

JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY SENATE (Norman campus)

The University of Oklahoma

Regular Session -- March 14, 1977 -- 3:30 p.m., Dale Hall 218

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Dr. Alex J. Kondonassis, Chairperson.

Present:

Alsip	Christian	Gross	McDonald	Streebin
Atherton	Cox, Donald	Henkle	Merrill	Tolliver
Bell, Digby	Cox, Michael	Kitts	Rasmussen	Unruh
Bell, Robert	Crim	Kondonassis	Scheffer	Verrastro
Blair	Davis	Laguros	Schmitz	Wilbanks
Blick	Dewey	Lee	Shahan	
Braver	Fowler	Lewis	Shellabarger	
Buhite	Goff	Marchand	Snider	

Provost's Office representative: Langenbach

UOSA representative: Haddad

AUOPE representatives: Burger Cowen Guyer McClish Spaulding

Absent:

Butler	Foote	Joyce	Mouser	York
Cronenwett	Gillespie	Kendall	Nicewander	
Donnell	Hibdon	Kunesh	Rice	

UOSA representatives: Blakey Carnes Carpenter Schoolfield

AUOPE representative: James

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Faculty Senate for the regular session on February 14, 1977, was approved.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY ACTING PRESIDENT BARBARA UEHLING

- (1) State Regents' Policy Statement on Articulation: Acting President Barbara S. Uehling on February 17, in a memorandum to Professor Alex Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson, made the following comments:

"With regard to recommendation (1), I am forwarding a copy of Professor Lis' memorandum to Dean Paige Mulhollan for consideration by Dean Mulhollan and the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"With regard to recommendation (2), the Provost's Office will study, as the Senate recommends, the possibility of establishing a program leading to the Associate of Arts or Sciences degree."

(See page 13 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

- (2) Senate Resolution concerning University Fringe Benefits Program: Acting President Barbara S. Uehling on February 17 acknowledged receipt of the Senate resolution concerning the University fringe benefits program with the following comments addressed to Professor Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson:

"We are grateful for the support of the Faculty Senate for the administration's achievement concerning the fringe benefits plan that we now have and our efforts to improve it.

"We certainly do not want to have to do anything that will undermine the fringe benefits plan. I should mention, however, that the severe financial picture ahead has required us to ask the Fringe Benefits Committee to review the Retirement Plan to help determine how we can provide the best retirement benefits within the limited funds that will be available.

"Of course, at this time, we do not know exactly what funds the legislature and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education will make available to the University of Oklahoma, and we do not know what may be the recommendations of the Fringe Benefits Committee. Once we have these matters clarified, we will be in a better position to deal with the concern described in the Faculty Senate's resolution.

"Please know that we remain committed to providing the best retirement benefits that we can within whatever limited funds are available."

(See pages 12-13 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

- (3) Senate Recommendations concerning Proposed Changes in the University Retirement Plan: In acknowledging receipt of the Senate's recommendation to the proposed changes in the University Retirement Plan, Acting President Barbara S. Uehling wrote as follows on February 21, 1977, to Dr. Alex J. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson:

"I have received Professor Lis' February 15 memorandum with which he transmits the recommendations of the Norman Faculty Senate concerning the proposed changes in the University's Retirement Plan. We still have to hear from the Employee Executive Council concerning these proposed changes. After we have heard from the Council, we will be in a better spot to review the recommendations and determine what steps are appropriate.

"In the meantime, I am calling the Faculty Senate's recommendations, particularly that pertaining to the applicability of TIAA to those on nine-month contracts who receive summer salaries through the University, to the

attention of the Fringe Benefits Committee for review as they address the question of how to provide the best retirement benefits within the limited funds available."

(See pages 10-13 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

ACTIONS TAKEN BY PROVOST BARBARA S. UEHLING

- (1) Internal Support for Faculty Research: On February 14, Dr. Barbara S. Uehling, Provost, Norman campus, addressed the following message to the Deans, the Faculty Senate, and the Budget Council:

"The amount of income in the University this year will enable us, after all, to fund the indirect cost reallocation plan in the amount of \$100,000.

"I shall be working with Dean Atkinson and the Research Council in the early implementation of the plan."

(See pages 9 and 10 of the Senate Journal for January 17, 1977.)

- (2) Committee on Financial Exigency Policy: Provost Barbara S. Uehling has recently announced the appointment of the following University Committee on Financial Exigency Policy:

Dr. Barbara Uehling, Provost (Norman campus), Chairperson
 Dr. William Thurman, Provost (HSC)
 Vice President Gene Nordby, Administration and Finance (Norman)
 Dr. Alex Kondonassis, Faculty Senate (Norman)
 Ms. Barbara Cousins, Employee Executive Council (Norman)
 Dr. Donald Counihan, Faculty Senate (HSC)
 Mr. Larry Edmonston, Employees Liaison Council (HSC)
 Mr. Paul Covalt, Budget Officer (HSC)
 Mr. Steve Bugg, UOSA (Norman)
 Mr. Joe Frantz, Student Government Association (HSC)

In her charge to the Committee, Dr. Uehling commented as follows:

"Hopefully the plan would never have to be instituted. Perhaps the best thing about developing it will be to produce a sensitivity to planning which will make the plan unnecessary. Nevertheless, an early addressing of this problem will be most beneficial."

(See page 5 of the Senate Journal for January 17, 1977.)

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) Social Security: On February 7, 1977, the Senate Executive Committee appointed the following Senate ad hoc Committee to study all aspects of the Social Security issue in connection with the University Retirement Plan:

Professors Homer Brown (Accounting), Chair
 Barbara Lewis (Law)
 Ben Taylor (Economics)

(See pages 6 and 7 of the Senate Journal for March 15, 1976.)

- (2) Evaluation of Administrators: On December 17, 1976, Dr. Barbara S. Uehling, Provost, Norman campus, requested Senate reaction to a revised evaluation form (patterned after one published in the November-December 1975 issue of the Journal of Higher Education) for use this spring for evaluation of the Norman campus Provost and Deans.

Early in January, 1977, the Senate officers appointed the following Senate ad hoc Committee to submit appropriate recommendations for Senate consideration:

Professors Richard Fowler (Physics)
 Beverly Joyce (University Libraries)
 Bernard McDonald (Mathematics)

SENATE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: March 2 meeting of Inter-Senate Liaison Committee

Dr. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson, reported briefly on the meeting of the Inter-Senate Liaison Committee on March 2, 1977, at the Health Sciences Center.

Professors Kondonassis, Cox, and Lis met with HSC counterparts, Professors Counihan, Weizenberg, Weiss, and Moore.

The following topics of mutual interest to both Faculty Senates were discussed:

- HSC representation on the Council on Faculty
- Awards and Honors
- Fringe benefits program
- Remaining 2 sections of the University Faculty
- Personnel Policy

SENATE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: March 9 joint meeting of Executive Committees, OU Faculty Senate and OSU Faculty Council

Dr. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson, next reported briefly on the March 9 joint meeting on the OSU campus in Stillwater of the Executive Committees of the Oklahoma University Faculty Senate and the Oklahoma State University Faculty Council.

The Norman group included Professors Kondonassis, Cox, Lis, Blair, Joyce, Lee, and McDonald.

Agenda topics included the following:

- Discussion initiated by the OSU delegation of the impact of intercollegiate athletics on academic programs
- Fringe benefits
- State Regents' articulation policy. (The OSU group volunteered to attempt to establish informal contacts with State Regent Scott E. Orbison of Tulsa to parallel Senates' informal contacts with State Regent President John Patten of Norman.)

ALERT NOTICE: Possible Special Senate Meeting in April

Dr. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson, announced that copies of the Task Force Report on the two remaining sections (college/departmental administrations and distinguished professorships) have been forwarded to the two Senate ad hoc committees concerned. (See page 4 of the Senate Journal for January 17, 1977).

In view of many agenda items scheduled for the two remaining regular Senate sessions, a special evening meeting of the Faculty Senate may have to be called during the latter part of April. No objection was raised from the floor to this "alert" announcement by the Senate Chairperson.

EXPRESSION OF SENATE APPRECIATION: Faculty Research Support

On March 16, 1977, Dr. Alex J. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson, addressed the following note of appreciation to Dr. Barbara Uehling, Norman campus Provost:

"As I had indicated to you in my note of February 18, I did bring to the attention of the Faculty Senate at its March 14 meeting the recent good news about the indirect cost reallocation funding of \$100,000 for faculty research.

"At that time, as I expected, the Senate consensus was indeed of pleasure and gratitude for this commendable and tangible support of faculty research on the Norman campus.

"On behalf of the Senate I wish to express to you our most sincere appreciation. (See related item on page 3 of this Journal.)

ACTION TAKEN BY CHANCELLOR DUNLAP

On February 24, 1977, Chancellor E. T. Dunlap, State Regents for Higher Education, acknowledged receipt of the Senate resolution of January 17, 1977, concerning the State Regents' policy on articulation. In his letter to Acting President Barbara S. Uehling, he made the following pertinent comments:

"As you are no doubt aware, the State Regents recently determined that the articulation policy should be reviewed comprehensively, in order to resolve any questions or interpretations which institutions or groups may have about its possible effect or application among State System institutions. At the present time, the staff is conducting a thorough examination of the policy, and conferences are being held with individuals representing all institutional types in order to find out what particular strengths or weaknesses are perceived as the policy now stands.

"The resolution which the Faculty Senate adopted on January 17 has been passed along to the Academic Division for inclusion with the other suggestions and recommendations submitted by individuals and organizations interested in the subject of articulation. In the near future, the staff will be presenting a report of its findings on the subject of articulation and it is hoped that this matter can be resolved prior to the end of the spring semester."

(See pages 2 and 3 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: School of Home Economics

On February 17, 1977, Dr. Eugenia M. Zallen, Director, School of Home Economics, addressed the following self-explanatory message of thanks to Dr. A. J. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson:

"On behalf of the faculty and students of the School of Home Economics, I wish to express our appreciation for your statement to the Academic Affairs Committee of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents on February 9. You most effectively addressed the issue of program evaluation and continuation which is being preempted by the Regents. While your action was in the interest of the School of Home Economics, this concern touches the entire faculty

"It is our hope that the Senate will remain interested in the Regents' action involving the School of Home Economics for we remain an academic unit which is being dealt with in an unorthodox and preferential process."

(See page 9 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

CHANGES IN SENATE BY-LAWS: Election of Parliamentarian and Executive
Committee Membership for Past Senate Chairpersons

Background Information: At the February 14 meeting, the Senate tabled, as required, the two changes in the Senate By-Laws as recommended by its Executive Committee. (See page 14 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

Senate Action: Professor Robert Bell moved approval of the first change concerning the annual election of the Parliamentarian for the General Faculty and the Faculty Senate. Without any further discussion and without dissent, the Senate approved the change.

Professor Shellabarger then moved approval of the second proposed change concerning ex officio membership of the three immediate past Senate Chairpersons on the Senate Executive Committee. Again, without further discussion and without dissent, the Senate approved this change.

EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATORS

In response to Senate initiative, academic administrators and deans on the Norman campus were evaluated during the 1975 spring semester. (See page 2 of the Senate Journal for April 14, 1975.)

In accordance with that precedent, Dr. Barbara Uehling, Provost, Norman campus, on December 17, 1976, requested Senate reaction to a proposed revised evaluation form (based on one appearing in the November-December, 1975, issue of the Journal of Higher Education) to be used in the spring, 1977. The Senate Executive Committee on January 17, 1977, referred this matter to an ad hoc Committee consisting of Professors Bernard McDonald (Mathematics), Chair; Richard Fowler (Physics), and Beverly Joyce (University Libraries).

That Committee, in turn, prepared its own version of a proposed evaluation form and distributed copies to all members of the Senate on February 28, 1977, with the request that comments be submitted to the Committee by March 7. The memorandum included the following list of items that had been considered in the construction of the Committee's revised evaluation form:

- (a) Both the existing form and the recently suggested form are too long.
- (b) Forms which "identify" a faculty member are not desirable. Forms which require a defense of a response are not desirable.
- (c) Responses should be sharply delineated and not vague. For example, the evaluator should not be required to differentiate between "occasionally" and "seldom" or "consistently" and "usually."
- (d) A space should be allotted for comments.
- (e) Questions should be brief. Multiple questions should not be disguised as a single question. Questions should be simple observables.
- (f) The nature of the basis of a response should be indicated.
- (g) Probably separate forms should be used for separate administrators. However, this increases committee- and paper-work.
- (h) (Important) Tabulated results should be made available to the Budget Council and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Professor McDonald announced that a number of comments and suggestions have been received from individual members of the Senate. A revised evaluation form will then be submitted to the Provost as requested.

STATE REGENTS' POLICY ON ARTICULATION

Background Information: On January 14, 1977, the Senate approved one recommendation and tabled the remaining three recommendations of its ad hoc Committee on the State Regents' Articulation policy. (See pages 6-9 of the Senate Journal for January 17, 1977.) At its February 14 meeting, the Senate approved recommendations (2) and (3) and tabled final action on recommendation (4). (See page 13 of the Senate Journal for February 14, 1977.)

Senate Action: Professor Fowler, ad hoc Committee Chairperson, moved approval of that Committee's recommendation (4) as published on page 8 of the Senate Journal for January 17, 1977. During the discussion, a change was made in the text of that recommendation.

Subsequently, the Senate approved the recommendation, without dissent, in the following final form:

"The Faculty Senate (Norman campus) recommends to the Office of the Provost that study be given to the possibility of establishing a curriculum by means of which on-campus students could earn a general bachelor's degree based on the Associate of Arts or Sciences degree (for example, as is the case currently with the Bachelor of Liberal Studies)."

PROPOSED REVISION: Grade of "I"

Professor Lee moved approval of the following proposed change in the "I" grade regulation, as recommended by the Academic Program Council and the Senate Executive Committee: (Section 4.5.5, Faculty Handbook, October 1976)

"If by the end of the year, no change in grade has been submitted, the grade of 'I' will become permanent on the student's record. After a grade of 'I' has become permanent, a student may reenroll in the course. Credit, for courses in which a student has received an 'I' at the University of Oklahoma, cannot be transferred from another institution. ~~If the student graduates with a grade of 'I' on his record, it also becomes permanent.~~ The foregoing time limitation concerning removal of incompletes does not apply to graduate research and graduate problems courses."

With one dissenting vote, the Senate approved the change in the "I" grade.

PROPOSED REVISION: Grade of "X"

Professor Lee moved approval of the following proposed addition to "X" grade regulations, as recommended by the Academic Program Council and the Senate Executive Committee: (Section 4.5.3.1, Faculty Handbook, October 1976)

"The grade of 'X' indicates that satisfactory progress is being made and is a neutral grade to be used only for thesis and dissertation research courses numbered 5980 and 6980 and for thesis and dissertation equivalent courses numbered 5880 and 6880."

Without dissent, the Senate approved the revision in the "X" grade.

PROPOSED PARKING FACILITY: Oklahoma Memorial Union

Background Information: At the November 8, 1976, Senate meeting, faculty concern was expressed regarding the proposed Oklahoma Memorial Union parking garage. (See page 12 of the Senate Journal for November 8, 1976.) This matter was accordingly referred to the Joint Faculty Senate/UOSA subcommittee on Parking and Traffic. (See page 3 of the Senate Journal for December 13, 1976.) The final report of that subcommittee appeared on pages 9-10 of the Agenda for this meeting.

Senate Action: Professor Shellabarger, Joint Subcommittee Chairperson formally presented his Subcommittee's report and recommendation for Senate consideration.

Following a brief discussion, the Senate approved without dissent Professor Braver's motion that the following report be forwarded to the administration with the additional Senate recommendation that the proposed Oklahoma Memorial Union parking facility not be built.

March 7, 1977

Report of the Joint Faculty Senate/UOSA Committee on Parking and Traffic:

Committee Charge: The Senate Chair charged this committee to investigate the proposed new parking garage north of the Oklahoma Memorial Union and make a recommendation to the Senate.

Brief History: The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union in early December 1975 engaged the engineering firm of Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., Evanston, Ill., to make a survey of parking facilities and needs adjacent to the Union. The report of the survey was dated July, 1976, and substantially established a statistical need for a multi-story parking structure. This need was generated by a complex survey of visitor and campus-related parking on campus, particularly in the Union area, including Asp St., the Union, Engineering, Business, and Personnel Services/University Press lots. The report was entitled Recommended Parking Program and Financial Feasibility Analysis for Proposed Garage Adjacent to the Memorial Union. This report recommended construction of a 325-space garage of four and one-half levels, 40 feet above grade, ground coverage approximately 108' (subsequently modified to 105') X 208', of a continuous helix design, 90-degree parking, two-way circulation, and access from Asp St. only. The cost at the time of the report was estimated at \$1,340,000 or \$3,200 per parking space. The report recommended all permit parking on campus be increased to an annual fee of \$15.00 (which was subsequently done by elimination of the "B" sticker campus-wide) and a fee of 30¢ per hour be charged for use of the new facility. In order to secure favorable financing, it was further recommended revenues from all University parking be pledged to retire the indebtedness, a proposal which was rejected by the Higher Regents as illegal. This hitch has substantially delayed the project. However, the Oklahoma City firm of Behnam Blair, Architects and Engineers, was hired to begin architectural plans. The committee has not seen any of the proposed plans.

Findings and Recommendations: The committee interviewed Mr. Freeland, Union Manager, and Prof. Lee Rodgers, Chairman, School of City and Regional Planning. Prof. Rodgers was the author of a letter, dated Nov. 1, 1976, to the Vice President for Administration and Finance, outlining his objections to the project. The following opinions or facts were noted:

- (1) The Union is experiencing a serious financial problem of generating sufficient revenues to protect the \$5,000,000 investment.
- (2) The solution is perceived by the Union management as the facilitation of parking to encourage essentially off-campus use of the Union.
- (3) The parking must be adjacent to and physically connected with the Union building and must be well lighted.
- (4) There is a serious shortage of convenient parking for both campus population and visitors in the area adjacent to the Union.
- (5) The parking shortage is not limited to the Union area but is acute along the entire west side of the campus. The proposed facility would be of little help to this problem.
- (6) There is considerable student resentment of any proposed or actual use of activities fees to defray Union deficits or to retire indebtedness of Union financial obligations. (The Union administration pointed out the OU student activities fee is the lowest in the Big 8.)
- (7) A master plan for the development of the campus, prepared by Prof. Rodgers about ten years ago, proposed the eventual elimination of all vehicles from the intensive-use core campus area, defined as that part bordered by Boyd, Jenkins, Lindsey, and Elm Streets, and the construction of at least 3 parking towers on the perimeter. One such facility was to serve the northwest quadrant of the campus, including the existing theaters and a proposed new concert center. All non-intensive-use buildings were to be located in the perimeter area. Prof. Rodgers observed that the plan has been followed to some extent but seems to

have been partially subverted in recent years. He also noted continued expansion of intensive use facilities to the south imposes new demands for parking and complicates the problem of campus vehicular circulation.

(8) Concern for the effects of the proposed Union parking garage were expressed in terms of:

- a. esthetic damage to the Union and Carpenter Hall (the new structure will be 7 ft. from the south wall of Carpenter.)
- b. environmental damage in the form of blocking light and ventilation to Carpenter, concentration of engine pollutants in the area, and overloading traffic on the already jammed Asp-Boyd sector.
- c. doubts of the financial success of the garage at 30¢/hour charges when there is a good deal of much lower-priced parking available in the vicinity; and doubts of the adequacy of the site to provide an easily negotiable and, therefore, desirable parking structure.
- d. permanent violation of the long-range plan to eliminate automobiles from the core campus area.
- e. doubts that the financial predicament of the Union is entirely related to parking and that the investment would, in fact, cure the problem.
- f. the future outlook of availability of petroleum energy to power private vehicles seems to vindicate the wisdom of implementing the original master plan for the campus.

The student representation on the committee did not attend the final meeting, but the faculty representation agreed on the following conclusions and recommendations:

- (1) There is a substantial parking problem in the vicinity of the Union that must be resolved.
- (2) However, the problem is related to other campus parking and long-range planning and energy problems and, therefore, should be studied in greater depth before a commitment is made to construct the garage.
- (3) There is a real concern for the esthetic and environmental consequences of the proposed garage; we all felt it is a potential disaster.
- (4) There is real concern for the financial feasibility of the proposed garage. We believe it will be cramped, unattractive to potential patrons and too costly to use.
- (5) The operation of the Union should be studied in great detail by a broadly based advisory group and alternate policies, uses, and programs be proposed that recognize the changing needs of the campus and that will identify the facilities and services that would attract campus users first.
- (6) Before any commitment to a very permanent concrete structure is made, consideration should be given to a lighted, surface parking facility extending west to Parrington Oval, which would not be a permanent, long-term commitment to space use in the area. If built, this facility should be adequately and attractively screened from the adjacent buildings and the oval.

Professors Fred Shellabarger (Architecture), Chair
James Alsip (University Libraries)
Maurice Rasmussen (Engineering)

UOSA representatives Brian Burmaster
Neal Martin
Richard Wintory

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY COPYRIGHT POLICY

Background Information: On April 1, 1975, President Paul F. Sharp appointed a Conference Committee representing both campuses to review the proposed University copyright policy that had been approved by the Faculty Senate (Norman campus) on May 6, 1974. (See page 2 of the Senate Journal for April 14, 1975.)

The Conference Committee subsequently submitted its report to President Sharp, who, on September 24, 1976, formally requested both Senates to review the latest report and to offer their separate recommendations.

The Conference Committee report was, in turn, referred by the Norman Senate officers on January 17, 1977, to an ad hoc Committee consisting of Professors Michael Cox (Law), Chair; Junetta Davis (Journalism); and Mary Dewey (Education).

The report of the Senate ad hoc Committee was published on pages 6-8 of the Agenda for the March 14, 1977, meeting of the Norman Senate.

On March 4, 1977, the Senate Secretary distributed to the ad hoc Committee members a copy of the three-page report, dated December 2, 1976, of the Health Sciences Center Faculty Senate.

A few hours before the March 14 Senate meeting, the Senate Secretary received from Dr. Raymond Daniels, Office of Research Administration, his March 11, 1977, memorandum with three enclosures and reactions to the Conference Committee Report. Professor Daniels' memorandum was immediately delivered to Professor Cox of the Senate ad hoc Committee.

Senate Action: Professor Cox, ad hoc Committee Chairperson, stated that the Conference Committee report was not acceptable for several reasons. He added that the ad hoc Committee recommendations, in large part, reinstate several portions of the copyright policy approved by the Faculty Senate in 1974. On the basis of a quick reading of the HSC and Professor Daniels' reactions, Professor Cox felt that the ad hoc Committee had addressed itself to the objections raised.

Professor Fowler then moved that the question be tabled to allow further faculty input before final resolution of this matter. Without dissent, the Senate approved the tabling motion.

EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Background Information: In line with her remarks to the Senate at its September 13 meeting (see pages 15-16 of the Senate Journal for September 13, 1976), Dr. Barbara S. Uehling, Provost (Norman campus) appointed a Joint Subcommittee to develop appropriate criteria for the comparative evaluation of academic programs.

On January 31, 1977, Provost Uehling forwarded that subcommittee's report to the Deans, the Faculty Senate, and the Academic Program and Budget Councils for their reactions.

The Senate Executive Committee on March 3 prepared its recommendations for Senate consideration on March 14, 1977, as published on page 8 of the Agenda for that meeting.

Senate Action: Dr. Cecil Lee, Chairperson of the Academic Program Council and a member of the Joint Subcommittee on comparative evaluation of academic programs, gave a brief background of that Subcommittee and its deliberations since last fall. Chaired by Provost Uehling, the Joint Subcommittee consists of representatives from the Academic Program and Budget Councils. The group is preparing recommendations to the administration regarding "the inevitable task of evaluating programs should there be a question of phasing out a program for academic reasons." The Subcommittee has tried to be as comprehensive as possible in its deliberations.

Throughout the discussion, the point was repeatedly made that the Senate expects to see the final recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee before submission to the administration.

Dr. Kondonassis, Senate Chairperson, requested Drs. Lee and Langenbach (Provost's Office representative to the Faculty Senate) to present informally to the Joint Subcommittee the consensus of the Senate at this meeting.

After accepting a few revisions in the wording of the Executive Committee proposal, the Senate approved without dissent Dr. Fowler's motion to accept the statement that, in final form, reads as follows:

Realizing the necessity for the Office of the Provost to make comparative judgments of various academic programs and being appreciative of the value of a predetermined, consistent, and agreed-upon set of criteria for making such judgments the Faculty Senate commends the intent and the tone of the recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee on Program Evaluation. Furthermore, it is the understanding of the Senators that this is not the basis of another form of self-study by departments but that the data to be considered under the criteria ultimately adopted will come from existing studies, such as the five-year departmental evaluation.

The Faculty Senate invites attention to the following areas of concern in the Program Evaluation:

- (1) That particular attention be given where appropriate to public and professional services rendered by the department to the state, the region, and the nation.
- (2) That those criteria that shall be applied in all cases be distinguished from those that relate to the unique missions of a given department
- (3) That the criteria be ranked as to their relation to the general mission of the University.

The Faculty Senate recommends that the final document, including the procedures for faculty and departmental involvement in these judgments, be submitted as soon as possible to the Faculty Senate (Norman campus) for its consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, April 11, 1977, in Dale Hall 218.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony S. Lis

Anthony S. Lis
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Secretary