Commission shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and either a Secretary or a member at large from each of the three committees. The Office of the Deans of Students shall select two representatives to serve on the Commission.
- B. Various administrative officials may be asked to serve by the Commission at times considered appropriate to that body in ex-officio capacity.
- C. The Chairman of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee shall be the Chairman of this Commission.
- D. The Vice-Chairman shall be elected by a vote of the Commission members.

SECTION 4: Procedure

- A. This Commission shall meet at least two times per semester.
- B. A Commission meeting may be called by the Commission Chairman, two Committee Chairmen, on a majority recommendation of the Student Senate or a request from the Office of the Deans of Students.
- C. This Commission shall consider, in detail, all instances of academic dishonesty reported or complained of to this Commission by any faculty member or student; and the Commission shall make recommendations to administrative officials and concerned faculty members as to how such dishonesty might be eliminated.
- D. This Commission shall also consider in detail all proposals for an Academic Honor Code in any college of the University and do its best to formulate in detail suggestions of future policy to the University administration.

SECTION 5: This act shall become effective when passed in regular session by the Student Senate and the University Senate, and when approved EN TOTO by the proper University authorities.

Passed by the Student Senate on September 23, 1965 by a vote of 22-0-2.

Senate Action

Dr. Livezey moved that the foregoing matter be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The matter was immediately referred by the Chairman of the University Senate to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, October 25, 1965. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 13.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the proposed changes to the [redacted] policy. The proposed changes are intended to [redacted] and are being presented for your review and comment.

Very truly yours,  
[redacted]