

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, April 28, 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
Babb, Stanley E., Jr.
Blick, Edward F.
Bowen, Willis H.
Boyes, Rodney L.
Brixey, John C.
Bruce, John B.
Christian, Sherril D.
Ciereszko, Leon S.
David, Paul R.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Elconin, Victor A.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Fite, Gilbert C.

Present

Goggans, Travis P.
Harden, Darrell
Hengst, Herbert R.
Hoy, Harry E.
Kendall, J. L.
Kitts, David B.
Lancaster, John H.
Nordby, Gene M.
Olkinetzky, Sam
Parker, Jack F.
Renner, John W.
Smith, Thomas M.
Springer, C. E.
Tuma, Gerald
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Canfield, Frank B.
Elkouri, Frank
Everett, Mark R.
Hart, Frances
Heller, Ben I.
Henderson, George
Hilbert, Richard
Hollomon, J. Herbert
Pray, Joseph
Roller, Duane H. D.
Suggs, Charles C.
Tolson, Melvin B.
West, Kelly M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting on March 24, 1969, was approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT HOLLOWOM

Proposed Calendar for 1970-71 -- President Hollomon has indicated his approval of the calendar submitted by the University Senate on March 25, 1969, (see the Journal of the University Senate, March 24, 1969, page 5).

Grade Point Average for Graduation -- On April 14, 1969, President Hollomon sent the following memorandum to the Chairman of the University Senate (reference: The Journal of the University Senate, March 24, 1969, page 4).

The recommendation of the University Senate of March 25, 1969, pertaining to "Grade Point Average for Graduation" is one on which I think I should have the points of view of the various colleges before I act upon it.

Accordingly I am referring it to Vice President McCarter with a request that he take it up with the academic deans as soon as possible.

Action by President Hollomon -- continued

Grading System (see the Journal of the University Senate, March 24, 1969, pages 2-4). The following is a memorandum from President Hollomon to the Chairman of the University Senate on April 14, 1969.

I am in accord with the intent and substance of the Senate's recommendations pertaining to "Grading System" (File No. 1968-69-10).

Dean Price tells me, however, that there are certain details which would make for problems of administration in the regulations as presented.

I note also that the proposed regulations are not worded in such a way that they can be incorporated in published statements without re-wording (for example, "would be" would have to be changed to "shall be" or "is"). To avoid any change of the intended sense of the regulations that might come from making stylistic changes for publication, I suggest that the Senate may wish to write these regulations so that, upon approval, they may be published without change.

In order that these details may be examined before the recommendations are approved, I am returning them with the suggestion that they be reviewed with Dean Price and then returned to me for final action.

NOTE: On April 29, a re-worded statement of the University Senate recommendations was mailed to President Hollomon.

Arming of Campus Police (see the Journal of the University Senate, January 27, 1969, pages 2-3) The following is a memorandum from President Hollomon to the Chairman of the University Senate on March 18, 1969.

I am in receipt of the report from the Senate Committee relative to arming of Campus Police. I am pleased to report to the Senate that the Police Department is currently complying with the specific recommendations made by the Committee.

I have asked Mr. William T. Jones, Director of Campus Security, to make a study and report back to me on the desirability of replacing guns with tranquilizing weapons or other non-lethal types of devices as routine equipment for Police Officers.

I appreciate the efforts the Committee made in making a careful study of this question.

STUDENT LOBBY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

On March 27, 1969, Mr. Ken Sala, Coordinator, OU Student Lobby for Higher Education, requested an opportunity to appear before the University Senate in April. Accompanied by Mr. Bill Coe, Mr. Sala, on April 28, presented information relative to the development and past program of the Student Lobby for Higher Education. Mr. Sala indicated that the Lobby needs the help of faculty members in promoting its drive for better higher education.

Dr. Fite moved that the appropriate Senate Committee meet with members of the Student Lobby for Higher Education to consider matters of mutual concern. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

This matter was immediately referred to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Dr. Donald J. Berthrong, Chairman, Ad Hoc Anti-Discrimination Committee, commented briefly to the Senate on April 28. He indicated that following about one year of study the Committee has filed with the Secretary of the University Senate a full report.

That report will be circulated to the Senate members prior to May 12 -- on that date it will be considered by the Senate. The meeting on May 12 will be a special session devoted to clearing up a number of matters before the end of the school year.

STUDENT CONGRESS RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Material presented on April 28, 1969, by members of the Student Congress

An Act Changing the Membership of the
OU Athletic Council

- Section 1: This act may be known and shall be cited as AN ACT CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE OU ATHLETIC COUNCIL.
- Section 2: The purpose of this act is to change the membership of the OU Athletic Council.
- Section 3: The membership of the OU Athletic Council shall be four faculty members, four students, one representative of the President's office and such ex-officio non-voting members as the council deems necessary.
- Section 4: This act is hereby enacted.
- Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed by the Student Congress in regular session and approved in toto by the Student President of the University of Oklahoma Student Association and the President of the University, however this act shall not be forwarded to the President of the University until such time as the Faculty Senate shall have passed on its content in its April 28th meeting.

Senate Action

Mr. Barry L. Babcock presented the foregoing Student Congress resolution. He responded to several questions that were posed by members of the University Senate.

Professor Wilson B. Prickett, Chairman, Athletic Council, commented relative to the membership of the Council and the matters that come before it. He indicated the nature of the proposal for council membership that the present Athletic Council has made to President Hollomon.

Dr. Fite moved that President Hollomon be asked by the University Senate to withhold action relative to membership of the Athletic Council until the Senate can study the matter. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

Student Congress Resolution Relative to the Athletic Council -- continued

Dr. Smith then moved that all aspects of the Athletic Council membership problem be referred to the appropriate Senate committee for a report at the next meeting. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

This matter was referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

MILITARY ACTIVITIES NEAR THE CAMPUS X

Professor Olkinetzky, on the basis of materials sent to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations, raised this matter on April 28. The following resolution was then distributed to the members of the University Senate present.

Resolution of the Student Congress of the University of Oklahoma

Whereas we understand that units from the National Guard have been training on weekends near the campus contrary to their normal procedure, and,

Whereas, the proximity of military units near the campus is undesirable, therefore,

Be it resolved that, the students and the University of Oklahoma request that the President of the University and the Board of Regents, and the Faculty Senate assist the UOSA in calling this to the Governor's attention.

Passed by the Student Congress on April 21, 1969.

Senate Action

Mr. Barry L. Babcock, representing the Student Congress, commented relative to the foregoing resolution.

Dr. Fite moved that consideration of it be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

This matter was referred to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SENATE ON MAY 12

Dr. David moved that Senate committees with tasks of immediate importance be asked to report to an extraordinary meeting of the University Senate on May 12. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA AM

Dr. Feaver commented on the release expected on April 29 of the full text of the proposed Constitution for the University of Oklahoma. He has been chairman of the committee that developed the draft to be publicized. He requested public response in writing so that the Constitution can be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

R O T C ✓

Dr. Fite raised from the floor of the University Senate consideration of ROTC and related services. In particular, he commented briefly relative to the need for study of: (1) academic courses and curricula and (2) faculty appointments, rank, tenure, etc.

Dr. Fite moved that the basic academic questions relating to ROTC on the Campus of the University of Oklahoma be referred to the appropriate committee for study. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

This matter was referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

INFORMATION ON UNIVERSITY EXPENDITURES ✓

Dr. Doerr raised from the floor of the University Senate consideration of the need of the Senate for more information relative to University expenditures.

He moved that President Hollomon be requested to supply to the University Senate, prior to the last regularly scheduled meeting in May, a breakdown in dollars and percentages of total University expenditures, for the current year and each of the preceding five years, for each of the following budgetary categories, i.e., Instruction, Organized Activities Related to Instruction, General Administration, Organized Research, and Physical Plant. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS FOR 1969-70

The Senate Committee on Committees submitted a list of nominees for the various University councils. The nominees will be considered at the Senate meeting on May 26 and a complete list will immediately thereafter be transmitted to President Hollomon.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ✓

Memorandum from President Hollomon

April 11, 1969

As indicated in the plan for the future of the University, there are several problems with respect to admission requirements in American universities, generally, and at the University of Oklahoma specifically.

Particularly the admission requirements are based upon tests which, while correlating well with performance in college, are especially dependent on the social and cultural background and type of academic preparation of the student prior to admission. Thus certain students of differing backgrounds not only are discouraged from entering the University but also find their courses of study not well adapted to their own requirements and needs. Certainly, in the extreme, a Chinese boy educated in an exclusively Chinese school in Taiwan would have difficulty getting reasonable test scores on the ACT tests or performing well in the University without in some way the University's adapting itself to his background.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements -- continued

The second problem associated with admission requirements has to do with the long range plan for the University. It has been proposed that the University will grow, over the next several years, primarily in its graduate and professional programs while its undergraduate body will only increase by 2 or 3 percent a year. As the University becomes more attractive to students through the vitalization of programs, it is expected that admission requirements will have to be changed in such a way that the size of the entering freshman class will have to be controlled.

Thus we are faced with the necessity to analyze the criteria which we wish to use for admission to the University in future years both for the purpose of enhancing the quality of the students and to be more responsible to students of a wide variety of cultural backgrounds. Therefore I am asking the University Senate promptly to undertake a study of admission standards used throughout the United States and at the University and to recommend those changes that are believed to be in the best interest of the society we serve and to the University.

Memorandum from the Chairman of the University Senate to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards -- Dr. Charles C. Suggs, Chairman

April 15, 1969

Attached is a copy of a memorandum from the President, requesting that the Senate examine undergraduate admission standards and consider possible changes in admission regulations. It seems to me desirable that the Committee on Academic Standards begin work on this as soon as possible, so I have taken the liberty of referring the task to you now, rather than waiting until our meeting on April 28. Needless to say your Committee should take into account the views of students as well as faculty and administration in this study, and in particular, seek minority group opinions. I will be happy to discuss with you or the Committee views on our admission policy that various interested persons have expressed to me.

Senate Action on April 28

This item was noted and Dr. Suggs indicated that his Committee is at work on it. A report will be made as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next session (A SPECIAL MEETING) will be held on Monday, May 12, 1969, at 4:10 p.m.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary
University Senate