

## SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FACULTY SENATE (Norman campus)

The University of Oklahoma

Monday, August 30, 1978 -- Dale Hall 218

Dr. Bernard McDonald, Senate Chair, called the special session to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present:

Artman	Christian	Foote	Kutner	Reynolds	Sorey
Atherton	Coulter	Gabert	Lancaster	Saxon	Thompson, Gary
Bishop	Crites	Gillespie	Larson	Scheffer	Thompson, Steve
Braver	Davis, Junetta	Herrick	Lewis	Seaberg	Welch
Brown	Davis, Robert	Hill	Lis	Sloan	Whitmore
Caldwell	Dewey	Hood	McDonald	Snell	Yeh
Carpenter	Etheridge	Kunesh	Murray	Sofer	

Provost's office representative: Langenbach

AUOPE representatives: Guyer Cowen Burger Campo

UOSA representatives: Magnus

VISITORS: Over 100 faculty, administrators, students, staff, and press.

Absent:

Blick	Catlin	Huettner	Neely	Walker
Carmack	Hockman	Merrill	Toothaker	Williams

(Secretary's note: In accordance with precedent, attendance at this special meeting will be used to offset an absence during the current academic year. Conversely, members of the Senate will not be charged with absence on this date.)

## REMARKS BY SENATE CHAIR BERNARD McDONALD

Dr. McDonald stated that this special session of the Faculty Senate had been called for the sole purpose of introducing President-Designate William S. Banowsky to the Senate and, at the same time, to provide him this early opportunity to address the members of the Senate. Dr. McDonald noted that, according to Senate By-Laws, only Senate members would be recognized during the question-and-answer period to follow Dr. Banowsky's remarks. Dr. McDonald next called attention to the vital role of the Norman campus Faculty Senate in the following "accomplishments" during the past several years:

- (1) Faculty Career Development Plan. (During the past year, Provost Uehling utilized this Plan in seeking appropriate funding from the Lilly Foundation.)
- (2) Norman campus study of faculty options and attitudes concerning collective bargaining.
- (3) Faculty "position" papers on five areas of particular concern to the Norman campus faculty.
- (4) Faculty Personnel Policy, particularly those portions dealing with tenure, promotion, distinguished professorships, and University organization.
- (5) Separate policy statements of the University concerning program evaluation, program discontinuance, and financial emergency.

Paraphrasing President Sharp's recent public comment that the University of Oklahoma is the flagship institution of this state, Dr. McDonald--on the basis of his experience with and knowledge of faculty governance systems throughout the state--called the Norman campus Faculty Senate the "flagship Senate of the state." He stressed the Senate's continuing support of scholarship, undergraduate and graduate teaching, and service to the State, as well as specific faculty interest in salaries and fringe benefits.

He then introduced Dr. William S. Banowsky, who on September 15 will become the tenth President of the University of Oklahoma.

## REMARKS BY PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE WILLIAM S. BANOWSKY

Dr. Banowsky expressed his great pleasure in having this opportunity to visit with the Faculty Senate.

In his brief autobiographical sketch, he noted that he is a fifth-generation Texan of Polish descent and that his mother was born in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. His educational background includes degrees from David Lipscomb College (Tennessee), the University of New Mexico, and the University of Southern California. His 15-year relationship with Pepperdine University (interrupted by a 5-year church ministry in Lubbock, Texas) includes the Presidency of that institution since 1971.

President-Designate Banowsky reported that he had previously withdrawn his name from further consideration because his candidacy at that time did not have the unanimous approval of the Regents of this University.

In his opinion, the following areas will be of particular concern to his incoming administration: (1) academic quality, (2) funding, and (3) public perception (image) of the University in the community.

He is looking forward to the challenge of working at a public university and, in a spirit of humility, of carrying on the tradition of his predecessors in continuing to build the University of Oklahoma into a first-rate academic institution.

Declaring himself non-partisan and free of any kind of understanding with anyone, Dr. Banowsky feels "completely free to be himself" and wants very much to continue the tradition of freedom established here.

In his opinion, not all problems can be solved by money. However, whenever one talks about quality in higher education (i.e., academic strength and scholastic excellence), one is talking about dollars. The relationship between quality and money is 1:1. He stressed the continuing need for adequate financing of faculty salaries, the library, and faculty research.

With reference to the role of the faculty, Dr. Banowsky said, "The University is the faculty. The surest way to fail in this job would be for me not to be able to earn your credibility, good will, and respect."

In the subsequent 20-minute question-and-answer period, Dr. Banowsky offered his views on the following topics:

- (1) Search process for the Norman campus Provost
- (2) State Regents' Plan for the 70's
- (3) Student relations with the President
- (4) Faculty "position papers"
- (5) Faculty governance on the Norman campus
- (6) Administration's view of the faculty
- (7) Philosophy of management at the Presidential level
- (8) Efforts to increase private funding
- (9) Faculty role in improving the University image

During both his informal remarks and the question-and-answer period, President-Designate Banowsky several times lauded the efforts, the accomplishments, and the leadership of President Emeritus George L. Cross, President Emeritus Paul F. Sharp, Vice President David Burr, and Interim Provost John Morris.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The special session of the Senate was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The Senate will hold its first regular session of the 1978-79 academic year at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 1978, in Dale Hall 218.

Respectfully submitted,

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