

JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY SENATE (Norman campus)
The University of Oklahoma

Regular Session -- October 16, 1978 -- 3:30 p.m., Dale Hall 218

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Dr. Bernard R. McDonald, Chairperson.

Present:

Artman	Carpenter	Etheridge	Huettner	Neely	Sorey
Bishop	Catlin	Gabert	Kutner	Reynolds	Thompson, Gary
Blick	Christian	Gillespie	Lancaster	Rinear	Toothaker
Braver	Crites	Herrick	Lewis	Saxon	Walker
Brown	Davis, Junetta	Hill	Lis	Seaberg	Welch
Caldwell	Davis, Robert	Hockman	McDonald	Sloan	Whitmore
Carmack	Dewey	Hood	Merrill	Sofer	Yeh

Provost's Office representative: Glenn

AUOPE representatives: Cowen Guyer

Absent:

Atherton	Foote	Murray	Snell	Williams
Coulter	Kunesh	Scheffer	Thompson, Steve	

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journals of the Faculty Senate for the special session on August 30, 1978, and the regular session on September 11, 1978, were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

General Faculty meeting - October 19, 1978. The fall semester meeting of the General Faculty on the Norman campus will be held at 3:30 p.m., in Adams Hall 150, on Thursday, October 19, 1978.

Joint meeting of OSU/OU Executive Committees - October 24, 1978. The Executive Committees of the Faculty Council, Oklahoma State University, and the Faculty Senate, University of Oklahoma, will hold their fall semester joint meeting on Tuesday evening, October 24, on the Norman campus.

Fall meeting, State Conference of Faculty Organizations - November 9, 1978. The fall meeting of the statewide Conference of Faculty Organizations, representing state and private colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma, will be held on Thursday, November 9, 1978, at East Central State University in Ada. Profs. McDonald and Lis will represent the Senate. Interested faculty members are urged to join the OU delegation.

ACTION TAKEN BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM S. BANOWSKY: Faculty replacements

On September 25, 1978, President William S. Banowsky approved the election of the following individuals: (See pages 4-5 of the Senate Journal for September 11, 1978.)

Administrative and Physical Resources Council: Robert Shapiro
Budget Council: Sarah Crim
Committee on Discrimination: Donald Woolf

At the same time, President Banowsky selected the following faculty replacements from the nominations made by the Faculty Senate on September 11:

Athletics Council: Michael Cox
Academic Regulations Committee: Mary C. Petty
Commencement Committee: Clayton Feaver
Computer Advisory Committee: William F. Bentz, J. N. Reddy, and Robert Shahan
Employment Benefits Committee: Roger Atherton

ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE OFFICERS: Communication to President Banowsky

On October 3, 1978, Dr. Bernard R. McDonald, Senate Chair, addressed the following self-explanatory letter to Dr. William S. Banowsky, University President:

"On behalf of the officers of the Faculty Senate (Norman campus), I would like to compliment you on articulating in public statements the vital academic aspects of this University.

"Specifically, at the Oklahoma University Hall of Fame Banquet in Oklahoma City on September 24 and in recent statements in the press (Norman Transcript, September 24; Daily Oklahoman, September 25; and Oklahoma Daily, September 26) you have brought to public attention the importance of the faculty, the library resources, and the missions in teaching, research, and service of a major comprehensive university.

"We wish you success in your efforts to supplement from private sources the modest state funding provided our institution and in the important task of enhancing the public image of our University."

RECORD OF PRESIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF SENATE ACTIONS, 1977-78

The complete record of Presidential disposition of the 26 formal Senate actions taken during the 1977-78 academic year appears on page 3 of this Journal.

RECORD OF PRESIDENTIAL DISPOSITION OF SENATE ACTIONS
(September, 1977 - September, 1978)

No. and Date:	Senate Action:	Origin:	Disposition:
(1) 9/13/77	Faculty replacement: University Equal Employment Opportunity Committee	President	Approved
(2) 10/11/77	Proposed revision of seven-year limitation on temporary faculty appointments	Provost	Approved, Norman campus only
(3) 10/11/77	Faculty replacements: University Councils and Committees	President	Approved
(4) 11/4/77	Faculty nominations -- Search Committee for the Director, University Libraries	President	Committee selected
(5) 11/15/77	Faculty replacements - Councils and Appeals Board	President	Approved
(6) 11/15/77	Faculty Personnel Policy: Request for additional time	Senate	Approved
(7) 12/13/77	Faculty replacement -- Administrative and Physical Resources Council	President	Approved
(8) 12/13/77	Faculty nominations -- Search Committee, Vice President, Administrative and Financial Services	President	Committee selected
(9) 12/14/77	Faculty Personnel Policy: Request for conference with Provost	Senate	Approved
(10) 12/14/77	Proposed Graduate Assistant Handbook: Senate canvass of Norman chairs	Senate	Approved
(11) 1/17/78	Faculty replacements -- Faculty Appeals Board and Norman campus Tenure Committee	President	Approved
(12) 1/17/78	Rewording of Section 3.7.3 (c), "Probationary Period," Personnel Policy	President	Approved
(13) 2/14/78	Faculty replacements - Councils and Committees	President	Approved
(14) 2/14/78	Proposed Graduate Assistant Handbook	Provost	Approved
(15) 2/14/78	Academic titles -- Temporary faculty	President	Approved, Norman campus only
(16) 2/15/78	Exclusion of School of Home Economics from Program Discontinuance Policy	Senate	Forwarded to Regents who took no action
(17) 3/21/78	Search Committee, VP for Administrative and Financial Services: Recommendation for delaying the Search	Senate	Disapproved
(18) 3/27/78	Energy Resources Center: Request for oral/written status report	Senate	Approved
(19) 4/19/78	Proposal for waiving tuition for faculty spouses and children	Senate	Approved for referral to the University/State Regents
(20) 5/4/78	Faculty replacements for end-of-year vacancies on University Councils, Committees, Boards, and Tribunal	President	Approved
(21) 6/30/78	Faculty vacancy, Student Discrimination Grievance Committee	President	Approved
(22) 8/18/78	Faculty "Position Papers"	Senate	Acknowledged. Copies distributed to Regents and President-Designate.

SPRING SEMESTER REPORTS: University Councils and Publications Board

Spring semester report of the Academic Personnel Council (Norman campus) submitted by Dr. L. Doyle Bishop, Chairperson, on September 2, 1978:

The bulk of the work of hearing the eight disputed tenure cases occurred during the spring term, mainly in January and February. The Council met fifteen times and heard the statements of approximately fifty participants and witnesses during approximately forty-five hours of meetings. The recommendations of the Council on the eight cases (grant in 5 cases and extend in 3 cases) were delivered to the President on February 17. The President and the Regents agreed with all but one of the Council's recommendations, resulting in a final decision to grant tenure in 4 cases and to extend in 4 cases.

Our experiences this year resulted in a new administrative interpretation of a provision in the Faculty Handbook and a recommendation to the President concerning the varying quality of dossiers which are forwarded to the Council in disputed tenure cases. Section 3.2.11(3) of the Faculty Handbook reads in part "If none of these alternatives (grant, defer, or deny) receives a majority vote, the probationary period shall be extended for one year, and the President shall be notified by Committee A of this decision." President Sharp ruled in the case in point that this provision means that the vote is to be considered a recommendation that extension of the probationary period for one year be granted and that the processes provided for the handling of disputed tenure must be complied with, culminating in a final decision by the Board of Regents.

The poor quality of some of the dossiers received by the Council caused us concern. Some lacked vital information which was provided when the Council asked for it. In the meantime, however, recommendations by the Deans in the process had been made without the benefit of that information. The Council recommended that the primary responsibility for assembling an adequate dossier be assigned to Committee A and that the President remind all concerned of the importance of this matter at the time that tenure recommendations are called for.

Mary E. Saxon was elected Chair of the Council for the 1978-79 year.

<u>Council membership:</u>	Doyle Bishop, Chair	Jack Kanak	Mary E. Saxon
	Junetta Davis	Robert Petry	Leale Streebin
	Harold Huneke	Gene Pingleton	Miguel Terekhov

Spring semester report of the Academic Programs Council (Norman campus) submitted by Dr. Kenneth Merrill, Chairperson, on September 25, 1978:

The Academic Programs Council met five times during the 1978 spring term.

The Council considered and made recommendations on the following items:

- (1) a proposal by the Department of Psychology to offer a B.S. in Psychology;
- (2) a proposal by the Department of Mathematics to offer an M.S. in Mathematics;
- (3) a proposal by the Department of Botany-Microbiology to offer the standard B.S. degree in both Botany and Microbiology and to offer the professional B.S. degree in both Botany and Microbiology. (Under current policy, the Department of Botany-Microbiology is authorized to offer only the standard degree in Botany and only the professional degree in Microbiology.);
- (4) a proposal by the Department of Modern Languages to change the name of the department to Department of Modern Languages and Literatures;
- (5) a proposal by the College of Education to change the program title "Educational Media" to "Educational Technology";
- (6) a proposal by the College of Business Administration to institute a procedure for testing the language skills of its students.

The Council recommended approval of all six of the proposals listed above, in some cases only after requesting and receiving clarification of certain provisions of the proposals and in other cases only after having certain misgivings laid to rest.

At the request of the UOSA, the Council recommended that the colleges of the University consider making available "areas of concentration" to any student who wants them. Areas of concentration would consist of twelve to eighteen hours in an academic discipline and would be noted on the student's transcript. The Council made the following observations on this topic:

- (1) No department (or academic unit) should be forced or pressured to make areas of concentration available to its students, and no student should be forced or pressured to declare such areas.
- (2) The set of courses comprising an area of concentration should be informed by some coherent principle (or principles) but should not be rigidly prescribed. That is to say, an area of concentration should be neither an inflexible sequence of courses nor a farrago of various courses in some field.
- (3) The Council took no position on the question whether old-style minors should be reinstated (since the issue did not arise). However, the Council did express the hope that areas of concentration, if adopted, not be allowed to metamorphose gradually into minors in the usual sense of the term. If minors are to be brought back, let it be done deliberately and openly.

Easily the most controversial, vexing, and time-consuming issue faced by the Council was the question whether Economics 1013 (Economic History of the United States) should continue to count as satisfying part of the State Regents' requirement of "six hours in American History and Government." The Council heard arguments by representatives of the Economics and History Departments, tried unsuccessfully to effect an informal compromise (which the nature of the disagreement seemed to preclude in any case), and then debated the question vigorously and at considerable length. The upshot was that the members of the Council divided evenly on the issue and were, consequently, unable to make a categorical recommendation to President Sharp.

A sub-committee of the Council, with Dr. Loy Prickett as Chair, prepared a report on the problems, opportunities, and prospects of non-traditional education at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Loy Prickett (College of Education) was elected Chair of the Council for 1978-79.

<u>Committee members:</u>	Bobbie Biggs	Arnulf Hagen	Loy Prickett
	Mary Dewey	Carl Locke	Jan Seifert
	Bruce Govich	Kenneth Merrill, Chair	V. Stanley Vardys

Spring semester report of the Administrative and Physical Resources Council (Norman campus) submitted by Dr. Jack Parker, on September 15, 1978:

The Administrative and Physical Resources Council held eight meetings during the Spring Semester, 1978.

Following is a summary of the items with which the Council was concerned at these meetings:

Swim Complex Safety. The Council recommended that signs be placed at the Swim Complex advising people delivering and picking up swimmers to go to the parking lot north of the pool. The signs have been erected and are being observed.

Statement on Issues. The Council submitted a statement to President Sharp on what they felt were important issues in regard to the budget-making process. They felt that a new set of administrative procedures could be implemented which would provide more extensive participation in the budgeting process of the University. They thought that the faculty and staff of the University would welcome the opportunity to work with the administration in an effort to solve budget problems.

Section 13/New College Funds. The Council considered many requests for the use of these funds and made recommendations. The projected use of these funds has been revised many times and the Council feels that the most important use for them is in energy conservation.

Naming of the Athletic Dormitories. At the request of Mr. Wade Walker, the Council voted to recommend to the President that the new athletic dorm be named for Bud Wilkinson and the present Washington House be named for Gomer T. Jones.

Naming of the OCCE Forum Building. The Council was asked to give its approval to the naming of the OCCE Forum Building for Dr. Thurman J. White and it unanimously voted to recommend this.

Architecture Studio Areas. The faculty of the School of Architecture requested that three former professors, all deceased, be honored by naming recently remodeled studio areas for them. Stadium Room 368 will be called the Glickman Studio, Room 362 will be the Burgett Studio, and Room 360 will be the Smay Studio.

Burton Hall Lounge. The Council was asked to consider the suggestion to name the Lounge in Burton Hall for Professor Emeritus Mary Warren who was Director of the School of Home Economics for many years. They submitted a recommendation to the President to do this.

Boyd Gunning Park. The Council met in July, 1978, to consider naming the area bounded by Jenkins, Highway 9, Chautauqua, and Timberdell as "Gunning Park." It was approved and submitted to the President. A ceremony was held and the Park was dedicated on August 25, 1978.

Election of the Chair. Dr. Jack Parker was re-elected Chair of the Council for a second term for 1978-79.

<u>Council membership:</u>	Floyd Calvert	Dortha Henderson	Julia Norlin
	Johnnie Gentry	Victor Hutchison	Jack Parker, Chair
	Charles Goins	Beverly Joyce	Robert Shapiro

Spring semester report of the Athletics Council submitted by Dr. Catherine Bennett, Chairperson, on September 11, 1978:

The Athletics Council met on January 17, February 14, April 11, and May 9, and, in addition, various subcommittees met, to:

- 1) Interview and recommend candidate for head women's basketball coach.
- 2) Interview and recommend a candidate for head women's volleyball coach.
- 3) Work with Athletic Department on annual budget.
- 4) Select recipients for: Jay Myers, Conference Medal, Sooner Schooner, and Athletics Council Merit Award.

The Athletics Council approved:

- 1) The schedules for all men's sports.
- 2) The schedules for all women's sports.
- 3) Awards for individual athletes in all sports.

A series of candidates were interviewed as head coaches for women's volleyball and basketball. The subcommittees recommended:

- 1) Mr. Doyle Parrack, Women's Basketball.
- 2) Mr. Miles Pabst, Women's Volleyball.

Both of the coaches were hired for the 1978-1979 year.

The Council invited three coaches to their meetings for the purpose of getting to know the coaches and to learn of their work in the sports area. Invited were:

- 1) Bob Connor, Swimming
- 2) Paul Ziert, Gymnastics
- 3) Enos Semore, Baseball

The Budget Subcommittee met with the Athletic Department to review and discuss budget proposals. Women's sports received a general overall increase as did football. All other sports, except basketball, had an approximate 15% decrease in equipment and travel. The budget was approved by the Council; however, specific recommendations were made for future changes in budget matters.

Communication was received from Dr. Paul Sharp regarding the Regents' mandate to put aside \$150,000 for four years to build a new baseball stadium. The Council requested the Regents to reconsider this action. On Dec. 7, 1977, they voted to reaffirm their previous action.

The Council is struggling with two concerns:

- 1) Funding of the ever-growing women's athletic program at the University of Oklahoma.
- 2) Actions by the Regents which drastically affect the budget without sources of funds accompanying those actions.

Council members: Catherine Bennett, Chair Ronald Coleman Paul Risser
Sam Chapman Clovis Haden

Spring semester report of the Budget Council (Norman campus) submitted by Dr. Rex Inman, Chairperson, on October 2, 1978:

The Budget Council met 10 times during the spring 1978 semester. Two additional meetings were called but were not held due to lack of quorum. These were the April 26 and May 2 meetings. All meetings were held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 103 Evans Hall.

Items addressed by the Council during the spring semester included the following:

Salary and Wage Increases for 1978-79. The Council recommended on February 3 that any salary and wage increases in 1978-79 be based on and scaled according to merit. President Sharp concurred with this recommendation and indicated he would so recommend to the University Regents.

Work/Compensation Improvement Plan. Mr. Leonard Harper, Director of Personnel, addressed the Council regarding the Work/Compensation Improvement Plan that was being implemented for non-faculty employees. Although the Council expressed concern over the possible uneven application of salary increases, no action was taken.

Provost's Reallocation Plan. The Council devoted two meetings to the examination of Provost Uehling's plan to reallocate funds among the colleges. Dr. Duane Stucky, Director of Institutional Research, and Dr. Uehling met with the Council and reviewed the models used as a basis for the reallocation plan. There was considerable discussion about the use of a model and the Council voted to ask the Chair and Chair-Elect to come up with a statement recording the Council's opposition to reliance on a model which appeared to have been applied hastily and without sufficient study. This statement was not completed by the end of the semester.

Budget Council Procedures. A Steering Committee was established to recommend on Budget Council procedures. The Committee recommended that several subcommittees be established to study specific topics, including the Budget Council charge, Physical Plant operations and budgeting, problems of student dissatisfaction and declining enrollments, wage and salary recommendations, and budget reallocations. The Steering Committee also recommended that the Council update its budget recommendations and analyze the trends in budgeting. It was decided to establish one of the recommended subcommittees to study the Council Charge.

Council Charge. The Subcommittee which studied the Budget Council charge found that the charge was adequate but that the Council should study its procedures and redefine its subcommittee structure. A new subcommittee structure was recommended to President Sharp. President Sharp responded that he wished the new president to review these recommendations, although he regarded them as well designed.

Arts and Sciences Budget. Dean Paige Mulhollan met with the Council to explain how he would accomplish the reallocation requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences by reducing E & G budget commitments to several organized activities related to instruction. No action was taken by the Council.

University Press Debt. The Budget Council learned that \$50,000 in E & G funds was going to be allocated to payment of a \$300,000 debt owed by the University Press Sales Division to the Printing Division. It was explained to the Council that this debt was being covered by other agencies but, because the fund was experiencing cash-flow problems, it was necessary to begin to erase the cash deficit. The Council recommended to the President that, if at all possible, the debt should be either repaid from other auxiliaries or canceled. President Sharp responded that the University has been subsidizing the University Press for some time and that the \$50,000 allocation was merely an explicit definition of that subsidy. He reiterated the importance of the Press to the educational and scholarly mission of the University which would make the use of E & G funds for the subsidy appropriate. He indicated that the administration would continue to examine the amount of the subsidy and that it had already been decided to reduce the amount to \$40,000 in light of other budget needs.

Utility Savings. President Sharp indicated that there might be savings of approximately \$200,000 in the utility budget and asked for the Council's recommendation on whether the savings should be returned to the general surplus or used for energy conservation equipment. The Council commended the Physical Plant and all University faculty, staff, and students for their efforts which resulted in the savings in the utility budget. However, the Council expressed the feeling that energy savings should not be automatically turned over to the Physical Plant without a specific plan for expenditures. Mr. Robeson met with the Council and outlined specific projects for energy conservation expenditures. President Sharp responded that savings will be returned to the general reserve and that the Budget Council and the Administrative and Physical Resources Council would be kept informed regarding plans for energy conservation expenditures.

Subcommittee on the Physical Plant. A subcommittee of the Budget Council also studied some other aspects of Physical Plant budgeting. The subcommittee recommended further examination of certain areas of the Physical Plant budget which seemed to have increased out of proportion to the increase in the budget for instruction. These areas were Biological Station Maintenance, A & E Services budgets, space rental, energy and power. As a result of these discussions, it was decided to invite Dr. Van Hauen to discuss A & E services and Space Rental, Mr. Vic Robeson, Director of the Physical Plant, to discuss energy costs, and Dr. Loren Hill, Director of the Biological Station, to discuss that facility. After hearing from these administrators, the Council concluded that the budget for A & E Services was justified, that the budget for Biological Station Maintenance should be stabilized somewhere around 40% of the instructional budget and any necessary reductions come from the Physical Plant portion of the Budget, that fuel costs should be budgeted more realistically in the future and any contingency for fuel cost increases be held in the general University reserve rather than in the Physical Plant budget, that energy conservation equipment and building modifications be budgeted in a systematic way along with all other University programs and requests for funds be considered during the budget making process, and that the University undertake a program to control and reduce the practice of using E & G funds to rent bond-encumbered space.

Whitehand Hall. When it was announced that Whitehand Hall would be removed from the dormitory list and used for E & G purposes, the Council expressed concern that the needs of the students were not being considered and that the costs of operating Whitehand would create a burden on the E & G budget. The Chair called the Council's concerns to the attention of the Administrative and Physical Resources Council and also requested additional information on the proposal. About that time, it was decided to keep Whitehand open if enough students signed up to live there.

TIAA for Summer Appointments. The University Employment Benefits Committee had recommended that TIAA contributions be made for those faculty holding summer appointments. Previously no contributions were made for 9-month faculty during the summer months even though they may have held appointments in the summer session. President Sharp responded to the Employment Benefits Committee that the funds for this benefit would have to come from the Summer Session Budget. The Employment Benefits Committee recommended that this proposal be presented to the Budget Council for its recommendation on whether the funds should be taken from the Summer Session budget. The Budget Council recommended that attempts be made to find funds to provide these contributions without cutting into the summer budget. President Sharp indicated that all sources of possible funding would be explored by the time the plan is implemented in the summer of 1979.

Vice President for Administrative and Financial Services Search. The Council requested that it be involved in the interview process for the Vice President for Administrative and Financial Services. President Sharp indicated that he had asked the Chair of the Search Committee to see that this was accomplished.

Provost Search. The Council requested that it also be involved in the Provost Search when it got underway. President Sharp responded that, since it would be some time before that search is started, any decision about who should be involved in that search would need to await its beginning.

Copies of the University Budget. The Council recommended that copies of the University Budget be made accessible in the library and placed in some branch libraries and that library personnel be told where the budgets are located and that they be listed in the card catalog. President Sharp reiterated the policy that copies of the current year budget are available in the Office of the Vice President for University Relations and Development and that assistance is available at that office with regard to using the budget. Budgets for past years are available in the University archives and assistance in using them is available from the University Relations or Administrative and Financial Services Offices. Copies of the current year's budget are available in the Dean's offices and the Faculty Senate Office.

Chair Election. The Council elected Dr. Richard Fowler Chair for 1978-79.

<u>Committee members:</u>	Homer Brown	Rex Inman, Chair	Don Perkins
	Davis Egle	Cecil Lee	Robert Shalhope
	Richard Fowler	T. H. Milby	Raymond White

Spring semester report of the Faculty Awards and Honors Council submitted by Dr. Paul Ruggiers, Chairperson on September 29, 1978:

1. We recommended candidates for the following distinguished professorships: Regents' Professorships, David Ross Boyd Professorships, and George Lynn Cross Professorships.
2. We recommended to the President candidates for the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching, Research and Creative Activity, and Professional and University Service.

3. We assisted the President in nominating candidates for AMOCO Teaching Awards.
4. We were able to successfully modify personnel policies concerning the Health Sciences Campus representation on the committee, raising that representation from one to two.

The Committee met once a month for seven months, during which time we screened applications for the various awards.

Committee members:	Paul Anderson	Hubert Frings	Paul Ruggiers, Chair
	Gail de Stwolinski	Alex Kondonassis	Yoshi Sasaki
	Lowell Dunham	Jack Metcoff	

Spring semester report of the Research Council (Norman campus) submitted by
Dr. Robert L. DuBois, Chairperson, on September 21, 1978:

In its major programs during fiscal year 1978, the Research Council (Norman campus) received 199 applications for support totaling \$385,543.96 and made recommendations for 122 awards totaling \$184,797.11. Table 1 gives a breakdown of the awards by major program. In addition, 120 reprints were purchased for faculty members at a cost of \$7,420.20

The Council began a new program this year on an experimental basis to assist worthy graduate students in their last year of study toward a terminal degree. This support, called the "Dissertation Aid" program, provided three \$4,000 assistantships to allow students to devote full time to their graduate "research." An additional \$3,000 was reserved for small, discretionary grants to other deserving students. These discretionary grants are to be awarded by the Council on a competitive basis during one fall meeting and one spring meeting.

The Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship program received 33 applications, of which 12 were recommended for funding. Originally, some 10 fellowships were planned from the OURI Trust Fund Allocation. President Sharp provided an additional \$3,000 of special funds from his office to supplement the support for this important program. Total awards made, therefore, were 12. The reduction of OURI funds resulted in a reduced level of support for the Sabbatical Leave Supplement Program; however, some support was provided under the regular research grant program.

The Biomedical Research Support Grant program of the National Institute of Health provided \$31,862 for University projects in FY78. The Council received 27 applications for these funds and recommended 12 awards totaling the amount received.

Council members:	Robert DuBois, Chair	Loren Hill	Eddie C. Smith
	Arn Henderson	Joakim Laguros	Ronald Snell
	Michael Hennagin	Marion Phillips	Winfred Steglich

Table 1. FY78 Research Council Awards

PROGRAM	APPLICATIONS		AWARDS	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Faculty Research Fund	126	\$173,855.43	95	\$107,935.11
Jr. Faculty Sum. Res. Fel.	33	82,500.00	12	30,000.00
Biomed. Res. Support	27	77,188.53	12	31,862.00
Dissertation Aid Program	13	52,000.00	3	12,000.00
Discretionary Funds	--	---	-	3,000.00
Reprints	--	---	120	7,420.20
Totals	199	\$ 385,543.96	122	\$ 184,797.11

Spring semester report of the Board of Student Publications submitted by
Professor Ed Carter, Chairperson, on September 29, 1978:

Financial Condition:

OU Student Publications ended fiscal year 1977-78 with a net operating margin of \$38,638.07 in all of its accounts.

The 1978 Sooner Yearbook, however, lost \$2,462.23. The yearbook now is in its third year of a three-year trial period as to whether it should be continued. The Board in 1976 accepted the recommendations of a study committee that examined the yearbook's losses. The Board approved an arrangement whereby the yearbook could lose no more than \$9,000 in 1977, no more than \$7,000 in 1978, and no more than \$5,000 in 1979.

In March of 1978, Fred Weddle, Director of Student Publications, asked the Board to discontinue the Sooner Yearbook. Weddle said the Sooner Yearbook is a financial drain on other OU student publications, that sales have dwindled to approximately 1,500 copies as student interest has declined in the traditional type of yearbook, that advertising also has rapidly declined in volume as the yearbook has become less and less attractive to advertisers, that the yearbook does not serve the vast publics of the University, especially the diverse student body, and that the Sooner does not serve as an educational laboratory in the same manner as the Oklahoma Daily.

The Board noted that the Sooner Yearbook had one more year to go in its three-year trial period. The Board then appointed a second Sooner Yearbook Study Committee. It was headed by Judy Murphy of the OU Media Information Office. The Committee's recommendations, which were approved by the Board, included the go-ahead for publishing the Sooner 1979 Yearbook with a subsidy, if needed, of up to \$5,000, and that a scientific survey be made of OU students to see if they want the yearbook continued. The survey currently is being made by the OU School of Journalism Research Center.

The Board of Publications will consider the results of the survey in the spring semester of 1979 and decide the fate of the Sooner Yearbook.

Changes in the Oklahoma Daily

The Daily began a new format design in the fall semester of 1977 which included modern changes in typography, in layout, and in the grouping of news. The Publications Board had approved the new design earlier in the year.

The Publications Board in the spring semester of 1978 approved a change in publication days from Tuesday through Saturday to Monday through Friday. The Daily began the new publication schedule in the 1978 Summer Session.

(Dr. Roy Male is the only Norman campus Faculty Senate representative.)

 SELECTION OF PERMANENT SENATE MEETING SITE

Dr. McDonald, Senate Chair, reported that several Senators last summer had indicated a personal desire to change the site of Senate meetings.

Accordingly, the September 11 session was held in Dale Hall; the October 16 meeting was moved to OMU 242.

Within the next few days, members of the Senate will participate in a mail ballot to select the permanent meeting site.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT: Meeting of Inter-Senate Liaison Committee

Dr. McDonald, Senate Chair, next reported on the October 12 meeting of the Oklahoma University Inter-Senate Liaison Committee at the Health Sciences Center. The three Norman campus Senate officers joined their four HSC counterparts.

Most of the informal discussion was concerned with (a) the fringe benefits program and (b) the copyright policy now being considered at the Health Sciences Center. Dr. McDonald noted that in April, 1977, the Norman campus Senate had submitted its proposal for a University copyright policy to President Sharp; to date, there has been no response from the administration.

The Inter-Senate Liaison Committee voted to request President Banowsky that copies of the minutes of the University Regents' meetings be furnished both Senates. At present, both groups receive copies of the Agenda in advance of the monthly Regents' meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Search Committee, A&S Dean

Dr. Lewis, Chair of the Senate Committee on Committees, announced the receipt of a formal request from President Banowsky for nominations for the four faculty positions on the Search Committee for the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

She also reported that directors and chairs in the Arts and Sciences College had been formally requested to submit faculty nominations to her by Friday, November 3. She further solicited nominations from Senate members and other members of the faculty, with the stipulation that all prospective nominees must be willing to serve if selected and that all nominations must be submitted to her with supporting information.

The Committee slate will be presented at the November 13 meeting of the Senate.

FACULTY PERSONNEL POLICY: Interpretation of Section 3.2.11 (3)
 in disputed tenure cases

Dr. Doyle Bishop, 1977-78 Chair of the Academic Personnel Council, called attention to the second paragraph of the spring (1978) semester report of that Council, specifically the following sentence in Section 3.2.11 (3) of the Faculty Handbook: (See page 4 of this Journal.

"If none of these alternatives (grant, defer, or deny) receives a majority vote, the probationary period shall be extended for one year and the President shall be notified by Committee A of this decision."

In two disputed cases last winter, Dr. Bishop, Council Chair, reported to President Sharp that no alternative had received a majority vote and also forwarded that Council's recommendation that both cases be returned to the appropriate Committee A so that the probationary period could be automatically extended for one year, with proper notification to the President.

In response, President Sharp included the following pertinent comment in his January 16, 1978, memorandum to Professor Bishop:

"I have consulted with Legal Counsel about the interpretation of Section 3.2.11(3). We are agreed that the section makes clear how a vote by the faculty polled shall be interpreted if no single alternative (grant tenure, deny tenure, or extend the probationary period) receives a majority vote. In such cases, the vote is to be considered recommending extension of the probationary period for one year. We are also agreed, however, that the section does not automatically mean that in such cases the probationary period will be extended. That can only be done by the University Regents for those who must be considered for tenure under the terms of the policy. Thus, the effect of the paragraph is to indicate how the recommendation is to be interpreted, and the remainder of the process described in the Faculty Handbook must be fulfilled. I should add that this is the way cases involving faculty votes with no majority have been handled in the past."

In Professor Bishop's opinion, the Regents' approval of the old tenure policy substantiates the literal interpretation of the Council that the one-year extension of the probationary period is automatic under the circumstances.

Professor Bishop then expressed the desirability of ascertaining from the new President whether he intends to abide by that "unusual" interpretation or whether he would prefer to interpret that section of the tenure policy differently.

Professor McDonald, Senate Chair, volunteered to communicate with President Banowsky informally about this matter after first consulting with Professor Bishop regarding the specific details of this situation.

FACULTY PERSONNEL POLICY: "Tenure recommendation" dossiers

Dr. Bishop, Chair of the 1977-78 Academic Personnel Council, next called attention to the problem of inadequate "tenure recommendation" dossiers mentioned in the third paragraph of his Council's report for the spring semester. (See page 4 of this Journal.)

He urged that great care be taken to ensure the completeness of dossiers particularly in tenure recommendations that include "extra-curricular" research and creative activities. Detailed explanations of such activities should include reviews and/or evaluations.

He added that the Council had recommended to President Sharp that this admonition be disseminated to all departments on the Norman campus.

SENATE RESOLUTION: Appreciation and support - President William S. Banowsky

Dr. Bishop moved approval of the following resolution submitted by the Senate Executive Committee:

"WHEREAS President William S. Banowsky has emphasized publicly the value and the importance of the faculty in all major comprehensive academic institutions and the significance of teaching, scholarship, creative activity, and service of the faculty in fulfilling the mission of this University,

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate (Norman campus) express to President Banowsky its appreciation for the above statements and its support of his efforts to enhance positively the image of the University of Oklahoma, as well as wish him success in his endeavors to increase public and private financial support for this institution."

Without further discussion and with one dissenting vote, the Senate approved the motion.

FACULTY NOMINATIONS: Campus Tenure Committee (Norman)

The Senate approved the following faculty nominations submitted by the Committee on Committees to complete Professor Robert Nye's term (1978-81) on the Campus Tenure Committee (Norman):

Celia M. Bryant (Music)
Stanley B. Eliason (Mathematics)

PROGRESS REPORT OF SENATE ad hoc COMMITTEE: Proposed Academic Misconduct Code

Background Information: On July 26, 1978, Dr. McDonald, Senate Chair, appointed the following ad hoc Committee to review the proposed Academic Misconduct Code: (See page 4 of the Senate Journal for April 10, 1978.)

Greg Kunesh (Drama), Chair
Peter Kutner (Law)
Vincent Liesenfeld (English)

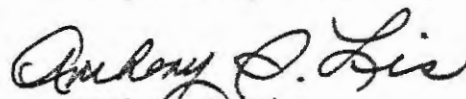
On September 28, the Senate Secretary distributed copies of the full text of the proposed student code to all Senate members.

Committee progress report: The ad hoc Committee is considering a number of substantive changes, as well as many editorial changes, in the text of the proposed code. In the absence of the Committee Chair, Professor Kutner, a member of that Committee, took note of several comments and suggestions made from the floor. The final report of the Committee will be delayed until the November 13 Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, November 13, 1978, in Dale Hall 218.

Respectfully submitted,



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