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The University of Oklahoma
Norman

Regular Session - January 25, 1971 - 3:30 p.m.

The University Senate was called to order by Dr. Rufus Hall, Chairman-Elect.

<u>Present:</u>	Abell, Creed	Johnson, B. Connor	Root, Paul
	Babb, Stanley E., Jr.	Kendall, J.L.	Shepherd, Gene
	Bowen, Willis H.	Lancaster, John H.	Smouse, A.D.
	Burwell, James	Levy, David	Sokatch, John
	Crim, Sarah	Livezey, William	Taylor, K.L.
	Frueh, Forrest	Marshall, Geoffrey	Truex, Dorothy
	Gregory, Helen	McNichols, William	Weinheimer, A.J.
	Grunder, J. Richard	Mohler, Ronald R.	Weiss, A. Kurt
	Hall, Rufus	Norton, Spencer	Zahasky, Mary
	Hansen, Robert	Parker, Jack E.	Zelby, Leon
	Harden, Darrell	Potter, Emma	
 <u>Absent:</u>	 David, Paul	 Hopla, Cluff E.	 Parr, Arnold
	Deckert, Gordon C.	Love, Tom	Snow, James, Jr.
	Henderson, George	Lynn, Thomas N.	Tolson, Melvin B.
	Hilbert, Richard E.	Nuttall, Edmund	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular session on November 30, 1970, was approved.

ACTION BY INTERIM PRESIDENT PETE KYLE McCARTER

On January 4, 1971, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Interim President of the University, approved the proposals of the University Senate concerning a University Salary Continuance Plan. (See pages 4 and 5 of the University Senate Journal for November 30, 1970.)

UNIVERSITY TENURE REGULATIONS

In the absence of Dr. Paul David, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel, Dr. David Levy of that Committee presented the following progress report:

"The Committee was continuing its weekly meetings with the expectation of presenting the final draft of a statement on academic freedom and faculty tenure at either the February or the March meeting of the University Senate.

"A draft incorporating the Medical Center recommendations is currently being studied, and only two or three major difficulties remain to be decided. One involves the flexibility of the tenure-granting schedule; a second involves the process of ironing out conflicting recommendations on tenure within the tenure-recommending chain.

"The Committee has elected to present the nepotism question separately from its final report and at the next University Senate meeting will have a recommendation for changing the nepotism rule."

REAPPORTIONMENT OF UNIVERSITY SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Background Information:

The University Senate approved the following allocation of University Senate seats for the three-year period, 1969-72 :

Norman Campus	34 seats	(574 FTE)
Medicine and Nursing	9 seats	(217 FTE)

(See pages 4 and 5 of the University Senate Journal for April 1, 1968.)

The new Charter of the General Faculty and the University Senate (approved by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents on June 25, 1970) includes the following provision for triennial apportionment of the University Senate membership:

"The allocation of Senate seats shall include one for each degree-recommending division of the University of Oklahoma. The remaining seats shall be allocated to the degree-recommending divisions on the Norman campus according to a triennial apportionment proposed by the University Senate and approved by the General Faculty."

Senate Action:

Dr. Leon Zelby, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, reported on that Committee's study of this matter and submitted the following comments that reflect that Committee's desire for a more equitable distribution of Senate seats:

"There are nine degree-recommending divisions on the Norman campus (Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Graduate College Law, Pharmacy) with a total of 596 FTE; and there are five degree-recommending

divisions on the Oklahoma City campus (Dentistry, Health, Health Related Professions, Medicine, Nursing) with a total of 341 FTE.

"Under the new Charter, the Oklahoma City campus is eligible for five seats, representing 10 per cent of the Senators, although it has over 36 per cent of total FTE. This representation appears inadequate. On the other hand, allocation of seat/division + apportionment on basis of total faculty would give the Oklahoma City campus 17 seats, which -- in view of their interests -- may be excessive. A possible compromise would be to modify the Charter to allocate 20 per cent of the seats to the Oklahoma City campus."

Dr. A.J. Weinheimer moved adoption of the above Committee "recommendation" to amend the Charter of the General Faculty and the University Senate to allocate 20 per cent of the Senate seats to the Medical Center in Oklahoma City. After this motion was seconded and discussed briefly, Dr. Stanley Babb, Jr., moved that this question be tabled. The Senate approved the tabling motion.

✓ SUMMER SESSION CLASS SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES

Background Information:

On July 27, 1970, the University Senate referred to its Committee on Academic Standards the recommendation of the University Committee on Class Schedules concerning summer session class schedule and guidelines. (See pages 4-6 of the University Senate Journal for July 27, 1970.)

Senate Action:

Dr. Stanley Babb, Jr., Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Academic Standards, distributed copies of the recommendations and called attention to the fact that the only change made by his Committee was the substitution of 60-minute periods for the 50-minute periods indicated in the original list. He then moved Senate approval of the recommendations.

During the ensuing discussion, the point was made that this schedule would not apply to the College of Law. Dr. Verner Ekstrom, Assistant University Provost and a visitor at the meeting, commented that, inasmuch as the 1971 summer session schedule is already firm, any recommendations approved by the Senate would not be effective until the 1972 summer session.

Considerable discussion then followed concerning the stipulations that (a) laboratories given for credit must meet a minimum of

240 minutes a week (paragraph 1 B 1) and (b) three-credit-hour lecture classes must meet one period on MTWThF throughout the summer session.

Dr. J.L. Kendall moved that the title of paragraph 1 B be changed from Clock-Hour Requirements for Lecture Classes for Credit to Scheduling Recommendations for Lecture Classes for Credit. This change in wording was approved in a voice vote without opposition.

After further discussion of this question, Dr. A.J. Weinheimer moved that this motion be tabled pending receipt of additional recommendations from the University Senate Committee on Academic Standards. The Senate approved this tabling motion.

✧ UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN: TIAA-CREF Participation ✓

Background Information:

At its November 30, 1970, meeting, the University Senate received a report concerning TIAA-CREF participation in the University Retirement Plan from Mr. Dud Giezentanner, Chairman of the ad hoc University Retirement and Fringe Benefit Committee. On December 2, 1970, the Secretary of the University Senate distributed to the members of the University Senate individual copies of the 14-page report of that Committee. (See page 4 of the University Senate Journal for November 30, 1970.)

Senate Action:

Dr. Leon Zelby, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, moved approval of the following Committee recommendation for a change in the text of the report of the ad hoc Committee:

✧ Page 2, Section II, ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION: ✓

First sentence of the first paragraph - reading: "Those faculty and staff making a salary in excess of the amount subject to Social Security (currently \$7,800) and who are members of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System shall be eligible to participate."

changed to read: "Those faculty and staff making a salary in excess of \$7,800 and who are members of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System shall be eligible to participate."

The Senate approved the change without opposition.

Additional discussion followed concerning Section X, REPURCHASE OF ANNUITY (pages 5 and 6 of the ad hoc Committee report). Additional Committee recommendations will be submitted at the February 22, 1971, meeting of the University Senate. Dr. William Livezey emphasized the desirability and the importance of having specific Committee recommendations concerning any matter before the Senate distributed in advance of the Senate meeting.

✂ UNIVERSITY BOOK EXCHANGE ✂

Background Information:

In a acknowledging receipt on December 10, 1970, of faculty nominations for membership on the University Book Exchange Oversight Committee (see pages 3 and 4 of the University Senate Journal for November 30, 1970), Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Interim President of the University, reiterated his November 6, 1970, request for University Senate reaction to his recommendation for the appointment of two members from the Employees' Executive Council.

Senate Action:

Dr. Rufus Hall, Chairman-Elect, presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the University Senate that the University Senate approve the addition of two representatives from the Employees' Executive Council to the University Book Exchange Oversight Committee. Dr. William Livezey moved approval of the Executive Committee recommendation. The Senate approved the motion with one dissenting vote.

✂ UNIVERSITY PATENT POLICY ✂

Background Information:

On November 30, 1970, the University Senate approved Dr. A.J. Weinheimer's suggestion for establishing a University-wide committee to formulate a patent policy to be recommended to the President and the Regents.

Senate Action:

Dr. B. Connor Johnson moved approval of the recommendation of the University Senate Executive Committee that Dr. A.J. Weinheimer be elected Chairman of the University Patent Policy Committee, authorized to appoint Committee members from the University Community, and requested to report to the University Senate at the February 22, 1971, meeting. The Senate approved the motion without opposition.

REPLACEMENT OF UNIVERSITY SENATE MEMBERS FOR NONATTENDANCE

On January 11, 1971, Dr. Leon Zelby submitted the following proposal for Senate consideration:

"The Senate meetings attendance records for the past two years (see the Journals of 26 May 1969 and 25 May 1970) indicate that in 1968-69, 14 Senators missed four or more meetings, six missed three meetings; and in 1969-70, 12 missed four or more meetings, three missed three. Several Senators missed six, seven, or eight meetings; some missed all. In view of this record and in view of the fact that excessive absences deprive the constituents of their representation, I should like to propose the following rule for adoption:

"Absences at three consecutive regular meetings of the Senate or at any four regular meetings during one academic year shall be considered tantamount to resignation. An election to fill the unexpired term shall be held within four weeks after publication of the Journal in which the resignation is announced."

At the meeting, Dr. Zelby moved that the proposal be approved. During the ensuing discussion, Dr. Geoffrey Marshall offered the substitute motion that the University Senate inform the voting constituencies of the fact that there is an absenteeism problem in the Senate, as well as inform them of the attendance records of their Senate representatives and urge them to take action. Inasmuch as the voice vote on the substitute motion was indeterminate, the question was put to a vote by a show of hands. The Senate approved the substitute motion by a tally of 19 affirmative and 9 negative votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the request of several faculty members, Dr. Cluff E. Hopla, Chairman of the University Senate, is appointing an ad hoc faculty committee to study the various aspects of the registration program at this University. A progress report is expected at the February 22, 1971, meeting of the University Senate.

Arrangements are being completed for the addition of two faculty members to the University Retirement and Fringe Benefit Committee. Final announcement will be made at the February 22, 1971, meeting of the University Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, February 22, 1971, at 3:30 p.m. Items for the Agenda should reach the Secretary by Wednesday, February 10, 1971.

Anthony S. Lis
Secretary