

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, April 1, 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

Andrews, Mildred M.  
Berenda, Carlton W.  
Berthrong, Donald J.  
Bishop, L. Doyle  
Blick, Edward F.  
Braver, Gerald  
Brixey, John C.  
Bruce, John B.  
Canfield, Frank B.  
Christian, Sherril D.  
David, Paul R.  
Elconin, Victor L.  
Everett, Mark R.  
Fite, Gilbert C.  
Goggans, Travis P.

Present

Goodman, George J.  
Hart, Frances  
Howard, Robert A.  
Hoy, Harry E.  
Kendall, J. L.  
Livezey, William E.  
Nordby, Gene M.  
Pray, Joseph C.  
Smith, Thomas M.  
Springer, C. E.  
Suggs, Charles C.  
Terry, Richard A.  
Tuma, Gerald  
West, Kelly M.  
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Alley, John N.  
Cross, George L.  
Dunham, Lowell  
Elkouri, Frank  
Feaver, J. Clayton  
Feiler, Seymour  
Heller, Ben I.  
Hengst, Herbert R.  
Kitts, David B.  
Ohm, Robert E.  
Olkinetzky, Sam  
Renner, John W.  
Roller, Duane H. D.  
Stone, George T.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Corrections to the Journal of the University Senate for February 26, 1968:

Page 4 -- Item (8) -- Add: Professional librarians and library specialists, in the discharge of their professional duties, shall be regarded as engaged in teaching and/or research.

Page 4 -- Item (10) -- the word "researching" should be changed to research.

Page 5 -- Item (16) -- In the last sentence, the word "the" should be changed to his.

Page 5 -- Item (18) -- the word "Committee" should be changed to Council.

With these changes noted, the Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on February 26, 1968, was approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT CROSS

Council on Instruction -- Acting on nominations submitted by the University Senate, President Cross, on March 14, 1968, appointed Francis J. Schmitz, Department of Chemistry, as the replacement for Jack Cohn.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

On March 5, 1968, President Cross indicated his approval of the action of the University Senate relative to preparation of a statement on class attendance. (See the Journal of the University Senate for February 26, 1968, pages 6-7.)

## FACULTY LIAISON WITH REGENTS

Letter from President Cross

March 21, 1968

Dear Professor Fite:

The recommendation of the University Senate that a Faculty-Regents Liaison Committee be established to attend meetings of the University Board of Regents was presented to the Regents at their meeting last Thursday. A copy of the item as it appeared in the agenda for this meeting is enclosed for your information.

It was the consensus of the regents that no action should be taken on this matter. The President of the Board of Regents asked that the University Senate be advised the Regents' meetings are always open and any one may come, particularly those who have business with the Regents or those who are interested in the affairs of the University. It was the feeling of the Regents that taking action on this request would indicate that members of the faculty have been excluded from the meetings in the past, an impression they do not wish to create.

During the discussion of this item, attention was called to the fact that the normal channel of communication from the faculty to the Regents is through the President of the University and this procedure should not be changed.

Since our Regents' meetings are open to any one who wishes to attend, the appointment of a faculty committee to attend these meetings is a decision for the Senate to make.

Cordially yours,

G. L. Cross, President

Statement Presented to the Regents by President Cross

March 14, 1968

As a result of action taken on January 25, 1968, the University Senate recommends that a Faculty-Regents Liaison Committee be established. The function of this committee would be to attend the meetings of the 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.

Faculty Liaison With Regents -- continued

In presenting this action of the University Senate, I should call your attention to a long-standing policy of the Regents that the President of the University acts as intermediary between the Board and the faculty and other employees of the University. All communications from the Board to any faculty member or from any faculty member to the Board of Regents are normally transmitted by the President.

With proper observance of this principle by both the faculty and the Regents there is no reason why the proposed Liaison Committee should not be a very useful device for communication.

I endorse the proposal submitted by the University Senate and present it to the Regents for consideration.

Senate Action

Following some discussion of the letter from President Cross and of his statement to the Regents, Dr. Elconin moved that the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications give consideration to the ideas in the last paragraph of the letter. That paragraph is as follows:

Since our Regents' meetings are open to any one who wishes to attend, the appointment of a faculty committee to attend these meetings is a decision for the Senate to make.

The motion by Dr. Elconin was seconded and passed.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SPEAKERS BUREAU

Memorandum from Vice President McCarter

March 20, 1968

President Cross has recently approved a recommendation that, effective September 1, 1968, the University have as one of its standing committees a University of Oklahoma Speakers Bureau. The membership is to be made up of one member from each of seven student organizations (U.A.B., Student Senate, I.F.C., Panhellenic, A.W.S., Men's Housing Presidents Council, Women's Housing Presidents Council), three faculty members chosen from nominations made by the University Senate, and one person chosen from the University administration.

The Speakers Bureau will supersede the Public Lectures Committee and will eventually be integrated into a larger committee complex designed to co-ordinate public events of several kinds.

The President would like to follow the usual procedure of receiving from the University Senate three nominations for each of the faculty memberships to be filled.

Although the Speakers Bureau will not come into official existence until next September, the President would like to designate the membership so that it can do some of its planning this Spring.

The President requests, therefore, that the Senate nominate to him nine faculty members from whom he will appoint three to the Bureau for 1968-69.

University of Oklahoma Speakers Bureau -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Hoy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees, reported the following nine nominations for the three faculty positions on the Speakers Bureau.

Donald J. Berthrong  
Dennis M. Crites  
Nat Eek  
Victor A. Elconin  
Thomas E. Lyon

Roger E. Nebergall  
Ralph E. Olson  
Robert V. Peterson  
R. Dale Vliet

Dr. Hoy moved approval of the nominations submitted by the Senate Committee on Committees. His motion was seconded and passed.

PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY  
ORGANIZATION, BUDGET, AND PUBLICATIONS

- A. Dr. Donald A. Woolf, consultant to the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, reported that study of the University retirement system is an aspect of the development of the Master Plan for the University. Data and information will be made available to the University Senate. Dr. Braver, chairman of the Senate Committee, indicated that his group is continuing to study retirement problems.
- B. Dr. Braver distributed to Senate members material on the academic calendar for 1969-70. The material was prepared by Dean Price and included five alternate calendar arrangements. Recommendations from the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications will be presented on April 29.
- C. Dr. Braver reported that work is continuing on matters relating to sabbatical leave.

REAPPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Report of the Senate Committee on Organization, Budget, and Publications

March 22, 1968

The Charter of Government of the University of Oklahoma provides that the University Senate shall consist of 43 members, and that the allocation of Senate seats shall be determined in an official triennial reapportionment proposed by the Senate and approved by the general faculty. The Charter states that: "Under the apportionment the allocation of Senate seats shall be determined by the ratio which a constituent college's full-time professors and instructors (as listed on the university payroll) bear to the total number of full-time professors and instructors in the university, provided that each college and independent degree-recommending school shall have at least one senate seat, and that no fewer than six or more than nine seats shall be allocated to the general faculty.

Reapportionment of Membership of the University Senate -- continued

The Committee recommends the following allocation for 1969-72, under which the next three elections shall be conducted.

## Senate Committee on Organization, Budget, and Publications

Mildred Andrews  
Frank Canfield  
William Livezey

George Stone  
Raymond White  
Gerald Braver, Chairman

College or School	1965 Reapportionment			Proposed 1968 Reapportionment			Change
	#Faculty	Ratio	#Seats	#Faculty	Ratio	#Seats	
Arts & Sciences	252	14.05	14	287	11.58	12	-2
Engineering	82	4.59	5	91	3.66	4	-1
Law	13	0.73	1	16	0.66	1	
Pharmacy	6	0.33	1	9	0.36	1	
Education	52	2.90	3	66	2.64	3	
Bus. Admin.	45	2.51	3	49	1.98	2	-1
Medicine	61	3.40	3	199	7.98	8	+5
Nursing	15	0.84	1	18	0.72	1	
Fine Arts	47	2.62	3	56	2.28	2	-1
Graduate	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Contin. Education	-	-	1	-	-	1	
General Faculty	-	-	7	-	-	7	
	576		43	791		43	

Senate Action

Dr. Braver presented the foregoing report and commented relative to its development. He then moved that the Proposed 1968 Reapportionment be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

The Proposed 1968 Reapportionment will be considered by the General Faculty in its meeting in October 1968. At that time it will be either approved as presented here or it will be modified and approved.

## ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Letter from the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom

March 28, 1968

Dear Professor Porter:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom has reconsidered paragraph five of its report entitled "Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom" dated February 12, 1968 (see the Journal of the University Senate for February 26, 1968, pages 9-10).

We resubmit paragraph five for adoption by the University Senate without change. We therefore move that our recommendation related to the Faculty Handbook under the title Academic Freedom, page 23, point 2, read as follows: "The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his subject."

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Gerald Braver                      Victor L. Elconin  
Travis P. Goggans                  Donald J. Berthrong, Chr.

Richard A. Terry dissents from this report

Senate Action

Dr. Berthrong presented the foregoing report with notation of the dissenting vote of one member of his committee. Dr. Berthrong moved that the change indicated for page 23, point 2, of the Faculty Handbook be approved. His motion was seconded.

Following discussion, Dr. David made a substitute motion that the entire statement in paragraph five of the original report be retained:

The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his subject, but he should be careful not to introduce into his teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his subject.

His motion was seconded but it FAILED to pass.


The original motion by Dr. Berthrong was passed.

Dr. David then made a motion that a new statement be substituted for the one now appearing as paragraph 3, page 23, of the Faculty Handbook. The new statement is the final paragraph of the AAUP Statement on Professional Ethics, as approved by the Association's Council in April 1966 and adopted as Association Policy by the Annual Meeting in the same month (AAUP Bulletin, March 1966, p. 58):

As a member of his community, the professor has the rights and obligations of any citizen. He measures the urgency of these obligations in the light of his responsibilities to his subject, to his students, to his profession, and to his institution. When he speaks or acts as a private person he avoids creating the impression that he speaks or acts for his college or university. As a citizen engaged in a profession that depends upon freedom for its health and integrity, the professor has a particular obligation to promote conditions of free inquiry and to further public understanding of academic freedom.

Academic Freedom -- continued

Before the motion by Dr. David to substitute new material for paragraph 3 was seconded, Dr. Livezey made a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom for its consideration and a report. His motion was seconded and passed by the University Senate.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION 

Dr. Joseph C. Pray reported orally on his continuing participation with the Cleveland County legislative delegation. In particular, he indicated that the delegation has been much concerned and has devoted much time to consideration of Senate Bill No. 729 which would prohibit use of facilities at state educational institutions by speakers who might advocate changing state or national laws by violent means.

Dr. Elconin then moved that the University Senate express its opposition to the passage of SB 729 and urge the Governor to veto it if the Legislature does pass it. His motion was seconded and was passed by the unanimous vote of the University Senate.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CREDIT 

The Chairman of the University Senate indicated that he had a request from Vice President McCarter and Dean Price for consideration of the authorization of credit in cases where students are called into the military service in the middle of a semester. In particular, the request was in terms of the establishment of grades for such students.

The Chairman of the University Senate made referral of this matter to the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research, Dr. Feiler, chairman.

## ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, April 29, 1968. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 17.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary



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