

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, September 30, 1968 -- 4:10 p.m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the 1967-68 Chairman, Dr. Gilbert C. Fite.

Present

Alley, John N.
Andrews, Mildred M.
Babb, Stanley, Jr.
Blick, Edward F.
Bowen, Willis H.
Boyes, Rodney L.
Brixey, John C.
Bruce, John B.
Canfield, Frank B.
Christian, Sherril D.
Ciereszko, Leon S.
David, Paul R.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Elkouri, Frank
Everett, Mark R.
Fite, Gilbert C.

Present

Goggans, Travis P.
Harden, Darrell
Henderson, George
Hollomon, J. Herbert
Hoy, Harry E.
Lancaster, John H.
Olkinetzky, Sam
Parker, Jack F.
Renner, John W.
Roller, Duane H. D.
Smith, Thomas M.
Springer, C. E.
Suggs, Charles C.
Tuma, Gerald
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Dunham, Lowell
Elconin, Victor A.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Hart, Frances
Heller, Ben I.
Hengst, Herbert R.
Hilbert, Richard
Kendall, J. L.
Kitts, David B. (on leave)
Nordby, Gene M.
Pray, Joseph C.
Tolson, Melvin B.
West, Kelly M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on May 27, 1968, was approved.

ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT *AV*

Faculty Participation in Policy Making *AV* On May 27, the Senate approved a resolution commending President Cross for having involved the faculty in University policy making. The following is a letter from President Cross to the Chairman of the University Senate, written on June 3, 1968.

Thank you for your letter of May 31.

I am gratified and honored by the Resolution passed by the University Senate at its meeting of May 27. Will you please express my very great appreciation to the membership of the Senate.

(See the Journal of the University Senate, May 27, 1968, Page 2, for the Resolution.)

Academic Freedom *AV* On May 30, 1968, President Cross indicated his approval of the recommendation of the University Senate that the Faculty Handbook statement on academic freedom be changed by the deletion of a paragraph and the insertion of a new paragraph on Page 23 (see the Journal of the University Senate for May 27, 1968, Page 3).

Action by the President -- continued

✓ Sabbatical Leave -- On May 30, 1968, President Cross indicated his approval of the recommendation of the University Senate that material be added to the first paragraph on page 32 of the Faculty Handbook. (See the Journal of the University Senate for May 27, 1968, Page 6.)

✓ Group Term Insurance for Dependents -- On June 3, 1968, President Cross indicated his approval of the recommendation of the University Senate. (See the Journal of the University Senate for May 27, 1968, Page 7.)

✓ Academic Freedom and Faculty Tenure -- (See the Journal of the University Senate for May 27, 1968, Pages 7 and 8.) This action completed the work of the Senate with regard to academic freedom and faculty tenure. A complete report was submitted to President Cross on June 6, in which all of the changes approved by the Senate in meetings throughout the year were set forth. The response on June 7, 1968, from President Cross follows here:

I am returning with my approval the "Report of Action Taken" concerning the statement of "Academic Freedom and Faculty Tenure" proposed for the Faculty Handbook. However, before the statement can become effective, it must have the approval of the Regents of the University of Oklahoma because the Regents approved the statement which appears in the present edition of the Faculty Handbook. The Regents will give attention to the matter at the July meeting.

On June 26, 1968, Acting President J. Herbert Hollomon sent to the University Senate the following statements:

I have reviewed your correspondence with Dr. Cross concerning the statement of "Academic Freedom and Faculty Tenure" proposed for the Faculty Handbook.

As you know, the matters having to do with the governance of the University are now under consideration. The study of the University obviously includes questions related to the matters in the proposals from the University Senate. Unfortunately, I have not been able to relate these recommended changes to other questions of policy or to the conclusions of the study.

As a consequence, I cannot bring the matter to the attention of the Regents at the July meeting, but will do so at a meeting of the Regents as soon as my office can thoroughly evaluate the proposal.

NOMINATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS ✓

As a matter of unfinished business, Dr. David called the attention of Senate members to the "Progress Report on Procedures for the Selection of David Ross Boyd Professors" (See pages 9 - 11 of The Journal of the University Senate for May 27, 1968).

He requested comments, either pro or con, from the Senate membership and other faculty members so that the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel might be helped in its efforts to develop a final report on this matter.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION †

As a matter of unfinished business, Dr. David made an oral progress report for the Ad Hoc Anti-Discrimination Committee. He indicated that the Committee has recently met with Vice President Burr, with students, and with people in the University Employment Service.

STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT HOLLOWOM

In accord with precedent, President Hollomon spoke briefly to the members of the University Senate at the first meeting on September 30. In particular, he directed his remarks to:

1. The need to coordinate the activities and operations of the Norman and Oklahoma City campuses of the University of Oklahoma.
2. The opportunities that exist because of a substantial increase in enrollment for 1968-69 and a similar upward trend in the quality of the students entering the University.
3. The problems that arise from having a ceiling on the annual budget of the University.
4. The need to bring greater numbers of faculty and other personnel to the University who are representative of the minority groups.

In view of the University study report that is soon to be distributed, Dr. Hollomon posed two questions for the University Senate.

1. Should the University Senate now review its position under the Charter of Government of the University of Oklahoma and under its own By-Laws?
2. Should the University Senate now attempt to concern itself with matters of policy and attempt to be less involved with the small operation problems?

UNIVERSITY SENATE OFFICERS FOR 1968-69

Chairman -- Dr. Sherril D. Christian was elected to serve as Chairman of the University Senate. He immediately assumed his duties for 1968-69 and presided over the remainder of the meeting on September 30.

Vice Chairman -- Dr. John W. Renner was elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

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

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS FOR 1968-69 †

Memorandum from Vice President McCarter

August 6, 1968

In considering the University Senate's nominations for appointments to the Standing University Committees for 1968-69, President Hollomon has noted that there

Nominations for University Councils for 1968-69 -- continued

are no nominations from the faculty of the Medical Center. He is strongly of the opinion that Medical Center faculty members should be considered for nomination and appointment to these major committees (councils).

Accordingly, he has asked me to request that the University Senate reconsider its nominations for the 1968-69 appointments and include the Medical Center faculty in arriving at a revised set of nominations.

It has been necessary to go ahead and appoint the new members of the Athletic Council, and so there is no occasion to reconsider these nominations for 1968-69. In future years, however, members of the Medical Center faculty should be considered eligible for nomination to this Council like the others.

The President requests further that the Senate consider whether the number of full-time faculty members (four) on the Council on Planning and Development are enough. If the Senate should decide to recommend that the number be increased, it should make recommendations as to the terms of the full-time faculty members and, assuming the President's approval, submit an appropriate number of additional nominations.

Except for the Athletic Council, the Standing University Committees for 1968-69 will not be appointed until the Senate has had time to respond to the President's requests.

Report from the Senate Committee on Committees

September 18, 1968

On September 9, the Committee on Committees asked Professor Edward Brandt of the Medical Center for potential nominees from the Oklahoma City Campus for nomination to the several major councils of the University. Dr. Brandt requested time to consult with Vice-President Dennis regarding this subject. Because of business outside of Oklahoma City all week, Dean Dennis was not informed of this request until September 16. At that time, the Dean asked that he be given time to discuss membership in the University Councils with his faculty and have an opportunity to discuss membership on University Councils with potential nominees. This meeting could not be accomplished before the September 30 meeting of the University Senate.

As a result, the Senate Committee on Committees recommends again the nominees as they appear in the Journal of the University Senate for the Regular Session on April 29, 1968, plus the consideration by the President of such nominees as come to him from the Medical Center.

Harry E. Hoy, Chairman	John W. Renner
John B. Bruce	C. E. Springer
Frank Elkouri	

Senate Action

Dr. Hoy reviewed the situation as indicated in the foregoing memorandum and report. He then moved approval of the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Committees. His motion was seconded and passed.

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NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Request from President Hollomon

In the memorandum from Vice President McCarter (see pages 3 and 4) there is the following statement:

The President requests further that the Senate consider whether the number of full-time faculty members (four) on the Council on Planning and Development are enough. If the Senate should decide to recommend that the number be increased, it should make recommendations as to the terms of the full-time faculty members and, assuming the President's approval, submit an appropriate number of additional nominations.

Report of the Senate Committee on Committees

September 18, 1968

The President's Office requested that the Senate consider whether the number of full-time faculty members (four) on the Council on Planning and Development are enough. The Committee on Committees recommends that the number be increased to six and makes the following nominations to the two new positions in addition to the three nominated in April for the vacancy brought about by one member retiring in 1968.

Joseph Lee Rodgers, Jr. -- Regional & City Planning
 Jim P. Artman -- Modern Languages
 Norman H. Boke -- Botany & Micro-biology
 Joseph E. Coulter -- Aviation
 Ed F. Crim -- Economics
 Joseph C. Pray -- Political Science

Of the three existing vacancies on the new Council, one appointment should be for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. The assignments of personnel to the respective terms should be left to the President's discretion. It is recommended that hereafter the terms for members of the Council on Planning and Development be three years.

Harry E. Hoy, Chairman
 John B. Bruce
 Frank Elkouri

John W. Renner
 C. E. Springer

Senate Action

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

COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FOR 1968-69 ✓

Dr. Hoy presented the report of the Senate Committee on Committees and approval was indicated by the University Senate for membership of committees for 1968-69 as follows:

Academic Standards

Charles C. Suggs — CHR.
Herbert R. Hengst
Victor A. Elconin
David B. Kitts
Stanley Babb, Jr.
Willis H. Bowen

Courses and Curricula

Frances Hart
Travis P. Goggans
Lowell Dunham
Joseph C. Pray
George Henderson

Faculty Personnel

Paul R. David
Gilbert Fite — CHR.
Gene M. Nordby
J. L. Kendall
John C. Brixey

Committee on Committees

Harry E. Hoy — CHR
Frank Elkouri
Mark R. Everett
C. E. Springer
John B. Bruce
John W. Renner

Journal Committee

Sherril D. Christian — CHR.
John W. Renner
Thomas M. Smith

Student and Public Relations

Kelly M. West
Gerald Tuma
J. Clayton Feaver
Sam Olkinetzky — CHR.
John N. Alley

Teaching and Research

Edward F. Blick
Duane H. D. Roller
Ben I. Heller
Leon Ciereszko
Arthur H. Doerr

University Organization, Budget,
and Publications

Raymond R. White
Frank B. Canfield mhl
Mildred M. Andrews
Melvin Tolson
Rodney L. Boyes
Jack F. Parker

Executive Committee

Sherril D. Christian — CHR.
John W. Renner
John S. Lancaster
Darrel Harden
Richard E. Hilbert

GRADING SYSTEM -- "PASS" GRADE ✓

Explanatory Comment

On September 9, 1968, Dean John S. Ezell requested that the University Senate consider the adoption of a "Pass" grade. He noted that the College of Arts and Sciences has approved a Pass-Fail option and there must be a "Pass" grade before it can be implemented. He furnished Professor Fite with supporting data.

Grading System -- "Pass" Grade -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Fite commented relative to the foregoing request from Dean Ezell. Dr. Fite also raised certain questions relative to grades such as "U", "S", "I", "WF", and "WP". He then moved approval of the "P" grade as a "Pass" grade. His motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bowen moved that the entire grading system of the University be studied by the Senate Committee on Academic Standards. His motion was seconded and passed.

REPORTS TO THE FACULTY ✓

Memorandum from Dr. Arthur H. Doerr

September 1968

I believe the following matter should be considered by the University Senate, i.e., that the Senate should request the President and deans to provide an annual written report to the faculty. At the present time, the faculty often receives informal oral reports of the "state of the university" or the "condition of the college" but, in my judgment, communication falls far short of what it should be.

Whereas departments provide annual reports to administrative officials, there seems to be no regularized reciprocal arrangement. I think that we should request such reciprocity.

Senate Action

The foregoing memorandum was read to the membership of the University Senate by the Chairman of that body. Dr. Fite then moved that the 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 5:19 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, October 28, 1968. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 16.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

Section 10 - [Illegible]

Section 11 - [Illegible]

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Section 12 - [Illegible]

Section 13 - [Illegible]

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Section 14 - [Illegible]

The Board of Directors is authorized to... [Illegible]

Section 15 - [Illegible]

The Board of Directors is authorized to... [Illegible]

Section 16 - [Illegible]