

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, January 29, 1968 -- 4:10 p.m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Gilbert C. Fite.

Present

Alley, John N.
Andrews, Mildred M.
Berthrong, Donald J.
Blick, Edward F.
Braver, Gerald
Bruce, John B.
Canfield, Frank B.
Christian, Sherril D.
David, Paul R.
Elconin, Victor L.
Elkouri, Frank
Everett, Mark R.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Feiler, Seymour
Fite, Gilbert C.

Present

Goggans, Travis P.
Goodman, George J.
Heller, Ben I.
Kendall, J. L.
Livezey, William E.
Nordby, Gene M.
Olkinetzky, Sam
Pray, Joseph C.
Roller, Duane H. D.
Smith, Thomas
Springer, C. E.
Stone, George T.
Suggs, Charles C.
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Berenda, Carlton W.
Bishop, L. Doyle
Brixey, John C.
Cross, George L.
Dunham, Lowell
Hart, Frances
Hengst, Herbert R.
Howard, Robert A.
Hoy, Harry E.
Kitts, David
Ohm, Robert E.
Renner, John W.
Terry, Richard A.
Tuma, Gerald
West, Kelly M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on November 27, 1967, was approved.

FACULTY LIAISON WITH REGENTS Explanatory Comment

On April 17, 1967, the University of Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of University Professors passed a resolution and transmitted it to the University Senate. That resolution follows:

RESOLVED: that the AAUP Chapter request the University Senate to study the problem of a faculty liaison committee to serve either with or on the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

The resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications.

Faculty Liaison With Regents -- continuedReport from the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications

The Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications recommends that a Faculty - Regents Liaison Committee be established. The function of this committee is to attend the meetings of the OU Board of Regents and to be prepared to advise the Board when called upon to do so. The committee would also report back to the Senate on those items of Regents' business it considers appropriate to bring before the Senate. The liaison committee would consist of two tenured members, serving two-year terms, except for one of the two original members, who would be elected for a one-year term. Subsequently, one position would be replaced each year.

Members of this committee would be selected as follows:

The Senate Committee on Committees would nominate three tenured faculty members for each position (these need not necessarily be Senate members), and would submit them to the President of the University, who would select one individual from each list. In subsequent years, the Committee on Committees would submit three nominees to the President, who would select one to replace the member whose term was expiring.

COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION,
BUDGET AND PUBLICATIONS

Raymond R. White	Mildred Andrews
William E. Livezey	George T. Stone
Frank B. Canfield	Gerald Braver, Chr.

Senate Action

Dr. Braver presented the foregoing report and moved that it be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Explanatory Comment

The Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications, with Dr. Gerald Braver as chairman, is studying the State Teachers' Retirement System, as it pertains to Dr. Lachman (see the Journal of the University Senate, November 1967, page 4). The Committee is also considering possible revision of the Retirement System as it pertains to the faculty on the Norman campus.

Senate Action

Dr. Braver made a brief report and indicated that his committee will continue to organize efforts to study and develop ideas relative to retirement systems. He then moved that President Cross and Professor David Swank be asked to request an opinion from the Attorney General regarding certain specific points at issue in the case of Dr. Lachman's retirement. His motion was seconded and passed.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR - 1969-70

The Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications is working with Dean Price on the calendar for 1969-70. Dr. Braver reported that the Committee hopes to have the calendar ready for consideration by the University Senate at its meeting in March.


PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

This continues to be the concern of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel. No report was rendered at the meeting on January 29, 1968.

FACULTY TENURE 

The Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel developed 21 paragraphs of tenure regulations for the consideration of the University Senate. Those materials were included in the Agenda of the Senate for January.

At the meeting of the University Senate on January 29, 1968, Dr. David, chairman of the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, requested that consideration of the report be deferred. He indicated that at least one section of the regulations required change and that the entire matter could best be dealt with at the meeting in February.

COMPULSORY CLASS ATTENDANCE Explanatory Comment

Two Student Senate Resolutions were referred to the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research (See the Journal of the University Senate, May 29, 1967, pages 3-5).

Report of the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research

The following statement on class attendance is recommended for inclusion in University bulletins:

Although there is no University or college regulation concerning required class attendance, the student is held responsible for the content in courses in which he is enrolled. Specific policy concerning attendance requirements and announced and unannounced examinations is the responsibility of the individual instructor.

Whenever an instructor thinks that absences are seriously affecting a student's class work, he may report this fact to the Office of Admissions and Records where the information will be directed to the dean concerned.

Edward F. Blick
Ben I. Heller
Robert A. Howard

Duane H. D. Roller
Seymour Feiler, Chairman

Compulsory Class Attendance -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Feiler commented relative to the matter of compulsory class attendance. He moved that the foregoing recommendation from his committee be approved. His motion was seconded. Discussion of the matter continued. Dr. Smith moved that the first half of the first sentence in the recommendation be **stricken**. His motion was seconded.

Following additional discussion, Dr. David moved that the recommendation be referred back to the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research for rewording. His motion was seconded and passed.

GRADING SYSTEM

Explanatory Comment

On May 12, 1967, the Student Academic Advisory Council sent a memorandum to the University Senate with the following recommendation:

This Council therefore recommends that the University of Oklahoma institute a pass/fail system for grading in all courses outside of the student's major field, except for a minimum of twelve hours of credit to be designated by the student himself beyond this major field in which he wishes to demonstrate superior performance or competence.

The recommendation and other matters in the memorandum were referred to the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research.

Report from the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research

The committee believes that the recommendation from the Student Academic Advisory Council that only courses in the major and 12 additional hours of the student's choosing be given grades and that a pass/fail system be used for all other courses should be disapproved. The Council itself realizes the difficulty of implementation and has suggested the recommendation merely as a "guideline."

This committee further recommends that a study of the grading system should be part of the over-all planning for the future of the University and might well be referred to the General Education Panel.

Edward F. Blick
Ben I. Heller
Robert A. Howard

Duane H. D. Roller
Seymour Feiler, Chr.

Senate Action

Dr. Feiler presented the foregoing report and commented about it. He moved approval of it by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

CLEVELAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

On November 27, 1967, Dr. Joseph C. Pray was elected to represent the University Senate at meetings of the Cleveland County legislators and the administrators of the University. On January 29, 1968, Dr. Pray gave his first report to the University Senate.

He indicated that he attended one luncheon with the legislators and University administrators. Legislative bills were discussed. He made brief mention of several that are of interest to faculty members. He will continue to represent the Senate at such meetings and will attempt to bring pertinent information back to the Senate.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Letter from the University of Oklahoma Chapter of the A.A.U.P.

November 25, 1967

Professor Gilbert C. Fite
Department of History
University of Oklahoma

Dear Professor Fite:

At its last meeting, the University of Oklahoma Chapter of the A.A.U.P. considered in some detail the much-discussed problem of speaker invitations and their problems. After some discussion, the group issued a formal news release upon the topic which later appeared in some local newspapers.

At the same time, the following motion was also passed:

"A resolution is directed to the University Senate asking that body to consider this statement (the press release) as the basis for legislation in the matter of campus speaker invitations."

In accordance with the instructions of the Chapter, therefore, I am sending to you a copy of that press release in the hopes that you will bring it to the attention of the University Senate. We very much hope that you may find the problem germane to your group and that perhaps we may have been helpful to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David P. French
Chapter President, 1967-68

Academic Freedom -- continued

O.U. Chapter, A.A.U.P.

News Release: October 31, 1967

In a meeting Tuesday evening, the Oklahoma University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors considered questions ranging from student rights to speaker invitations. Professor David P. French, President of the Chapter, stated that the group passed unanimously the following resolution:

"The University of Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of University Professors wishes to go on record as approving the right of both student and faculty groups to invite to the campus such controversial speakers as Paul Boutelle; it considers such appearances a proper function of the University. There must be no sanctions brought against individuals or organizations sponsoring such speakers.

"In this connection, the local Chapter wishes therefore to restate its agreement with the 1957 declaration of policy by the national A.A.U.P., which

'assorts the right of college and university students to listen to anyone they wish to hear, and affirms its own belief that it is educationally desirable that students be confronted with diverse opinions of all kinds. The Annual Meeting therefore holds that any person who is presented by a recognized student or faculty organization should be allowed to speak on a college or university campus.'"

Professor French also said that further action in these matters is presently under study.

Senate Action

Dr. Berthrong, chairman of the Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, commented relative to the work of his committee. He reported that attention is being given to the foregoing communications from the AAUP.

ABSENCE FROM FINAL EXAMINATIONS ✓

Memorandum from Dr. Hubert Frings

January 15, 1968

As I understand it, the University Senate is the proper place to consider the following, if any one thinks it worth considering. I write to you as a member of the Senate, therefore, requesting Senate consideration of this item.

With large classes, such as Zoology 1, there will probably always be some students each semester who are absent from the Final Examination. We must turn in our grades within 48 hours after the Final, and this is obviously necessary. But these are turned in on lists, not individual report cards, so that some grade must be reported for each student. Students may be neglectful, however, in the matter of notifying the instructor about reasons for their absence from

Absence from Final Examinations -- continued

the Final Examination -- I speak from experience, not theoretically. Seemingly it is now up to the instructor to decide whether there was reasonable probability that the student cut or was absent. Nowhere is it spelled out that it is the student's responsibility to do something about this. Therefore, I would like to suggest the following principle:

It is the responsibility of any student who misses a Final Examination to notify the instructor in the course no later than 24 hours after the absence of the reason for the absence; otherwise, his grade automatically becomes F.

This will enable us to clear the books, without having students in a week later explaining why one should file a changed grade (costing time and money.)

Senate Action

Dr. Livezey moved that the matter of absence from final examinations be referred to the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research. His motion was seconded and passed.

SABBATICAL LEAVE Memorandum from Dr. A. J. Weinheimer

January 15, 1968

Having just completed an application for sabbatical leave, I would like to call your attention to two conditions imposed upon the applicant which I believe to be unjust, and request that the Senate study OU's leave agreement for possible recommendation of change of its terms.

The application requires the applicant to agree to the following: "I further agree to remain in the service of the University of Oklahoma at not less than my present salary for one year after the expiration of such leave of absence." Firstly, I contend that the leave is merited by prior service, and should not be contingent upon service subsequent to the leave. Secondly, the applicant's normal route for expression of dissatisfaction with salary is restricted to him for both the sabbatical year as well as the subsequent year of service.

I strongly urge the Senate to consider recommending changes of the restrictive terms of the sabbatical leave agreement. If nothing else, they stand as a source of irritation to both myself and several colleagues that I know of, and presumably to many others.

Senate Action

Dr. Livezey moved that the foregoing matter be referred to the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications. His motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, February 26, 1968. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, February 14.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary