

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma

Regular Session, March 30, 1970 --- 4:10 p. m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate was called to order by Dr. Duane Roller, Chairman.

<u>Present:</u>	Alley, John N.	Henderson, George	Potter, Erma
	Babb, S. E., Jr.	Hilbert, Richard	Pray, Joseph C.
	Bowen, Willis H.	Hopla, Cluff E.	Roller, Duane H.
	Ciereszko, Leon S.	Kendall, J. L.	Shepherd, Gene
	Elconin, Victor A.	Lancaster, John N.	Smouse, A. D.
	Enis, Thomas	Norton, Spencer	Springer, C. E.
	Foote, B. L.	Parker, Jack F.	White, Raymond
	Hall, Rufus	Parr, Arnold	Zelby, Leon

<u>Absent:</u>	Abell, Creed	Hollomon, J. H.	Snow, James B., Jr.
	Bruce, John B.	Johnson, B. Connor	Tolson, Melvin B.
	Deckert, Gordon C.	Kitts, David B.	Weiss, A. Kurt
	Doerr, Arthur	Lynn, Thomas, Jr.	Williams, G. Rainey
	Harden, Darrell	Olkinetzky, Sam	Wolf, Stewart
	Heller, Ben I.	Root, Paul	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting on February 23, 1970, was approved.

ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT

Athletics Council:

On March 24, 1970, President J. Herbert Hollomon reported to the Secretary of the University Senate that Dr. Melvin B. Tolson (Modern Languages) had accepted a Presidential appointment to the University Athletics Council to complete the unexpired term (1967-70) of the late Professor C. M. Stookey.

Dr. Roller, Chairman of the University Senate, received the following letter, dated March 26, 1970, from President J. Herbert Hollomon:

"At their meeting on Tuesday, March 24, the University Regents approved the recommendation of the student, faculty, alumni conference committee that the composition of the Athletics Council be changed to the following:

- 1 chairman from the faculty
- 4 additional members from the faculty
- 2 student members
- 2 student alternates
- 2 alumni members
- 2 alumni alternates

"The Regents expressed appreciation for the time and effort expended by all of those concerned with this matter. They asked that the conference committee be commended for working seriously on the problem and taking into consideration the requests of all segments of the University Community in submitting a recommendation on restructuring the Athletics Council.

"I will appreciate it if the University Senate will submit at an early date nominations for the five faculty positions to be filled."

Chapter IV, "The Future of the University":

President J. Herbert Hollomon wrote as follows to the Chairman of the University Senate, on March 20, 1970:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of the Graduate Council Study Committee Report and the University Senate Ad Hoc Committee Report concerning Chapter IV of "The Future of the University." These were forwarded to me following action of the University Senate at the February 23 meeting.

"Please assure the Senate that, as in the past, their views will be taken into consideration by the administration in implementing the long-range plans for the University. The time and effort spent by members of the faculty in preparing these studies is appreciated very much indeed.

"Again, thank you for forwarding these reports to me."

University Policy on Equal Opportunity:

Dr. Roller read the following letter of March 26, 1970, from President J. Herbert Hollomon:

"At their meeting on March 24, 1970, the Board of Regents reaffirmed the policy on equal opportunity in effect at the University of Oklahoma, as follows:

With respect to the admission and education of students, with respect to the availability of student loans, grants, scholarships, and job opportunities, with respect to the employment and promotion of academic and nonacademic personnel, with respect to the student and faculty activities conducted on premises owned or occupied by the University, and with respect to student and faculty housing situated on premises owned or occupied by the University, the University of Oklahoma shall not discriminate either in favor or against any person on account of his or her race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or political belief; however, restrictions on age and sex based on bona fide employee retirement policies and job requirements or generally accepted and socially approved distinctions in housing, sanitary facilities, athletics and similar facilities or activities are accepted.

"This policy statement will be printed in all University catalogs and bulletins and in other appropriate official University publications. In addition, it should be posted in such areas as Employment Services, the Housing Offices, the Admissions Office, and so forth.

"I will appreciate it if you will report this reaffirmation by the Board of Regents to the University Senate."

FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Dr. Roller, Chairman of the University Senate, called attention to the fact that, under the provisions of the proposed Senate Charter to be considered by the general faculty of the University late in April, 1970, (see pages 4-8 of the Journal of the University Senate for March 23, 1970) some members of the general faculty (e. g., the University Library professional staff members holding academic rank) will be denied the opportunity of voting for a member of the University Senate. In the ensuing debate, the Senate discussed the rationale behind the Senate Charter Committee's omission in the proposed Charter of any general faculty representation on the Senate and, without taking formal action, considered proposals for providing some general faculty representation.

Dr. Foote moved that the members of the general faculty who are not members of a degree-recommending division of the University shall be treated as a separate division. In a voice vote without opposition, the Senate approved this motion and accordingly amended the first paragraph in the first section, Composition, (of the University Senate), of the proposed Charter of the General Faculty and the University Senate.

AVAILABILITY OF ACADEMIC MATERIALS

Dr. John Alley, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations, reported that his Committee will represent the University Senate on the joint University Senate-Student Association Committee to study the availability of academic materials as authorized by the University Senate (see page 7 of the Journal of the University Senate for January 26, 1970). As yet, the joint Committee has not held a meeting.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP ON THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Background Information:

On January 7, 1970, the President of the Association of Graduate Assistants at the University of Oklahoma requested that two graduate assistants be appointed to the University Senate with full privileges and responsibilities.

This matter was referred to the Senate Charter Committee. (See pages 7 and 8 of the Journal of the University Senate for January 26, 1970).

Senate Action:

Dr. Leon Zelby, a member of the Senate Charter Committee, stated that the Committee made a provision for student representation (both graduate and undergraduate) in the proposed Charter for the University Senate (see page 6 of

the Journal of the University Senate for February 23, 1970) and excluded members of the teaching staff working toward advanced degrees. Dr. Hall moved acceptance of this recommendation. Inasmuch as the voice vote was indeterminate, the question was put to a vote by a show of hands. The Senate accepted the motion and, in effect, denied the request of the Association of Graduate Assistants by a vote of 16 members in favor and 4 against the motion.

S-U GRADES IN SPECIFIC COURSES

Background Information:

On January 3, 1970, the Dean of the Graduate College requested University Senate opinion as to whether "S-U" grades must or may be given in certain courses. (See page 8 of the Journal of the University Senate for January 26, 1970). This question was referred to the University Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

Senate Action:

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Dr. Babb moved acceptance of the Committee recommendation that "S-U" grades may be given in the courses specified, at the discretion of the instructor concerned. In a voice vote without opposition, the Senate approved the recommendation.

TIAA-CREF PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Jack Parker, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, reported that another committee is also studying this problem and that his Committee is attempting to coordinate the various efforts.

UNIVERSITY MAIL SYSTEM

Dr. Jack Parker, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, stated that he had recently received a report from Vice President Verne Kennedy concerning the University mail system. (See pages 7 and 8 of the University Senate Journal for September 29, 1969). The Committee, however, has not had sufficient time to study the report and prepare its recommendations for University Senate consideration.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS: 1970-71, 1971-72, and 1971 Summer Session

Dr. Jack Parker, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, moved acceptance of the Committee recommendation that the University Senate officially record its approval of the calendars for the 1970-71 and 1971-72 academic years and for the 1971 summer session as announced by the Dean of Admissions and Registrar on March 9, 1970. (See pages 5 and 6 of the University Senate Journal for January 26, 1970).

The Senate approved the three calendars in a voice vote without opposition.

CHANGES IN THE 1970 SUMMER SESSION CALENDAR ✓

Dr. Jack Parker, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, moved that the following changes be authorized in the calendar for the 1970 summer session:

- (1) Eliminate one day of instruction on Monday, August 3. The last day for classes would be Saturday, August 1.
- (2) Eliminate the final examination period scheduled for August 5-6. (This is done in the announced summer session schedule for 1971).
- (3) Change Commencement from Sunday, August 9, to Sunday, August 2.

In a voice vote without opposition, the Senate approved the changes in the 1970 summer session calendar.

STUDY OF BUDGETARY PROPOSALS ✓

Dr. Jack Parker, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, reported on that Committee's conference on March 17, 1970, with Vice President Gene Nordby concerning the budgetary proposals recently initiated by his office. (See page 11 of the University Senate Journal for November 24, 1969, and pages 4 and 5 of the University Senate Journal for January 26, 1970). Inasmuch as the proposals are still being studied and revised, the Committee had no recommendations to make at this time. Dr. Hall expressed the hope that the administration would keep the University Senate informed about subsequent developments.

FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENTS ✓

Dr. Jack Parker, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, moved acceptance of the Committee recommendation that the second paragraph on page 18, in the section entitled, "Participation in Commencement," of the Faculty Handbook (fall, 1962) be deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefor:

"Each full-time member of the faculty for the academic year, September to June, and for the summer session, June to August, is encouraged to participate in the June and August commencements. The chairman of each department will compile on a rotational basis a list of faculty members comprising no less than one-third of the total membership of his department who will be expected to participate in each commencement."

During the ensuing discussion, Dr. Raymond White, the Academic Marshal, reported that the University Provost, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, had disapproved a similar recommendation of the Commencement Committee on the grounds that the employment contract calls for commencement participation by all faculty members.

The Senate approved the recommendation in a voice vote with some opposition.

STUDENT EVALUATION OF TEACHERS

The Chairman of the University Senate received the following request, dated March 10, 1970, from the Chairman, Student Action, and the Co-Chairman, Teacher Evaluation Committee of the Student Association:

"In order to give students a chance to voice opinions concerning different aspects of academic life, Student Action has set up a Teacher Evaluation Committee. The same idea was tried last year but response was limited.

"To make response easier this year, we are asking that the questionnaires be distributed by teachers and turned into department heads. We feel that the response would be greater and we could gain a representative sample.

"For this reason, we are asking the Faculty Senate to look at this idea and recommend it to their associates. As time does play a factor, we would like to ask that this be placed on the agenda for March. We hope to be able to release some of the results before school is out this Spring.

"Mr. McCarter has been contacted about this and was very favorable to the idea.

"Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated."

Copies of the questionnaire were distributed at the March 30, 1970, meeting of the University Senate. Although a representative of the Student Association was present at the March 30 meeting, no questions were raised from the floor. Without any discussion, the Senate approved Dr. Babb's motion that the University Senate recommend the use of the evaluation form by the faculty.

ROTC

Dr. Roller, Chairman of the University Senate, read the following memorandum of March 19, 1970, from Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Provost of the University:

"Is the Senate going to bring out a report on ROTC this spring?"

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards has been studying this matter for some time. (See page 5 of the University Senate Journal for the special meeting on May 12, 1969).

UNIVERSITY SENATE NOMINATIONS
FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Dr. Springer, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Committees called attention to his Committee's current problem in submitting nominations for faculty vacancies on the Athletics Council. After some discussion of this matter, Dr. Hall moved that the University Senate adopt the policy of nominating two (2) faculty members for every vacancy on major University Councils. In a voice vote, the Senate approved the motion without opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:02 p. m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, April 27, 1970, in Room 165 of the Student Union. Items for the Agenda should be in the office of the Secretary by Wednesday, April 15.

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Secretary

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