

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, November 28, 1966 -- 4:10 p.m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the chairman, Dr. William H. Maehl, Jr.

Present

Andrews, Mildred M.
Berenda, Carlton W.
Bienfang, Ralph D.
Braver, Gerald
Elkouri, Frank
Everett, Mark R.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Feiler, Seymour
Goggans, Travis P.
Gooch, Brison D.
Goodman, George J.
Hart, Frances
Hengst, Herbert R.

Present

Howard, Robert A.
Hoy, Harry E.
Huneke, Harold V.
Levy, Gene
Maehl, William H., Jr.
Male, Roy R.
Olson, Ralph E.
Patnode, Robert A.
Peterson, Robert V.
Rohrbaugh, Lawrence M.
Terry, Richard A.
Williams, Lloyd P.

Absent

Bishop, L. Doyle
Blick, Edward F.
Brixy, John C.
Campbell, John M.
Canfield, Frank B.
Collier, Robert E.
Cross, George L.
David, Paul R.
Duncan, J. Paul
Livezey, William E.
Ohm, Robert E.
Plint, Colin A.
Rice, Leslie H.
Smith, William H.
Suggs, Charles C.
Sutherland, Stephen M.
Tuma, Gerald
West, Kelly M.
White, Raymond R.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on October 31, 1966, was approved.

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS ~~X~~

Dr. Bienfang, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, made an informal report on this matter. He indicated that the Committee is continuing to meet, with the last meeting on November 18. The Committee is examining in detail the canons for the selection of David Ross Boyd Professors and Research Professors. The next meeting of the Committee will be on December 9. This matter will again be brought to the attention of the entire University Senate when the final formal report on it is prepared.

FACULTY HANDBOOK

Explanatory Note

On October 31, 1966, a motion was approved that the University Senate issue a memorandum to department chairmen and deans requesting recommendations for possible revision of the Faculty Handbook.

Memorandum distributed on November 15, 1966

To: All Deans and Department Chairmen

From: William H. Maehl, Chairman
University Senate

Subject: Revision of Faculty Handbook

In the last meeting of the University Senate a question was raised from the floor concerning certain inconsistencies in the wording of the Faculty Handbook. Particular attention was drawn to tenure procedures. During the discussion that followed a number of Senate members indicated other portions of the Handbook which they believed were inconsistent or unsatisfactorily worded, and a general sentiment appeared that the Senate study the Handbook with a view to recommending possible revisions.

In pursuance of this end the members of the Senate have instructed me to request your recommendations for changes which you may believe are needed, whether in the wording or in the policies of the Handbook. Your comments then will be used by the Senate in formulating its recommendations. It would help us if your suggestions referred to specific sections needing revision and indicated the specific kind of change you think is necessary. We hope we may receive them by December 15.

The Senate is grateful for your cooperation and hopes that it will contribute to an improvement in the Handbook, the last revision of which was done in 1962.

Report on November 28, 1966

The Chairman of the University Senate reported that he had received two replies to his memorandum. One reply merely indicated receipt of the memorandum and that the Handbook would be studied for needed changes; the other reply indicated that no changes are needed.

Follow-up of this matter will be continued.

MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS

Statement from Dr. Leslie F. Smith

November 7, 1966

Some time ago I wrote to the University Senate suggesting that it might like to look into the question of providing some rational plan for the holding

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of "Make-up" examinations. One object would be to take less time from professors in that proctoring of such examinations could be cooperative or run by graduate assistants. Another objective would be to discourage students from a long-standing bad tradition, namely absenting themselves from examinations, they have known about for a week or more in advance, in the well-founded anticipation that the aggrieved instructor will either forgive them the exam or give them a make-up. It is safe to say that at least 90% of failures to take examinations at the proper time are for reasons that are at least not approvable academically and at worst are utterly frivolous.

I wonder if the Senate would care to look at this question again.

(s) Leslie F. Smith
Professor of History

Senate Consideration

The chairman of the University Senate read the foregoing letter at the meeting on November 28. Considerable discussion followed.

Dr. Berenda suggested that Dr. Smith be asked to refer back to previous action of the University Senate on this matter -- Journal of the University Senate, April 1963, page 11, and May 1963, page 10.

There was no sentiment expressed in the direction of consideration of changing the current policy on make-up examinations.

PRICES OF TEXTBOOKS ~~1~~

Explanatory Comment

Dr. Berenda raised from the floor of the University Senate certain matters relating to the cost of textbooks and the collection of the one-cent sales tax on items sold in the University Bookstore. He did this because a number of students had requested that the University Senate take these matters under consideration and express a point of view to the Student Senate.

Senate Action

Following some discussion, Dr. Berenda moved that this matter be referred to the appropriate Senate committee for study of whether the University Senate should be concerned about it. 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, John M. Campbell, Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, January 30, 1967. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, January 18.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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