JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY SENATE The University of Oklahoma Norman

Regular Session -- October 9, 1972 -- 3:30 p.m.

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, Chairman.

Present: Anderson, Paul S.
Beaird, Lolly
Bogart, George A.
Brown, Homer A.
Burwell, James R.
Chandler, Albert M.
Christian, Sherril D.
Costello, James
Crim, Sarah R.
de Stwolinski, Gail
Donnell, Ruth J.
Eek, Nat S.
Feaver, J. Clayton
Felts, W. J.

Gibson, Arrell
Gregory, Helen
Grunder, J. Richard
Hardin, Neal
Hilbert, Richard E.
Huneke, Harold V.
Jischke, Martin C.
Laguros, Joakim G.
Letchworth, George
Levy, David
Maehl, William H.
Marshall, Geoffrey
McDonald, Bernard R.
Milby, T. H.
Miller, Fred

Olson, Ralph E.
Owens, Mitchell V.
Pollak, Betty
Prickett, Wilson B.
Shahan, Robert W.
Sokatch, John R.
Staples, Albert F.
Stuart, Chipman G.
Swank, David
Sutherland, Patrick K.
Taylor, K. L.
Weinheimer, A. J.
Whitney, David A.
Wilson, William H.
Zahasky, Mary C.

Absent: Bibens, Robert F.
Coussons, Timothy
Estes, James R.

Frueh, Forrest L.

Kuhlman, Richard Lutz, Raymond P. Ordway, Nelson K. Patton, Charles C. Truex, Dorothy

ACTION TAKEN BY DR. PAUL F. SHARP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

On September 22, 1972, Dr. Paul F. Sharp, President of the University, wrote as follows to the Chairman of the Faculty Senate:

"I appreciate notification of the formal action taken by the Faculty Senate to approve the Conference Committee Report concerning the restructuring of the University of Oklahoma councils and committees. I also appreciate the Faculty Senate's prompt response in providing faculty representatives to the University councils and the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President."

(See page 5 of the Faculty Senate Journal for September 18, 1972.)

ADVANCE NOTICE: Faculty Senate Meeting - Health Sciences Center Campus

The University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate will meet at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, February 12, 1973, in the Basic Science Building on the campus of the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

RESIGNATION: Dr. Raymond P. Lutz, College of Engineering

In view of his departure from the University of Oklahoma at the end of the current semester, Dr. Raymond P. Lutz (Industrial Engineering) has submitted his resignation as a Senate representative from the College of Engineering. That College will elect a replacement to the Faculty Senate effective next semester.

REPORT ON JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE AND THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL

Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, Senate Chairman, reported on the September 19, 1972, meeting in Stillwater of the Executive Committees of the Oklahoma University Faculty Senate and the Oklahoma State University Faculty Council.

The two groups discussed a number of items of common interest—specifically, the evaluation of teaching and learning, the insurance aspect of the fringe benefits program, a possible joint OU-OSU position regarding junior college articulation and transfers, and a possible joint OU-OSU statement regarding faculty responsibility for academic standards.

Both groups feel strongly that improved, direct communication between parallel departments at both Universities would be desirable and beneficial to all concerned. Attention was called to the fact that a few departments already enjoy such a relationship. Members of both Committees agreed that deans at both Universities should be requested to encourage such cooperation between the two institutions.

Next semester's meeting of the two Executive Committees will be held on the Norman campus.

ARTICULATION WITH THE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGES

In his remarks concerning the joint meeting of the two Executive Committees, Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, Faculty Senate Chairman, alluded to a recent request from the President of the University for a faculty committee to review a report now being prepared by the Dean's Council on articulation with the state junior colleges. Subsequently, the report will be coordinated with a similar Oklahoma State University report to make possible the presentation of a mutual agreement on this matter. The Senate Committee on Committees will submit to the University President its faculty nominations for the faculty review committee.

MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE: Faculty Welfare Committee

The Senate Committee on Committees has appointed the following faculty members to the Senate Standing Committee on Faculty Welfare.

David Whitney, Chairman - Sociology

Kenneth L. Taylor - History of Science

Dorothy Truex - Education

Joakim Laguros - Civil Engineering William J. Felts - Anatomical Science

Members will serve for the duration of their term in the Faculty Senate and will be replaced with new members of the Senate as their positions become vacant.

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS CONCERNING ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

Dr. David Levy reported on the activities of the conference committee studying proposed changes in the University regulations concerning faculty tenure and academic freedom recommended by the Senate on May 10, 1971. The conference committee (including Drs. Geoffrey Marshall, Paul David, and David Levy) has been meeting with Dr. Sharp to discuss four questions raised by Dr. Sharp. As a result of these deliberations, the committee has recommended the approval of the following change requested by Dr. Sharp:

Deletion of the underlined words (". . . source of funds for their salaries or the . . ") in paragraph II, A, 3 (Faculty Tenure -- Definitions) on page 3:

"All full-time employees of the University who hold an academic rank of assistant professor or above, with exceptions that will be immediately noted, are eligible for tenure, regardless of the/source of funds for their salaries or the/distribution of their assigned duties among those (teaching, research or creative activity service to the University) on which criteria for Advancement in rank and salary are based."

Dr. Levy moved approval of the above deletion. He reported that the drafting

committee had spent more time on this point of soft-money employees than on any other in the proposed regulations.

During the ensuing discussion, the question of tenure for half-time employees was raised. The need for further study of this point was made evident.

Subsequently, the Senate approved without dissent the above deletion in the regulations concerning academic freedom and faculty tenure.

The Senate then approved without dissent Dr. William Maehl's motion that the question of tenure for half-time employees be studied by an appropriate committee and that any proposed statement be returned to the Senate for approval.

STATE REGENTS' PLAN FOR THE '70's

Background Information: On March 12, 1972, the Senate approved the appointment of and ad hoc Committee to study the State Regents' Plan for the '70's, particularly the relationship of the University of Oklahoma to the State Regents and the Chancellor! office. (See page 6 of the Senate Journal for March 13, 1972)

Senate Action: Dr. Ronald Bourassa, Chairman of the ad hoc Committee, reported on the activities of that Committee that includes the following members:

Paul Brinker - Economics

Rufus Hall - Political Science

Tom Love - Engineering Gene Shepherd- Education

The Committee met ten times during the summer and fall. Familiarization sessions were held with President Sharp, Chancellor Dunlap, and Vice President Nordby, among others. Dr. Bourassa read his five-page report that highlighted the Committee's recent meeting with the Chancellor with the following conclusion:

"Higher education in Oklahoma is moving toward a state system with each institution playing an integral part. The details of this integration are left up to the institutions involved and will be prescribed to them by others only if they do not take the initiative."

The Committee recommends that Chancellor Dunlap be invited to meet with either the Faculty Senate or the general faculty on the Norman campus. Arrangements have been made for the Committee to meet with the State Regents at an early date. Dr. Bourassa repeatedly emphasized the Committee's feeling that its role was to express faculty concerns to the Chancellor and the State Regents. He will report to the Senate again after the meeting with the State Regents.

KGOU PROGRAM: "Faculty Comments"

Dr. Geoffrey Marshall expressed disappointment with the fact that no faculty member has accepted the recent invitation of radio station KGOU management to direct the Friday program, "Faculty Comments." (See page 6 of the Faculty Senate Journal for September 18, 1972.) He will suggest to the station management that this opportunity be announced to the faculty at large with perhaps better results.

UNIVERSITY POLICY CONCERNING OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, Senate Chairman, announced the appointment of the following ad hoc Committee to study the University Regents' policy on outside employment:

Chipman Stuart (Education)
Raymond Lutz (Engineering)
Drew Kershen (Law)

Joakim Laguros (Engineering)

(See page 6 of the Faculty Senate Journal for September 18, 1972.)

Dr. Stuart urged interested faculty members to submit their comments, criticisms, and suggestions to him as soon as possible.

FACULTY SENATE NOMINATIONS: Provost Search Committee

Voting by written ballot, the Faculty Senate nominated the following faculty members for membership on the Provost Search Committee:

Thomas Carey (Music) Sarah R. Crim (Home Economics) Arrell M. Gibson (History) Theodore P. Herrick (Accounting) N. Jack Kanak (Psychology) Eugene O. Kuntz (Law) (Community Health, Medicine) Thomas N. Lynn Betty L. Pollak (Physics) Leale E. Streebin (Civil Engineering) A. J. Weinheimer (Chemistry) Thomas W. Wiggins (Education) James K. Zink (Library)

The President of the University will select seven faculty members from the above nominations.

FACULTY SENATE NOMINATIONS: University council on Faculty Awards and Honors

Voting by written ballot, the Faculty Senate nominated the following faculty members for three-year (1972-75) terms on the University Council on Faculty Awards and Honors:

Research Professor: Oliver E. Benson (Political Science)
Spencer H. Norton (Music)

Regents' Teaching Award: Jonathan W. Spurgeon (History)

F. Mark Townsend (Chemical Engineering)

Faculty Member at Large: John Schilling (Surgery)

Leon Zelby (Electrical Engineering)

STATUS OF POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Dr. A. J. Weinheimer called attention to the "non-person" status of post-doctoral research associates who do not enjoy the privileges of an I.D. card, fringe benefits and the like. This matter will be referred to the Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare for study and report to the Senate.

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATION AT UNIVERSITY REGENTS' MEETINGS

Dr. Georfrey Marshall, Senate Chairman, reported a recent Executive Committee decision to send a representative to every meeting of the University Regents.

ADJOURNMENT

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular session will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, November 13, 1972, in Room 218, Dale Hall.

Anthony S. Lis Secretary