

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, January 27, 1969 -- 4:10 p. m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by Dr. John W. Renner, Vice Chairman. The Chairman, Dr. Christian, met with the Executive Committee of the Senate immediately before 4:10 p.m., then left to participate in another meeting.

Present

Alley, John N.
Andrews, Mildred M.
Babb, Stanley E.
Blick, Edward F.
Bowen, Willis H.
Bruce, John B.
Canfield, Frank B.
Ciereszko, Leon S.
David, Paul R.
Everett, Mark R.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fite, Gilbert C.

Present

Goggans, Travis P.
Harden, Darrell
Hilbert, Richard E.
Lancaster, John H.
Olkinetzky, Sam
Parker, Jack F.
Renner, John W.
Roller, Duane H. D.
Smith, Thomas M.
Springer, C. E.
West, Kelly M.
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Boyes, Rodney L.
Brixeby, John C.
Christian, Sherrill D.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Elconin, Victor A.
Elkouri, Frank
Hart, Frances
Heller, Ben I.
Henderson, George
Hengst, Herbert R.
Hollomon, J. Herbert
Hoy, Harry E.
Kendall, J. L.
Kitts, David B.
(on leave)
Nordby, Gene M.
Pray, Joseph C.
Suggs, Charles C.
Tolson, Melvin B.
Tuma, Gerald

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journals of the University Senate for the regular meeting on November 25, 1968, and the special meeting on December 14, 1968, were approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT HOLLOMON

Calendar Changes -- President Hollomon has indicated approval of calendar changes for 1968-69 and 1969-70 as they were submitted to him from the University Senate (see Journal of the University Senate, December 14, 1968).

Reports to the Faculty -- President Hollomon has indicated approval of the making of reports to the faculty in line with the University Senate's recommendations (see Journal of the University Senate, November 25, 1968).

RESIGNATION FROM THE SENATE

Dr. Lowell Dunham has resigned from his membership in the University Senate. He was serving a 1967-70 term as a representative of the General Faculty. His replacement will be elected by means of the usual procedure that will be initiated in February. At that time, another vacancy will be evident with the expiration of the term of Dr. Paul R. David in May. These two vacancies will be filled by means of the spring elections procedures.

ARMING OF CAMPUS POLICE

Report from the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations

January 17, 1969

I. Firearms Policy

In considering the firearms policy of the campus police (Journal of the University Senate, October 28, 1968, pages 4 and 5), the committee heard a broad spectrum of opinion from student, faculty, and administrative representatives. The committee also had access to security manuals on policy, operations, and statistical surveys.

The recommendations of the committee are:

1. Sidearms are not to be carried during daytime foot patrols except for specific assignments in guarding fund transfers.
2. Sidearms are not to be carried at regularly scheduled university functions.
3. Sidearms may be carried on night patrol and security check duty.
4. The director of campus security shall have the authority to make exceptions to the above standard operating procedures in special circumstances.

The committee recognizes the excellence of the present policies of the security department on the use of firearms and finds them highly consistent with the police function of protecting the university community. The committee also finds the existing composition, authority and functions of both the Advisory Committee of the Security Department and the Board of Review for firearms use policy sufficient to safeguard faculty and student interests on this campus.

II. Arrests by Warrant

On the subject of arrests by warrant on university property (Journal of the University Senate, November 25, 1968, pages 9 and 10), the committee considers the question resolved as the result of the recently established policies of the Security Department (GO 2/68/005. November 29, 1968 and January 7, 1969).

Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations

John N. Alley
J. Clayton Feaver
Sam Olkinetzky, Chairman

Gerald Tuma
Kelly M. West

Senate Action

Professor Olkinetzky presented the foregoing report. He then moved approval by the University Senate of the four recommendations in the Firearms Policy portion of the report. His motion was seconded.

Some discussion followed. Dr. Richard S. Wells (one of the six signers of the original letter requesting that the Senate consider this problem) was present. He commented that the report of the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations "is reasonable". He indicated that he was not entirely satisfied with information available about the arming of police when they are in plain clothes.

The motion by Professor Olkinetzky was PASSED.

Dr. Alley then moved that the following statement be added to the approved recommendations:

The Senate further urges the University Administration and Safety Department to seek continually to reduce police employment of lethal weapons, through means consistent with professional experience and with research in law enforcement science.

It is suggested that the possibility be considered of progressive replacement of guns by tranquilizing weapons and other means of harmless subjection of disturbers of the peace, whenever such means can be demonstrated to be humane and effective.

His motion was seconded and PASSED.

Professor Olkinetzky then moved approval by the University Senate of the Arrests by Warrant portion of the report that appears on Page 2. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

SPECIAL STUDENT HOLIDAYS ~~X~~

Explanatory Comment

On November 12, 1968, President Hollomon invited the University Senate to review the present policy on the granting of special student holidays. He also asked for suggestions for the appropriate use of the special holidays (Journal of the University Senate, December 14, 1968, page 1).

Report from the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations

January 17, 1968

The committee recommends continuation of the present policy on special student holidays (see Journal of the University Senate, December 14, 1968, page 1). The committee also recommends that the appropriate use of the special holidays be for the observance of events of singular educational and cultural value.

Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations

John N. Alley
J. Clayton Feaver

Gerald Tuma
Kelly M. West

Sam Olkinetzky,
Chairman

Special Student Holidays -- continued

Senate Action

Professor Olkinetzky presented the foregoing report. He moved that it be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

POLICY FOR GRADE-POINT AVERAGING

Memorandum from Vice President McCarter

January 6, 1969

At a recent meeting the Deans Council agreed unanimously that the present method of handling grade-point deficiencies in determining graduation requirements is unsatisfactory. Some of the reasons for this view may be found in the attached memo from Dean Morris to the Deans Council.

Subsequently to Dean Morris's memo, the University College Council recommended that we adopt the system of counting only the most recent grade when a course is repeated and that the grade-point average for graduation be based only upon those courses offered in satisfaction of degree requirements.

The Deans recommended that the matter be referred to the University Senate with the hope that a revised policy may be devised for recommendation to the faculties of the several colleges. It seems important that a reasonably uniform policy throughout the undergraduate colleges be developed.

Attached is a list of some currently used systems for determining grades for graduation which differ from our system of using all hours attempted.

It should be noted that the State Regents require all institutions within the state system to use all work attempted in calculating the grade-point average for retention, but have no stated policy with regard to grade requirements for graduation.

In accordance with the Deans' recommendation I am referring this whole question to the University Senate for its consideration.

Senate Action

The Vice Chairman of the University Senate who was presiding on January 27 called attention to this matter and asked for comments regarding it. He then made referral of it to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Dr. Suggs, Chairman.

SENATE CHARTER

Nominations for a University Senate Charter Committee

January 23, 1969

The Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications held a joint meeting with the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure and Functions of the Senate to determine the makeup of a committee to consider the problems in revamping the University Senate Charter as a part of the University Constitution.

Senate Charter -- continued

We recommend that this committee have 10 members: Gerald A. Porter, Secretary of the University Senate, and nine others chosen mainly from past Chairmen of the University Senate and past AAUP local chapter Presidents and that distribution among colleges be achieved, to the extent feasible, from the following list:

Law: George Fraser

Education: O. D. Johns

Business: Marion Phillips
Travis Goggans

Engineering: Leon Zelby

Arts and Sciences: rely on past
Senate Chairmen and past AAUP
Presidents

Fine Arts: Gail de Stwolinski

Pharmacy: Joseph Rieger
John Bruce

Medicine: Kelly West

Nursing: Jenell Hubbard

The foregoing nominations were presented by Dr. Canfield, Chairman of the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

Senate Action

Dr. Babb moved that the University Senate approve the nominations as presented above. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

Dr. Canfield then moved that the Executive Committee of the University Senate select the membership of the University Senate Charter Committee from the nominations as approved. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next session will be held on Monday, February 24, 1969 -- AT 3:30 P.M. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, February 12.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

