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Regular Session -- October 11, 1971 -- 4:00 p.m.
Faculty House, University of Oklahoma
Medical Center, Oklahoma City

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

<u>Present:</u>	Abell, Creed	Hopla, Cluff E.	Prickett, Wilson
	Bibens, Robert F.	Kuhlman, Richard	Shahan, Robert W.
	Bogart, George A.	Levy, David	Shepherd, Gene D.
	Bourassa, Ronald	Livezey, William	Snow, James B., Jr.
	Brown, Homer A.	Love, Tom	Sokatch, John R.
	Burwell, James	Lutz, Raymond P.	Stone, George T.
	Christian, Sherril	Lynn, Thomas N., Jr.	Taylor, K. L.
	Costello, James F.	Maehl, William	Truex, Dorothy
	Daniels, Raymond D.	Marshall, Geoffrey	Walker, Dallas R.
	Eek, Nat S.	Milby, T. H.	Whitney, David A.
	Eliason, Stanley E.	Miller, Fred	Wilson, William H.
	Feaver, J. Clayton	McNichols, William	Zahasky, Mary C.
	Frueh, Forrest	Olson, Ralph E.	Zelby, Leon C.
	Gibson, Arrell M.	Potter, Emma J.	
	Hall, Rufus	Crim, Sarah	
 <u>Absent:</u>	 Gregory, Helen	 Norton, Spencer H.	 Weinheimer, A. J.
	Grunder, J. Richard	Sims, James H.	Weiss, A. Kurt
	Hansen, Robert	Stuart, Chipman G.	Wilcox, Stewart
	Johnson, B. Connor	Upthegrove, William R.	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular session on September 13, 1971, was approved.

WELCOME: Dr. Leonard P. Eliel, Executive Vice President,
Medical Center

Dr. Rufus Hall, Chairman of the University Senate, introduced Dr. Leonard P. Eliel, Executive Vice President of the Oklahoma University Medical Center, Oklahoma City. In welcoming the University Senate at its historic first meeting on the Medical Center Campus in Oklahoma City, Dr. Eliel stressed the strong desire of the University of Oklahoma community on the Oklahoma City campus to strengthen the relationship between the two campuses. He outlined the rapid growth on the Medical Center campus during recent years and commented briefly on their campus developments and plans. He also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the University Senate.

ACTION BY THE SECRETARY, UNIVERSITY SENATE

On September 24, 1971, the Secretary of the University Senate distributed to Senate members individual copies of the Oklahoma State Regents' report, A Plan for the 70's, supplied by the Office of the University Provost.

* PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY ✓

Dr. Rufus Hall, Chairman of the University Senate, reported on a recent conference with Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, University Provost, who wants the University Senate apprised of current plans for administrative reorganization on the campus, particularly in the Office of the University Provost. Dr. McCarter stated that he would keep in contact with the Committee on Administrative Oversight, which functions as the Senate representative in any consultations with the President and other administrative officials concerning any administrative reorganization. Dr. McCarter also indicated that the University Senate and the faculty would not be bypassed by the University administration in the consideration and the adoption of any proposals.

✓ PROPOSED REVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON STUDENT
ACTIVITIES AND WELFARE *

Background Information:

Last month, Dr. Cecil Lee, Chairman of the University Council on Student Activities and Welfare, resubmitted to the Chairman of the University Senate his proposal originally submitted on April 28, 1969, for revising that Council. This matter was referred to the University Senate Committee on Committees for appropriate study and recommendations. (See page 4 of the University Senate Journal for September 13, 1971.)

Senate Action:

Dr. Geoff Marshall, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Committees, reported on recent conversations in this matter with Dr. John Morris, Vice President for the University Community. Dr. Morris expressed a desire that this Council be allowed to dissolve itself inasmuch as he already has two relevant committees (one includes the University Senate Chairman and Chairman-Elect; the other includes students only). Dr. Marshall then moved that the University Council on Student Activities and Welfare be allowed to lapse. Without further discussion and without dissent, the Senate approved the motion to dissolve that Council.

FACULTY NOMINATIONS: University Council on Faculty Awards and Honors

In accepting an appropriate motion by Dr. Geoff Marshall, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Committees, the University Senate approved the following faculty nominations for the new University Council on Faculty Awards and Honors:

Council vacancies:

Nominees:

1 Regents' Professor:

William Livezey (History)
Glenn Snider (Education)

2 David Ross Boyd Professors:

William Keown (Management)
Hubert Frings (Zoology)
Dale Vliet (Law)
Roy R. Male (English)

2 George L. Cross Research
Professors:

Richard Fowler (Physics)
Ervin G. Erdos (Pharmacology)
Robert E. Bell (Anthropology)
C. M. Sliepcevich (Chemical
Engineering)

1 Recipient of Regents' Award for
Superior Teaching:

Stephen Sutherland (Geography)
James Abbott (Modern Languages)

1 Faculty member:

Kenneth Taylor (History of Science)
Davis Egle (Aerospace-Mechanical
Engineering)

(See pages 1 and 2 of the Agenda and pages 4 and 5 of the University
Senate Journal for May 10, 1971.)

FACULTY NOMINATIONS: University Budget Council

Dr. Geoff Marshall, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on
Committees, moved approval of the following faculty nominations to fill a
vacancy, effective immediately, on the University Budget Council:

Charles Mankin (Geology)
Robert Petry (Physics)

The Senate approved the above nominations.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS: Faculty Advisory Committee to the President

In accepting the recommendations of the University Senate Committee on
Committees, the University Senate approved the appointment of the following
six replacements for two-year (1971-73) terms on the Faculty Advisory Committee
to the President of the University:

Cluff E. Hopla (Zoology)
Sherril Christian (Chemistry)
William Maehl (History)
Dan Gibbens (Law)
Robert Shahan (Philosophy)
William O. Smith (Medical Center)

~~X~~ FACULTY ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENTS ✓

Background Information:

On August 17, 1971, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Provost of the University,
raised two questions concerning the implementation of the policy adopted by the
University Senate on March 30, 1970, concerning faculty attendance on a
rotational basis at the various University commencements. This question was
then referred to the University Senate Committee on University Organization,
Budget, and Publications for appropriate study and recommendations. (See pages
4 and 5 of the University Senate Journal for September 13, 1971.)

Senate Action:

Professor David Whitney, Chairman of the University Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, moved acceptance of the following proposed response to Dr. McCarter's request of August 17, 1971:

"Although we do not have specific data on attendance at summer commencement, 1971, it is possible that attendance may have been affected by:

- "1) The ambiguity of the one-third rule as applied to the summer faculty
- "2) The fact that many faculty members have left town by the time of the ceremony
- "3) The fact that many of the summer faculty are part-time

"If low attendance is a result of the ambiguity of the one-third rule applied to summer faculty, we endorse that interpretation which would apply it to the summer school F.T.E. While part-time faculty should be included in the computation, they should not, in so far as possible, be required to attend.

The Committee recommends that the Deans request the Chairmen to submit a list of names to the Grand Marshal prior to the end of classes. The Grand Marshal shall report to the Deans and Chairmen on compliance. We further recommend that the rule be enforced through persuasion rather than the threat of penalty."

At this point, Dr. Hall, Senate Chairman, acknowledged receipt of a memorandum recently from Dr. Nat Eek, Senate representative from the College of Fine Arts, reporting majority opinion of that College faculty that (1) only one commencement be held each year, (2) attendance be entirely voluntary, and (3) an outstanding speaker be included in the commencement program. Considerable discussion ensued concerning the proposal for a single commencement each year. Other topics mentioned were faculty responsibility for participation in University commencements and the appropriate Senate Committee to study this question further.

Dr. James R. Burwell then moved that the question be tabled and that the entire matter of commencements be reconsidered by an appropriate Senate Committee, particularly regarding the possible elimination of the summer commencement. The tabling motion was approved by the Senate in a count of 21 affirmative and 19 negative votes. Dr. Hall referred the question to the University Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations for further study and appropriate recommendations.

✓ PROPOSED CANCELLATION OF PRE-ENROLLMENT FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER, 1971-72

Dr. Geoff Marshall moved Senate adoption of the following resolution prepared by himself:

"Whereas: The class schedule for 2-71-72 is incomplete and inaccurate, and
 "Whereas: enrollment procedures for 1-71-72 were unsatisfactory,

"BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate requests that pre-enrollment for 2-71-72 be cancelled and all enrollments for that semester be taken at one enrollment period at the beginning of the semester so that a complete and accurate Class Schedule may be prepared and so that Admissions and Records may develop an efficient, convenient, and rapid enrollment procedure."

Dr. Marshall emphasized the point that his resolution was not directed at the pre-enrollment process itself but rather at the scheduled November, 1971 pre-enrollment only.

Dr. Hall reported that the Physics Department faculty had endorsed the proposed pre-enrollment cancellation unanimously. Several other department chairmen in the College of Arts and Sciences also reported their endorsement of the proposal.

With the consent of the University Senate, Mr. Milford D. Messer, Acting Director of Registration, addressed the Senate in the absence of Mr. Verner Ekstrom, University Assistant Provost and Registrar. Mr. Messer presented several administrative and economic reasons for retaining the November, 1971, pre-enrollment from the viewpoints of the administration, the faculty, and the students. He elaborated on the various difficulties that the Office of Admissions and Records continues to face in the computer-utilization phase of the enrollment and pre-enrollment procedures. Several members of the Senate emphasized the problems created by inaccurate and incomplete class schedules and urged remedial action, particularly through circulating the preliminary class schedule among departments for appropriate corrections and additions. Some faculty members reported student opposition to any cancellation of the November pre-enrollment; others suggested delaying the November pre-enrollment for at least two weeks to allow additional time for revising class schedules.

Dr. Arrell Gison, a member of an ad hoc Committee that had investigated the University enrollment procedures last spring, reported that the principal recommendation of that group was that the Office of Admissions and Records should arrange for departmental review of the preliminary class schedule to assure accuracy and completeness.

When the question was put to a vote, the University Senate defeated the proposal for cancelling the November pre-enrollment.

Later in the meeting, following consideration of other items on the Agenda, Dr. George Stone reopened the question of pre-enrollment and moved acceptance of the following resolution:

"That (a) specific arrangements be made by the Office of Admissions and Records for the publication and the distribution, prior to the pre-enrollment period this fall, of an appropriate errata sheet for all classes for the second semester, 1971-72, and (b) henceforth a review be made by department chairmen of the preliminary class schedule prior to final printing."

Without further discussion, the Senate approved the motion without dissent.

Dr. Leon Zelby then moved that the entire question of enrollment and pre-enrollment procedures be given either to one of the existing Senate committees or to an ad hoc Committee, whose membership would include individuals familiar with computers and their utilization, to study the enrollment problems and make appropriate recommendations. The Senate rejected the motion in a voice vote.

TEACHER EVALUATION

Dr. Rufus Hall, Chairman of the University Senate, announced that the University Senate Committee on Teaching and Research has been requested to study several aspects of the teacher evaluation question and to report any appropriate recommendations for Senate consideration at an early date.

COMMENTS BY MR. WILLIAM JONES, CHIEF OF SECURITY

At the suggestion of his Student Advisory Committee, Mr. William Jones, Chief of Security on the Norman campus, requested permission of the Senate Chairman to address the Senate on topics of mutual interest and concern.

In his remarks, Chief Jones pleaded for community awareness and perspective in dealing with student concerns and problems. He feels that at times administration and faculty apathy and indifference accentuate the students' frustrations and general uneasiness. He called attention to the following items:

- Long lines at enrollment
- Drug problem
- Crisis Center
- Racial tensions
- Abortions
- Mental problems
- Increasing thefts
- Parking problems
- Arson
- Frustrations of new students

He urged a total community outlook and perspective --staff, faculty, and students -- in meeting and attempting to resolve the above and other problems of the entire University Community.

In conclusion, he thanked the faculty for the fine cooperation and assistance during the hectic days of the 1969-70 academic year.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:38 p.m. The next regular session will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, November 8, 1971, in Room 165 of the Student Union on the Norman Campus. Items for the Agenda for that meeting should be in the office of the Secretary (Box 456, Central Mail Service, Norman campus) by Wednesday, October 27, 1971.

Anthony S. Lis
Secretary