

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma

Regular Session, September 29, 1969 -- 4:10 p. m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate was called to order by Dr. Sherril D. Christian,
Chairman.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Abell, Creed	Johnson, B. Connor	Fite, Gilbert C.
Alley, John N.	Kendall, J. L.	Root, Paul
Babb, Stanley E., Jr.	Kitts, David B.	Snow, James B.
Bowen, Willis H.	Lancaster, John H.	Tolson, Melvin
Bruce, John H.	Lynn, Thomas, Jr.	Williams, G. R.
Christian, Sherril D.	Norton, Spencer	Wolf, Stewart
Ciereszko, Leon S.	Olkinetzky, Sam	
Deckert, Gordon C.	Parker, Jack F.	
Doerr, Arthur H.	Parr, Arnold	
Elconin, Victor A.	Potter, Emma	
Enis, Thomas	Pray, Joseph C.	
Foote, B. L.	Roller, Duane H.	
Hall, Rufus	Shepherd, Gene	
Harden, Darrell	Smith, Thomas M.	
Henderson, George	Smouse, A. D.	
Heller, Ben L.	Springer, C. E.	
Hilbert, Richard E.	Weiss, A. Kurt	
Hollomon, J. Herbert	White, Raymond R.	
Hopla, Cluff E.	Zelby, Leon	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Rufus Hall called attention to the erroneous listing of Dr. David Whitney as the new Senator from the Center for Continuing Education (page 8, Senate Journal for May 26, 1969). He then requested that the Senate Journal be amended to indicate the election of Dr. Rufus Hall as the OCCE Senator. As amended, the Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting on May 26, 1969, was approved.

ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT

Anti-Discrimination Report: On June 30, 1969, the President's Office acknowledged receipt of the report of the University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Anti-Discrimination (see page 4 of the May 26, 1969, Journal and pages 1-3 of the May 12, 1969, Journal of the University Senate). Copies of the report were sent to the appropriate administrative officers of the University, the University Human Relations Committee, and the Student Congress.

Grading System: On August 18, 1969, President Hollomon approved the reworded recommendations (except No. 7) of the University Senate concerning grading system regulations. The Dean of Admissions and Records was directed

to put them into effect as soon as possible. Recommendation No. 7 (pass/fail option for all students except those in the College of Law and College of Medicine) was submitted to the colleges as a University Senate recommendation (see pages 2-4 of the University Senate Journal for March 24, 1969).

University Community Support of Proposed Constitution: On June 19, 1969, President Hollomon referred to the Student Congress the resolution approved by the University Senate on May 26, 1969, urging the Board of Regents to accept a minimum of two-thirds approval by each constituency of the University Community of any draft of the proposed Constitution.

UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE ✓

Vice-President Verne C. Kennedy, on June 18, 1969, requested University Senate nominations for a new standing committee to study problems and recommended vehicular traffic and parking controls.

On July 11, 1969, the Executive Committee of the University Senate submitted the following faculty nominations: Dick Bauman and Robert Foote

COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT HOLLOMON

In accordance with precedent, President Hollomon spoke to the members of the University Senate at the first meeting on September 29. In substance, his comments included the following items:

1. The University Senate should increasingly become a truly legislative and policy body representing the faculty of this University.
2. Whenever both faculty and students are involved in policy making, their views should be presented directly to the Regents rather than through the President of the University as an interpreter of their various views.
3. Hopefully, the financial support to the University Senate will be continued and increased so that, in time, the faculty can on its own merits initiate certain types of program considered necessary for the development of University policies.
4. The proposed Faculty Advisory Committee to the President would provide a forum for the discussion of University problems, without bypassing the University Senate and the normal administrative channels of the University. The faculty and student advisory committee could meet jointly a few times each year, in addition to meeting separately.

President Hollomon then read a letter from Governor Bartlett to Regent Houchin concerning statements made by President Hollomon at a recent press conference about the "financial crisis" at this University. He also read a statement released to the press by President Hollomon on September 29.

UNIVERSITY SENATE OFFICERS FOR 1969-70

The following officers were elected for the academic year, 1969-70:

Chairman: Dr. Duane H. D. Roller
Vice Chairman: Dr. Cluff E. Hopla

Dr. Roller assumed his new duties immediately and presided over the remainder of the September 29 meeting.

FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT

Memorandum from President Hollomon:

August 5, 1969

During the last year, I had the experience of continuing to meet regularly with a student advisory committee which Dr. Cross established some years ago. This experience with the students has, I think, been useful both to the Administration and to the students. However, during the last year, I have missed the opportunity of having a similar experience and relationship with members of the faculty. Had we had such a committee, I believe that there could have been a better understanding of the nature of some of the problems that the University faces and a better understanding of faculty views.

To meet this need, I propose that there be established an advisory committee to the President consisting of faculty members selected by the University Senate. This faculty committee will not make policy, is not a substitute for a policy council, nor will it try to bypass the regular relationship between the faculty and the various departments, colleges, and schools. The purpose of the committee will be to exchange views, to discuss controversial issues, and to provide a means by which the faculty can participate more fully in the University. The faculty could then have a greater influence on the President and his policies. Personally, meetings with faculty in this way would be of extreme value to me. I would intend to meet regularly with this committee at least twice a month.

I suggest that the committee consist of 12 to 15 members, that it be derived from the faculty generally representing the different disciplines, different ranks, and different ages. I hope that we can have the first meeting of this faculty advisory committee as soon after school begins as is practical.

If you agree that such a committee would be useful, I would appreciate very much your nominating to me persons you think would most effectively represent the faculty. Following your nomination, it would be my hope that the University Senate would inform all the faculty of these nominations so that others who felt that they had no adequate path by which they could do so could know to whom to speak if they wish to bring matters to the attention of the Administration.

Report From the Executive Committee of the Senate (1968-69): September 29, 1969.

In the Senate's Agenda for today is a letter from President Hollomon, proposing that the Senate establish a Faculty Advisory Committee to the

President. The Executive Committee has solicited the opinion of more than fifty faculty members regarding the soundness of his proposal and the membership of the committee if it is to be established. Without exception, those contacted have favored the formation of such a committee.

Most faculty members seem to favor having the Senate pick the committee (i. e., provide the President with the exact number of names required to make up the membership of the committee). There is also a general feeling that not more than 10 to 12 members should be appointed.

The Executive Committee recommends, therefore, that an advisory committee be appointed today, including as members Professors George Fraser, Leon Zelby, Ben Heller, Leon Unger, Joe Hobbs, Ed Crim, Walter Scheffer, John Renner, David Levy, Fred Silberstein, Elroy Rice, and William Carmack. It further recommends that the Senate Committee on Committees be charged with the responsibility for setting the length of terms of members and nominating new members, subject to approval by the Faculty Senate.

Senate Action:

As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the University Senate (1968-69), Dr. Christian presented the above report from his Committee. Dr. Hilbert moved that the report and the recommendations be accepted. The motion passed.

ACADEMIC APPEALS COURT ✓

Memorandum from President Hollomon:

June 11, 1969

The following Resolution pertaining to the establishment of an academic appeals court has been adopted by the Student Congress and forwarded to me for consideration:

TEXT of the RESOLUTION

- Whereas: The Student Congress recognizes the desire of the membership of the University of Oklahoma Student Association for the establishment of an Academic Appeals Court for protection against prejudicial or capricious academic evaluations or decisions; and
- Whereas: At least two Big Eight schools (Kansas State and Iowa State) have already established such courts; and
- Whereas: The "Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students," written and approved by ten national educational associations (American Association of University Professors, Association of American Colleges, U. S. National Student Association, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, National Association of Women Deans and Counselors,

American Council on Education, Association of American Universities, Association for Higher Education, Association of State Colleges and Universities, American College Personnel Association) under the auspices of the American Association of University Professors, states in Section II (In the Classroom), Point B ("Protection Against Improper Academic Evaluation"), that "Students should have protection through orderly procedures against prejudicial or capricious academic evaluation."

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Student Congress of the University of Oklahoma:

- Section 1: That the Drafting Committee for the University Constitution of the University of Oklahoma establish through the University Constitution an Academic Appeals Court and such lower courts as are deemed necessary.
- Section 2: That the Academic Appeals Court and any lower courts be composed of student members and faculty members in equal number, plus a non-voting faculty member to preside.
- Section 3: That the student members of the Academic Appeals Court and any lower courts be appointed by the Student Body President of the UOSA with the advice and consent of the Student Congress of the UOSA.
- Section 4: That the Academic Appeals Court (or a lower court) shall hear all cases in which the grading procedures of a faculty member are brought into question, and shall hear all other appeals concerning grievances of an academic nature (e. g., the acceptance of transfer credit).
- Section 5: That all decisions made by a lower court in the Academic Appeals structure be appealable to the Academic Appeals Courts.
- Section 6: That decision reached by the Academic Appeals Court, or any lower court (with the exception of appealed cases), be final and effective (e. g., if the Court decides that a grade should be changed, then it will be promptly changed by Admissions and Records).

I am referring this action of the Student Congress to the University Senate.

Senate Action:

Dr. Christian reported that this matter was recently referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards. He then moved that no action be taken on this proposal until the Senate Committee on Academic Standards has had time to study the matter and make its report to the University Senate. His motion was approved.

UNIVERSITY SPEAKERS BUREAU

Memorandum from President Hollomon:

June 11, 1969

An act of the Student Congress pertaining to the establishment of a University Speakers Bureau has been forwarded to me for consideration.

I am referring this action of the Student Congress to the University Senate for consideration.

TEXT of the ACT

Title: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SPEAKERS BUREAU

- Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SPEAKERS BUREAU.
- Section 2: The purpose of the Speakers Bureau shall be to provide the student and university community of the University of Oklahoma with the opportunity to hear prominent, competent or interesting speakers at the University of Oklahoma.
- Section 3: The Speakers Bureau shall be composed of six students appointed in the regular manner, three faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate, one representative of the Vice-President of the University Community, and the Director of Student Activities who shall serve as Executive Secretary with a vote.
- Section 4: The Speakers Bureau shall not establish a policy that restricts speakers or excludes speakers on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or political belief.
- Section 5: Upon passage of this bill by the Student Congress, copies shall be sent to the Student President of the University of Oklahoma Student Association, the President of the Faculty Senate, and the President of the University of Oklahoma.
- Section 6: The University of Oklahoma Speakers Bureau is hereby established.
- Section 7: This act shall become effective when duly passed by the Student Congress in regular session and approved in toto by the President of the University of Oklahoma Student Association and the President of the University of Oklahoma.

Report from the Committee on Student and Public Relations: September 29, 1969.

The Committee on Student and Public Relations recommends that the University Senate recognize the Student Congress Bill No. Ext-3 establishing a University of Oklahoma Speakers Bureau by appointing three faculty members to serve on the Bureau.

John N. Alley
Sam Olkinetzky, Chairman

Senate Action:

Professor Olkinetzky moved that the report of his Committee be accepted and that three faculty members be appointed to serve on the Speakers Bureau. The motion was approved.

ENROLLMENT AS AN AUDITOR ✓

Memorandum from Dr. Robert Bailey, Director of Registration: July 14, 1969

Enclosed is a suggested revised statement regarding enrollment as an Auditor in the University of Oklahoma. The first policy regarding "Auditors" was approved June, 1958. It was not a complete policy statement. It is recommended that the University Senate consider and approve the enclosed statement concerning audit enrollment. If there are any questions concerning this matter, I would be glad to meet with the appropriate subcommittee.

"Enrollment as an Auditor is permitted in all courses subject to the approval of the instructor in the course and the dean of the college in which the course is offered. Enrollment as an Auditor may be completed only between the first day of classes and the last day permitted for late enrollment for credit in any semester or term. A change of enrollment from Audit to credit, or from credit to Audit, may be made provided the change is made not later than the second week of classes of a semester or the first week of classes of a summer term, and providing the instructor and appropriate dean approve. Enrollment as an Auditor is indicated on the student's permanent academic record void of credit hours with the final mark of AU (identified as Audit), subject to the same posting regulations governing the entry of a credit enrollment. Fees for enrollment as an Auditor are the same as fees for enrollment for credit. An auditor only may withdraw during the fee refund period. Fee refunds for withdrawing from an Audit only enrollment are the same as for withdrawing from a credit enrollment, but the withdrawal will be processed as a cancellation so that no entry of the enrollment will appear on the student's permanent academic record."

Senate Action:

Dr. Smith moved that the request from the Director of Registration be referred to the Committee on Courses and Curricula and reported at the next regular meeting of the University Senate. The motion was approved.

UNIVERSITY MAIL SYSTEM ✓

Dr. Babb commented that the recently revised mail distribution system on the campus has caused serious problems and has resulted in delayed mail deliveries. He added that the faculty exchange mail is delivered on the campus faster than the Federal mail.

Senate Action:

Dr. Babb moved that this matter of delayed mail delivery be referred to the University Organization, Budget, and Publications Committee of the University Senate. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:12 p. m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, October 27, 1969; in Room 241 of the Student Union. Items for the Agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Wednesday, October 15.

Anthony S. Lis, Secretary