

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, September 26, 1966 — 4:10 p.m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the temporary chairman, Dr. Robert E. Collier.

Present

Andrews, Mildred M.
Berenda, Carlton W.
Bienfang, Ralph D.
Bishop, L. Doyle
Blick, Edward F.
Braver, Gerald
Brixey, John C.
Collier, Robert E.
Cross, George L.
David, Paul R.
Duncan, J. Paul
Elkouri, Frank
Everett, Mark R.
Feiler, Seymour
Goggans, Travis P.
Goodman, George J.
Hart, Frances
Hengst, Herbert R.
Howard, Robert A.
Hoy, Harry E.

Present

Huneke, Harold V.
Levy, Gene
Livezey, William E.
Maehl, William H., Jr.
Male, Roy R.
Ohm, Robert E.
Olson, Ralph E.
Patnode, Robert A.
Peterson, Robert V.
Plint, Colin A.
Rice, Leslie H.
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Smith, William H.
Suggs, Charles C.
Sutherland, Stephen M.
Terry, Richard A.
Tuma, Gerald
West, Kelly M.
Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Campbell, John M.
Canfield, Frank B.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Gooch, Brison D.
White, Raymond R.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on May 30, 1966, and for the special session held on June 6, 1966, were approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT CROSS

Incomplete grades. — The recommendation relative to incomplete grades, approved by the University Senate on June 6, 1966, was approved by President Cross on July 2, 1966 (see the Journal of the University Senate for June 6, 1966, pages 3 and 4).

Library hours. — The recommendations relative to library hours, approved by the University Senate on March 21, 1966, were in part approved by President Cross on June 23, 1966 (see the Journal of the University Senate for March 21, 1966, pages 2 and 3). His memorandum of June 23, 1966, in this regard follows:

Action by President Cross -- continued

1. Upon the recommendation of Doctor McAnally I am approving the University Senate's recommendation that the Library be closed at midnight on regular class days. Doctor McAnally has found this extension to be possible only because of the benefit to the Library budget from the recent increase in the General Fee. I think the faculty should be aware of some facts that have been provided me by Doctor McAnally and the Council on University Libraries. One of these is that, according to a recent survey of the 51 members of the Association of Research Libraries, our Library hours, as of last year's schedule, are at least as good as the average of the libraries of the major universities in the nation. Another fact is that our eleven branch libraries (excluding Law and Medicine) are costing us more than \$50,000 per year in salaries, wages, and duplications that Oklahoma State University, for example, with no branch libraries except one in Veterinary Medicine, does not have to spend in this way. In short, our branch libraries are expensive and constitute a principal deterrent to increasing the administrative cost of operating the General Library. Because of the problem of security of special collections and proper supervision of the Library in general, Doctor McAnally is quite uneasy about keeping the building open very late with the inadequate policing that is the best his budget will allow. I share his uneasiness, but I have approved his plan to use part of his budget increase in this way. If the late-hour use of the Library does not result in a substantial increase in the number of users, the plan will be discontinued at the end of the first semester, 1966-67.

2. Because of financial restrictions I am unable to approve the recommendation to extend the closing time to midnight between semesters or during vacation periods immediately following holidays.

3. For similar reasons I cannot approve the recommendation that faculty members be authorized to remain in the General Library building after closing hours.

I hope that the members of the University Senate will understand my reasons for approving only in part these recommendations pertaining to Library hours.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CROSS

In lieu of a statement to the University Senate regarding the general condition of the University, President Cross elected to speak briefly about how the figures for the 1967-68 budget requests were developed. He spoke also about the way in which nominations and recommendations are developed for distinguished professorships. He invited the University Senate to consider whether there is now need to modify the procedures used.

FACULTY INSURANCE ✓

At the May 30, 1966, meeting of the University Senate, it was determined that Mr. Dud Giezentanner, as a representative of the President's Office, should be invited to discuss faculty insurance with the members of the Senate.

Faculty Insurance — continued

Mr. Giezentanner gave considerable background information relative to the current faculty insurance program. He indicated the major advantages of the current program over that which was in existence prior to February 1966. He also noted the minor disadvantages that exist now. He presented figures on the amounts of insurance now in effect and the amounts which have been collected in benefits.

UNIVERSITY SENATE OFFICERS FOR 1966-67

Chairman — Dr. William H. Maehl, Jr., was elected to serve as Chairman of the University Senate. He immediately assumed his duties for 1966-67 and presided over the remainder of the meeting on September 26.

Vice Chairman — Dr. Ralph E. Olson was elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Secretary — Dr. Gerald A. Porter was re-elected to serve as Secretary.

COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FOR 1966-67

Dr. Maehl presented the report of the Senate Committee on Committees and approval was indicated by the University Senate for membership of committees for 1966-67 as follows:

Academic Standards

Harold V. Huneke
Robert V. Peterson
L. Doyle Bishop
Robert E. Ohm
Charles C. Suggs
Herbert R. Hengst

Student and Public Relations

John M. Campbell
George J. Goodman
Kelly M. West
John C. Brixey
Gerald Tuma
J. Clayton Feaver

Courses and Curricula

J. Paul Duncan — *Chairman*
Colin A. Plint
Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh
Carlton W. Berenda
Travis P. Goggans
Frances Hart

Teaching and Research

Robert A. Patnode
Leslie H. Rice
Stephen M. Sutherland
Seymour Feiler
Robert A. Howard
Edward F. Blick

Faculty Personnel

Ralph D. Bienfang
William H. Smith
Richard A. Terry
Mark R. Everett
Paul R. David
Roy R. Male

University Organizations, Budget and Publications

Robert E. Collier
Raymond R. White — *chr.*
Gerald Braver
William E. Livezey
Frank B. Canfield
Mildred M. Andrews

NOTE: The first senator named on each of the above committees will be responsible for calling the first meeting of the committee and for conducting the election of the chairman for 1966-67.

Committees of the University Senate for 1966-67 -- continuedCommittee on Committees

Gene Levy - Chairman
 Brison D. Gooch
 Frank Elkouri
 Harry E. Hoy
 Lloyd P. Williams

Journal Committee

William H. Maehl, Jr. - Chairman
 Ralph E. Olson
 Lloyd P. Williams

LATE ENROLLMENTS IN SINGLE COURSES ✕

Memorandum from President Cross

August 5, 1966

At its April, 1966, meeting the University Senate, having considered a recommendation from Dean Fellows that the policy governing late enrollments be modified, adopted a statement saying that "the University Senate feels that the current late enrollment policy should remain unchanged."

This statement was sent to me for approval.

I have learned that the Senate took this action without conferring with Dean Fellows to determine his reasons for making the recommendation.

I have also learned that there are circumstances with respect especially to 499, 599, 499*, and 599* courses which require the Graduate Dean to make exceptions to the present policy in order to allow some graduate students to achieve their degrees, and it seems desirable for such necessary exceptions to be legalized.

Instead of approving or disapproving the Senate's action, therefore, I request that the matter be reconsidered and that the Senate, as part of its reconsiderations, confer with Dean Riggs and Dean Fellows so that its judgment may be based upon a better understanding of the welfare of the students involved.

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PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS ✕

In his comments early in the September 26 meeting of the University Senate, President Cross invited the Senate to give consideration to whether there is now need to modify any of the procedures by which nominations and recommendations are developed for distinguished professorships in the University of Oklahoma.

Later in the meeting, in response to the invitation, Dr. Howard moved that this matter be referred to the appropriate senate committee. His motion was seconded and passed. The matter was immediately referred to the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:26 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, October 31, 1966. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 19.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary