

## JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, March 24, 1969 -- 4:10 p. m.  
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by Dr. Sherril D. Christian, Chairman.

Present

Alley, John N.  
Andrews, Mildred M.  
Babb, Stanley E., Jr.  
Blick, Edward F.  
Bowen, Willis H.  
Boyes, Rodney L.  
Brixey, John C.  
Canfield, Frank B.  
Christian, Sherril D.  
Ciereszko, Leon S.  
David, Paul R.  
Doerr, Arthur H.  
Elconin, Victor A.  
Elkouri, Frank  
Feaver, J. Clayton  
Fite, Gilbert C.  
Goggans, Travis P.

Present

Harden, Darrell  
Hart, Frances  
Henderson, George  
Hengst, Herbert R.  
Hilbert, Richard E.  
Hoy, Harry E.  
Kendall, J. L.  
Kitts, David B.  
Lancaster, John H.  
Nordby, Gene M.  
Olkinetzky, Sam  
Parker, Jack F.  
Pray, Joseph C.  
Renner, John W.  
Smith, Thomas M.  
Springer, C. E.  
Suggs, Charles C.  
Tuma, Gerald

Absent

Bruce, John B.  
Everett, Mark R.  
Heller, Ben I.  
Hollomon, J. Herbert  
Roller, Duane H. D.  
Tolson, Melvin  
West, Kelly M.  
White, Raymond R.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journals of the University Senate for the special meeting on January 13, the regular meeting on January 27, and the regular meeting on February 24 were approved.

## REPORT ON LEGISLATION

Dr. Joseph C. Pray, the University Senate liaison with the Cleveland County Legislative delegation, commented briefly relative to his contacts with that group. He made statements regarding a number of bills currently before the Legislature. No action was taken by the University Senate.

## STUDENT OPTIONS WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE

Explanatory Comment

Dr. William C. Price, Dean of Admissions and Registrar, raised for consideration in October, 1968, questions relative to the authorization of credit in instances where students are called into military service in the middle of a semester. The following report contains recommendations on this matter.

Student Options When Entering Military Service -- continuedReport from the Senate Committee on Teaching and Research

March 22, 1969

A student entering the armed service of the United States during a semester in which he is enrolled may elect one of the following, depending on his eligibility at the time he leaves the institution:

1. Providing he has satisfactorily completed not less than one-half of the classroom instruction in a given course and providing he submits evidence of entry into the military service to the Registrar of the institution in which he is enrolled, he may: (a) receive credit in the department or field in which each course lies for one-half of the scheduled credit granted for satisfactory completion of said course; or (b) take an examination covering not less than three-fourths of the subject material of said course to establish full credit in that course.

NOTE: The above option shall not apply in the Graduate College except upon approval of the Graduate Council.

2. Providing he is in good academic standing, may: (2) elect 1-(a) or 1-(b), or (b) request an official withdrawal from the institution and receive full refund of fees paid for the semester.

NOTE: If the student enters military service during the term and is not in good academic standing at the time, the regular fee refund policy of the institution applies.

Duane H. D. Roller  
Leon Ciereszko

Don I. Keller  
Arthur H. Doerr  
Edward F. Blick, Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Blick presented the foregoing committee report. He moved that it be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded. Following considerable discussion the motion was PASSED.

## GRADING SYSTEM ✓

Report from the Senate Committee on Academic Standards

March 20, 1969

In regard to the grading system of the University (not including the College of Law and the School of Medicine), the Committee on Academic Standards recommends the following changes:

## Part I

1. That the Grade of "E" be eliminated.
2. That the grades of "WP", "WF" be eliminated.



Grading System -- continued

3. That the grade of "W" be used to indicate withdrawal from a course. "W" would replace "WP", "F" would replace "WF". In addition to the present practice (that of a student's withdrawing from a course before a designated date), "W" would become a neutral grade that might be given by a faculty member as a final semester grade. This would allow the faculty member to furnish this grade for the student who never attended his course, or for some other legitimate reason can only complete the course by re-enrolling in it. Legitimate reasons would not include failure in the course, and a student receiving a "W" would be assumed not to have been involved in the course enough to be in a failing category.
4. The grade of "I" would not be changed. It would be used only as a temporary grade to indicate the student had not completed all of the course work by the end of the semester. It would further indicate that the incomplete work was not of such magnitude that it could not be completed within the time allowed to replace the "I" with an appropriate permanent grade, and that it would require little if any class attendance. Under no circumstances would re-enrollment in the course be acceptable as a means of removing the "I", and in every case the requirements for removing the "I" would be specified on the grade sheet. (Exception: "I" for incomplete thesis or dissertation work would allow re-enrollment in 499 and 599).
5. It is contemplated that the change in the "W" grade would, in almost every case, eliminate the need for a faculty member to turn in a grade sheet without a grade recorded for every student. Under no circumstances will a grade report be accepted by Admissions and Records without a grade for each student listed. (The symbol "N" exists only as an internal symbol for the use of the Office of Admissions and Records).
6. That the grading of certain courses on "S-U" basis be allowed. Courses to be graded on an "S-U" basis to be identified at the discretion of the college. These courses might be a graduation requirement but would not be included in the student's grade point average. Courses vary to such an extent across the University that it seems unwise to lay down specific limits for them, other than that they be of a non-competitive nature (i.e. - "recital attendance" in the School of Music) and that the entire course be graded on this basis.
7. The "Pass-Fail" option should be available to the whole University. It should be on the same basis and within the same limits as it now exists in the College of Arts and Sciences.
8. Although it is not directly related to the grading system, it is recommended that identification of honor courses be included on the students' transcript.

Grading System -- continued

9. If approved, it is recommended that the changes supersede all previous Senate regulations pertaining to these grades. It is further recommended that the above grade changes be scheduled by the Office of Admissions and Records at the earliest practicable date. Such changes will necessitate considerable reorganization on their part, and they are best able to determine when the changes can be accomplished.

## Part II

It is recommended that graduation requirements be changed from a grade point average to an aggregate number of grade points, as follows:

For each hour of credit presented for graduation, two grade points are required.

Senate Committee on Teaching and Research

Stanley Babb, Jr.  
Willis H. Bowen  
Victor A. Elconin

David B. Kitts  
Herbert R. Hengst  
Charles Suggs,  
Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Suggs presented the foregoing committee report. He moved that the University Senate approve the nine items that make up Part I of the report. His motion was seconded. Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

Dr. Suggs then moved relative to the matter in Part II of the report as follows: The number of grade points required for graduation shall be twice the number of credits presented (exclusive of "P" and "S"). His motion was seconded.

Considerable discussion followed and Dr. David moved that consideration of Part II of the report be deferred until the April meeting of the Senate. His motion was seconded. It FAILED to pass.

The original motion by Dr. Suggs relative to Part II was PASSED.



## PROPOSED UNIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR 1970-71

Report from the Senate Committee on University Organization,  
Budget and Publications

March 6, 1969

The following calendar is proposed by Dean Price for the 1970-71 academic year. It follows the policy guide-lines established by the University Senate in 1967-68. The Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications recommends that it be adopted.

Proposed Calendar for 1970-71

1970

## First Semester

- September 8 -- Tuesday, New Student Orientation and Testing
- September 9 -- Wednesday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- September 10 -- Thursday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- September 11 -- Friday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- September 14 -- Monday, Classwork begins, 7:00 a.m.
- November 25 -- Wednesday, Thanksgiving Vacation begins, 12:00 p.m.
- November 30 -- Monday, Classwork resumed, 7:00 a.m.
- December 18 -- Friday, Christmas Vacation begins, 5:00 p.m.

1971

- January 4 -- Monday, Classwork resumed, 7:00 a.m.
- January 16 -- Saturday, Classwork First Semester ends, 12:00 p.m.
- January 18 -- Monday, Examinations begin
- January 23 -- Saturday, First Semester closes, 5:00 p.m.

## Second Semester

- January 27 -- Wednesday, New Student Orientation and Testing
- January 28 -- Thursday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- January 29 -- Friday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- February 1 -- Monday, Classwork begins, 7:00 a.m.
- March 27 -- Saturday, Spring Vacation begins, 12:00 p.m.
- April 5 -- Monday, Classwork resumed, 7:00 a.m.
- May 22 -- Saturday, Classwork Second Semester ends, 12:00 p.m.
- May 24 -- Monday, Examinations begin
- May 29 -- Saturday, Second Semester closes, 5:00 p.m.
- May 30 -- Sunday, Annual Commencement

## Summer Session

- June 7 -- Monday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- June 8 -- Tuesday, Registration, 8 - 12 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
- June 9 -- Wednesday, Classwork begins
- August 2 -- Monday, Classwork Summer Session ends, 12:00 p.m.
- August 4 -- Wednesday, Examinations begin
- August 6 -- Friday, Summer Session closes, 5:00 p.m.
- August 8 -- Sunday, Summer Commencement

Proposed University Calendar for 1970-71 -- continued

The Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications reviewed various innovative calendars for 1970-71, but found that problems of timing did not allow adequate time for consideration by the University community before adoption. We believe that substantial changes in the calendar will require near unanimous approval by students and faculty.

President Hollomon is appointing a committee of faculty, students, and others to study calendar innovations. It is hoped that an innovative calendar which has the support of the University community will be developed by this committee.

As a point of departure to initiate discussion of a new calendar for 1971-72, this committee has developed a number of policy guide-lines. We suggest that they be published in the Journal for consideration by the University Community.

Possible Policy Guide-lines for the 1971-72 Calendar

1. Eliminate final examination period. Place restrictions on days that regular examinations can be scheduled during the last one or two weeks of classes.
2. First semester to be 13-14 weeks duration beginning after Labor Day and finishing before Christmas.
3. The month of January will be devoted to a special educational period. Enrollment for this period should occur during regular fall enrollment to reduce administrative costs.
4. Second semester to be 13-14 weeks duration beginning when necessary to have commencement on or before May 31.
5. Class periods during first and second semester to be 55 minutes with 15 minutes between classes.
6. Summer session - no change.

Senate Committee on University Organization,  
Budget, and Publications

Mildred Andrews  
Rodney L. Boyes  
Jack F. Parker

Melvin Tolson  
Raymond R. White  
Frank B. Canfield,  
Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Canfield presented the foregoing committee report. He moved that the proposed calendar for 1970-71 be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and PASSED.



UNIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR 1971-72

Following consideration of the Calendar for 1970-71, Dr. Doerr made the following motion:

That the University Senate go on record as indicating to President Hollomon that the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications has the competence to develop a Calendar for 1971-72 and that the Committee should now be requested by the President's Office to do so.

The motion was seconded.

Dr. Hengst made a substitute motion that the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications come with a 1971-72 Calendar at the April meeting. This motion was NOT SECONDED.

The first motion by Dr. Doerr was PASSED.

Dr. Alley then moved that the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications bring to the Senate a Calendar for 1971-72. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SENATE

Dr. Renner moved that a special meeting of the University Senate be held on April 7. There was NO SECOND to the motion.

THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Explanatory Comment

The following report is the first of several to be prepared by study committees of the University Senate. The report was received prior to the Senate meeting on March 24. It was not formally presented to the Senate; no action was taken with regard to it.

Report from the University Senate Study Committee on Chapters 8 and 10 of The Future of the University Report

March 15, 1969

The Study Committees of the Senate were specifically designed to provide a group of faculty members who were well informed about the Report on the Future of the University. They were specifically enjoined from considering themselves as "implementation" committees. That is, their assignment and responsibility did not include developing specific implementation recommendations. Thus, the Study Committee on the "Academic Organization" and "University Organization" recommendations of the Report does not consider it either necessary or appropriate to recommend that the Senate take specific positions on the major aspects of the two chapters. Rather, it does seem appropriate to report the "findings" of the Committee.

The Future of the University -- continued

The Committee is in general agreement on the following statements:

1. The basic proposals in Chapter 10, "University Organization," have been implemented. The Vice-presidential pattern recommended by both the Panel and in the final Report has been essentially developed. However, the system of Councils has not been modified according to the needs of the new structure.

2. There are several questions about the basic proposal in Chapter 8, that is, the "Provost" system, which it should be emphasized, represents a major modification in the academic organization of the University.

a. The "Provost" system proposal is not developed in the Report in sufficient detail to make possible an understanding of its operation by the General Faculty. Most of the arguments that gained the attention of the Committee were the result of this incomplete information. The "Provost" system, then, as proposed in the Report, can be found neither good nor bad, helpful nor hurtful, possible nor impossible. Certain advantages are claimed for the system, but they are not clear to all of us.

b. Under the proposed system, the present academic units (disciplines) will report to the Office of the Provost through a Vice-Provost (the "officer" referred to in the Report, p. 116). Reporting also to the Provost will be the College Deans, who are responsible for all Collegiate matters. The net effect will be to split the present functions of the Deans between the Vice Provosts and the Deans. In terms of the Report, the "Relevance" and "Competence" functions of the academic structures can be more adequately served by separating them organizationally. The Report holds that both are presently being administered through the Offices of the several Deans, and that they can be more effectively administered if the "Disciplinary" or "Competence" (hence departmental development and co-ordination) function is removed from realm of the dean's office. Since this system has not been conclusively tested, its validity must rest on successful implementation.

c. Several issues that are apparently a result of the incompleteness of the proposal have been identified and discussed by the Committee. For example:

Would the new system facilitate the addition of new colleges?

Will administrative costs be excessive in the new system?

Will a student, under a new system, have greater freedom to cut across conventional lines?

Will the establishment of new colleges facilitate the rise of interdisciplinary programs?

What will be the basis for the development of a workable grouping of academic units under Vice-Provosts?



The Future of the University -- continued

- d. There was considerable sentiment within the Committee that, in the event of the implementation of the "Provost" system, a Continuing Faculty Over-sight and Evaluation Committee be established for the purpose of designing and conducting an evaluation of the operation of the new structure, of its impact on departmental development, of its impact on the development of a more meaningful set of undergraduate programs, and of its effect on the faculty and students.
3. Another major reorganization proposal described in Chapter 8 deals with the structure of the departments. The Committee agreed that it would be a serious error to remove departmental chairmen from Committee A membership. However, it would be advisable to develop procedures that require a chairman to submit a separate recommendation on each formal departmental action.

Senate Study Committee on Chapters 8 and 10 of The  
Future of the University Report

John Bruhn, Medicine	John Lancaster, Botany
Robert A. Ford, Finance	George Reid, Civil Engr.
Arnulf Hagen, Chemistry	Duane Roller, History
J. Teague Self, Zoology	Thomas Wiggins, Education
Herbert R. Hengst, Education	-- Chairman

## ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, April 28, 1969. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 16.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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