

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma

Regular Session, April 27, 1970 -- 4:10 p.m.
Student Union Building, Room 155

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting on March 30, 1970, was approved.

ACTION BY PRESIDENT HOLLOMON

Academic Calendars - 1970-71, 1971-72, and summer sessions, 1970 and 1971:

On March 30, 1970, President J. Herbert Hollomon reported to the Secretary, University Senate, that slightly revised calendars for 1970-71 and 1971-72 have been approved. Copies of the two calendars were recently distributed by the Dean of Admissions to all faculty members. (See page 13 of the University Senate Journal for February 23, 1970, and pages 5 and 6 of the University Senate Journal for January 26, 1970.)

On April 13, 1970, President J. Herbert Hollomon approved the changes recommended by the University Senate in the calendar for the 1970 summer session. (See page 5 of the University Senate Journal for March 30, 1970.)

Revised Statement - Audit Enrollment:

On April 15, 1970, President J. Herbert Hollomon approved the revised statement concerning enrollment as an auditor that had been recommended by the University Senate. (See pages 4 and 5 of the University Senate Journal for January 26, 1970.)

RESIGNATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Dr. G. Rainey Williams, Department of Surgery, Medical Center, on April 14, 1970, submitted his resignation as a representative of the Medical Center. The Medical Center has been requested to elect a substitute representative to the University Senate to complete the unexpired portion of Dr. Williams' 1969-72 term.

ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

Background Information:

At its regular meeting on February 23, 1970, the University Senate approved the recommendation of its Committee on Academic Standards to authorize the establishment of an academic appeals board in the various degree-granting colleges. (See pages 8-10 of the Journal of the University Senate for February 23, 1970.) On March 30, 1970, President Hollomon wrote as follows to the Chairman of the University Senate:

"In accordance with your discussion with Dr. McCarter about the action of the University Senate on the Academic Appeals Board, I am returning herewith the Senate recommendation. It is my understanding that the Senate will give further consideration to certain points included in the recommendation and return it for my action."

Senate Action:

Dr. Kitts, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Academic Standards, reported that the University Provost had called attention to the possibility of having boards in the following three colleges involved concurrently in a single case:

- The college in which the course was taught.
- The college of the student.
- The college in which the course is located.

To preclude such a jurisdictional impasse, the Committee recommended that any academic appeal be heard by the appeals board in the undergraduate college in which both the course and the instructor are located. Any 499 (thesis) and 599 (dissertation) appeals would have to await consideration by a Graduate College appeals board.

In a voice vote without opposition, the Senate approved Dr. Kitts' motion to accept the recommended clarification.

ROTC

Background Information:

At its special meeting on May 12, 1969, the University Senate referred the matter of the ROTC program at this University to its Committee on Academic Standards. (See page 5 of the Journal of the University Senate for May 12, 1969).

Senate Action:

Dr. Kitts, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Academic Standards, distributed at this meeting duplicated copies of the following report of that Committee:

"The Committee makes the following recommendation:

1. That the ROTC programs at the University of Oklahoma be **continued** on their present voluntary basis.
2. That a standing University committee be established to facilitate interaction between the ROTC programs and other University programs, and further to:
 - a. Advise the President and the Provost on all matters concerning military education on campus.
 - b. Review and recommend to the Provost all proposed ROTC instructional appointments, and participate in any on campus interviews for the commanding officers of each unit.
3. The committee should consist of nine faculty members, two students, one of whom should be in the ROTC program, and one of the commanding officers of the ROTC units.
4. The committee is in agreement with the resolution passed by the AAUP convention (May 3, 1969) to the effect that faculty status should be accorded only those instructors appointed by procedures applicable to the faculty as a whole. Accordingly, we recommend that dossiers on prospective officers be submitted to the University for approval, and, whenever possible, on-campus interviews should be conducted.
5. The committee recommends that the question of credit toward degree programs be decided by the faculties of the degree-granting colleges. Decisions concerning acceptability of academic credit should be made solely on the basis of academic merit, and the same standards should be applied to courses in the ROTC programs as to all other courses at the University.
6. The committee recommends finally that efforts be made to integrate more completely the members of the ROTC units into the University Community. An important step in this direction would be to include them in committee appointments, seminars, etc., within the usual University framework."

He commented that the report is based on these two premises: (1) that there is no general feeling against the ROTC program on this campus and (2) that most of the individuals approached by that Committee felt that it was important that non-military institutions participate in providing military officers. Dr. Kitts also reported considerable feeling arising out of the current Viet Nam controversy. In the opinion of the Committee, all aspects of this matter should be studied by a proposed University Committee.

Dr. Kitts then moved approval of the Committee recommendations. In the ensuing discussion, he stressed the need for bringing the procedures used in making ROTC instructional appointments as close as possible to those used for other faculty appointments on this campus, including Committee examinations of personnel dossiers and on-campus interviews if possible. In a voice vote without opposition, the Senate approved the report of the Committee.

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTION ✓

Background Information:

On October 15, 1969, President Hollomon presented to the University Regents for their information the resolution passed by the University Senate on May 26, 1969, (see page 8 of the University Senate Journal for May 26, 1969) concerning a recommended minimum two-thirds approval of any draft of the proposed Constitution by the legislative body of each constituency of the University Community.

On April 6, 1970, the University Constitution Drafting Committee distributed to the faculty individual copies of the draft of the proposed University Constitution.

Senate Action:

Dr. Rufus Hall moved approval of the draft of the Constitution as distributed.

Dr. Roller, Chairman of the University Senate, called upon Dr. Clayton Feaver, Chairman of the University Constitution Drafting Committee, to answer any questions that the Senate might have. In replying to a request for an outline of the important changes made since the spring of 1969, Dr. Feaver reported that the Committee had considered the various criticisms, suggestions, and comments contributed by the various elements of the University community during the past year. He specifically called attention to the following four major changes in the draft as originally presented last spring:

- (a) The term administration has been defined in greater detail.
- (b) Under a new formula for the composition of the tribunal, the faculty can elect to have a majority in any given case.
- (c) The article concerning rights and responsibilities has been moved to the beginning of the Constitution.
- (d) A new article (The Future of the University) has been added.

Professor Whitney, a member of the Constitution Drafting Committee, stressed the point that the Constitution draft was intentionally written in abstract terms to serve as a general framework within which the more substantive issues can be subsequently handled. He cited the pertinent example of permitting a separate charter for the general faculty of the University.

At this point, Dr. Zelby expressed his personal opposition, as well as that of some of his colleagues in the College of Engineering, to the abstract language of the draft of the Constitution. He called attention to Articles 2, 4, and 10 and emphasized his feeling that the wording the document was so abstract as to allow for many and varied interpretations. He then offered the substitute motion that a Senate Committee be appointed to look into some of the details of

the draft of the Constitution, communicate with interested individuals--whether members of the Senate Charter Committee or the general faculty--and make appropriate recommendations to the University Senate. In his opinion, the importance of the document merited further Senate study and recommendations.

The voice vote on the substitute motion was indeterminable, and the question was put to a vote by a show of hands. The motion was defeated by the Senate.

In further discussion, Dr. Feaver stated that, if any substantive changes were made following an action of approval by the Senate, the draft would be returned to the University Senate. Otherwise, only incidental revisions in wording, usage, punctuation, and the like would be made by the Drafting Committee without further referral to the University Senate.

At this time, the University Senate gave permission to Mr. John Yack to speak to the group. As Co-Chairman of the Oklahoma University Employees Executive Council, Mr. Yack pleaded for a delay of about two weeks in taking final action on the draft of the Constitution. He reported that the three non-academic employee groups on the campus are in disagreement concerning the Constitution draft. He sought the additional time to attempt to effect a compromise among the employee groups.

Dr. Babb then moved that the question of the Constitution draft be tabled until the next meeting of the University Senate on Monday, May 25, 1970. In a voice vote with some opposition, the Senate approved the tabling motion.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Dr. Springer, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Committees, moved acceptance of the following nominations for vacancies on the University Councils as indicated:

Athletics Council - (3 to be appointed)

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| (1) | Samuel Chapman | Political Science |
| (2) | Joe Coulter | Aviation |
| (3) | Oscar Parsons | Medical Center |
| (4) | Nelson Peach | Economics |
| (5) | Melvin Tolson | Modern Languages |
| (6) | Michael Wells | English |

(The holdover members are Leroy Rice and Gerald Tuma).

Budget Council - (3 to be appointed)

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| (1) | Jimmy Abbott | Modern Languages |
| (2) | R. D. Daniels | Chemical Engr. &
Materials Science |
| (3) | R. L. DuBois | Geology |
| (4) | Bernard Heston | Chemistry |
| (5) | Richard Hilbert | Sociology |
| (6) | A. J. Kondonassis | Economics |

- (7) Walter Scheffer Political Science
- (8) Lee Streebin Civil Engr. & Environmental Science
- (9) Stewart Wilcox English

(Nine people were called before the action of the Senate to require only six nominations).

Extension Council - (3 to be appointed)

- (1) Tom Curtis Economics
- (2) Herbert Frings Zoology
- (3) George Huffman Geology
- (4) Ed Klehr Civil Engr. & Environmental Science
- (5) Fred Silberstein Sociology
- (6) Richard Wells Political Science

Council on Faculty Personnel - (4 to be appointed)

- (1) Weldon Aldridge Civil Eng. & Environmental Science
- (2) Ed Crim Economics
- (3) John Francis Aerospace & Mechanical Engr.
- (4) James Goodman Geography
- (5) C. W. Harper, Jr. Geology
- (6) Kenneth Merrill Philosophy
- (7) Ed Nuttal Speech
- (8) Joe Pray Political Science

Council on Instruction - (3 to be appointed)

- (1) Raymond D. Larson Drama
- (2) David Levy History
- (3) Tom Miller Psychology
- (4) T. H. Milby Library Science
- (5) J. T. Stone Geology
- (6) Joe Whitecotton Anthropology

University Libraries Council - (3 to be appointed)

- (1) Richard D. Baker Political Science
- (2) Richard Day Physics
- (3) Jack Kanak Psychology
- (4) James H. Sims English
- (5) A. J. Weinheimer Chemistry
- (6) L. R. Wilson Geology

Council on Planning and Development - (2 to be appointed)

- (1) F. J. Appl Aerospace and Mechanical Engr.
- (2) Gene Bavinger Art
- (3) Jack Robinson Economics
- (4) Jonathan Spurgeon History

Council on Student Activities and Welfare - (2 to be appointed)

- (1) John Alley Modern Languages
- (2) James Henkle Art
- (3) Jeffrey Marshall English
- (4) Jerome Weber Physical Education

The Senate approved the entire list of faculty nominees.

In this connection, Dr. Roller read the following memorandum of April 20, 1970, from Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, University Provost, to President Hollomon concerning the recent Senate action to reduce the number of nominations for University Council vacancies from three to two individuals:

"I note in the University Senate Journal for March that the Senate took action to reduce the number of nominees for each faculty vacancy on University Council from three to two.

"I hope that you will not approve this action without discussion. I have worked with these nominations for a number of years. The number of nominees for each vacancy used to be two; it was raised to three because of the problems we were having. We still have these problems, though in lesser degree. I am thinking of such problems as changes of plans by people who have been nominated, carelessness in making up the lists of nominations, nominees' refusals to serve, and the like -- all of which reduce the number of choices that the rules represent in theory. The Senate's latest action would reduce the choices by one-third before the other causes set it."

(See page 6 of the University Senate Journal for March 30, 1970).

The memorandum is being referred to the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - MARRIED PROFESSIONAL WOMEN ✓

On April 13, 1970, Dr. Gail Jacobson, Visiting Professor of Home Economics, wrote as follows to Dr. Roller, Chairman of the University Senate:

"I do not know the circumstances that caused the Board of Regents to 'reaffirm the policy on equal opportunity' which was printed in the Journal of the University Senate, March 30, 1970. However, I would like to point out that this University blatantly does not provide equal opportunity for professional women married to faculty members. Perhaps I am misjudging the purpose of the letter. Perhaps it was a reaffirmation of a continuing bias against married professional women."

With permission of the University Senate, Dr. Jacobson offered additional comments. Her husband, Dr. Ralph A. Jacobson, is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. She stated that her visiting professor status denied her tenure, sabbatical leave, and voting privileges at general faculty meetings. Dr. Roller called attention to the current regulation that, on the basis of anti-nepotism, allows only one member of a family to hold a regular, full-time appointment.

Dr. Spencer Norton, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, moved that this matter be referred to his Committee for study of all aspects of this question, including a re-examination of the language of the state law involved. The Senate approved the motion to refer the matter to the Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel.

Dr. Kitts offered the additional suggestion that the study not be limited to those with visiting professor appointments but also include members of the general faculty.

UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Background Information:

On May 26, 1969, the University Senate approved the report of its Ad Hoc Committee on Anti-Discrimination that called for the establishment of a permanent special committee. (See page 5 of the University Senate Journal for the regular session on May 26, 1969, and pages 1-3 of the University Senate Journal for the special session on May 12, 1969).

Senate Action:

In calling attention to the fact that no such committee has been formed, Dr. Alley moved that the Senate reaffirm its action on May 26, 1969, and the appropriate Committee be appointed to act as a watchdog on the activities and the deliberations of the University Committee on Minority Problems. The Senate approved the motion.

LIAISON WITH STUDENT LOBBY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Background Information:

On May 26, 1969, the University Senate approved the report from its Committee for Student and Public Relations that called for the appointment of an ad hoc committee to work in direct conference with the Executive Coordinator and other officers of the Student Lobby for Higher Education. (See pages 4 and 5 of the University Senate Journal for May 26, 1969.)

Senate Action:

In calling attention to the fact that no such committee has ever been formed, Dr. Alley moved that the Senate reaffirm its action on May 26, 1969, and that such an ad hoc committee be established. The Senate approved the motion.

CHANGES IN DRAFT OF UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTION

In commenting on the Senate decision at this meeting to table final consideration of the draft of the University Constitution, Dr. Zelby moved that the Secretary of the University Senate communicate with the Chairman of the University Constitution Drafting Committee to request that any additional changes being made in the Constitution draft be brought to the attention of the

University Senate. The motion was approved in a voice vote without opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, May 25, 1970. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, May 13.

Anthony S. Lis
Secretary

