

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

Regular Session -- December 11, 1978 -- 3:30 p.m., Dale Hall 218

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

Present:

Artman	Catlin	Gabert	Lis	Sofer
Atherton	Coulter	Gillespie	McDonald	Sorey
Bishop	Crites	Herrick	Neely	Thompson, Gary
Braver	Davis, Junetta	Hood	Rowe	Thompson, Steve
Brown	Davis, Robert	Kunesh	Saxon	Walker
Caldwell	Dewey	Kutner	Scheffer	Welch
Carmack	Etheridge	Lancaster	Seaberg	Whitmore
Carpenter	Foote	Lewis	Snell	Yeh

AUOPE representatives: Guyer

Cowen

UOSA representatives: Fail

Niemeyer

Absent:

Blick	Hill	Huettner	Murray	Rinear	Toothaker
Christian	Hockman	Merrill	Reynolds	Sloan	

UOSA representatives: Carter O'Rear Snyder

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Faculty Senate for the regular session on November 13, 1978, was approved.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM S. BANOWSKY

(1) Academic Misconduct Code (Norman campus - except Law). In acknowledging receipt of Senate action of November 13, President Banowsky made the following comment:

"Since this is a very complicated document and the changes made by the Senate require careful consideration, I am asking that they be reviewed by Interim Provost J. R. Morris. This may take a little bit of time. In the meantime, I want you to know that I have received the Senate's proposal and I'm working on it."

(See page 6 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978.)

(2) Search Committee, A&S Dean: On December 8, 1978, President William S. Banowsky addressed the following letter to the Senate Chair concerning the Search Committee for the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences:

"I want you to know that I have not forgotten the nominations that I have received from the Faculty Senate for the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"As I believe you know, I have recently appointed the Search Committee for the Provost for the Norman campus. Because I think it is important that the Provost for the Norman campus be appointed prior to the selection of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, I am postponing the beginning of the search for the Dean until the spring semester. I believe we can begin that search at that time even though the search for the Provost will not be completed until the summer. We will not make a selection, however, until the Provost has been appointed and can make the decision.

"When the committee is formed, I shall select the faculty members from the names that the Senate has submitted."

(See page 5 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978, and page 3 of this Journal.)

(3) Search Committee, Provost (Norman campus): On December 5, President William S. Banowsky appointed the following Norman campus faculty members to the Search Committee for the Provost (Norman campus):

Professors Roger M. Atherton, Chair
James Bohland
Gail B. de Stwolinski
Tom J. Love
H. Wayne Morgan

(See page 5 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978, and page 3 of this Journal.)

The Committee also includes the following individuals:

Dean Gloria R. Smith
Ms. Virginia L. Odell
Mr. Cecil E. Morris, Jr.
Ms. Pamela S. Beason

(4) Senate Resolution - Search Committee procedures and guidelines: In acknowledging receipt of the Senate resolution of November 13, President Banowsky made the following comment in his December 4 letter to Professor McDonald, Senate Chair:

"In response to the Faculty Senate's resolution regarding the search processes to be used for the Provost (Norman campus) and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, I want you to know that I fully subscribe to following the established processes. I intend to follow carefully the procedures that have been established and to insure that we also follow our affirmative action guidelines in our searches."

(See page 6 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978.)

ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE CHAIR: A&S recommendation concerning W and F Grades.

On November 30, 1978, Dr. Bernard McDonald, Senate Chair, forwarded to the Academic Program Council for appropriate study the following recommendation received from the College of Arts and Sciences for changing the University policy concerning W and F grades:

"That the grade of 'W' be recorded for any student who withdraws from a course, regardless of his/her status, during the first twelve weeks of a regular semester or six weeks of a summer session; that beyond that period, no student be allowed to withdraw from an individual course with a passing grade; that a grade of 'W' not be considered an appropriate final grade to be assigned by an instructor."

ACTION TAKEN BY SENATE SECRETARY: Faculty Nominations for Search Committees, Provost and A&S Dean.

In accordance with Senate instructions, the Senate Secretary conducted a mail ballot (November 14-20) of Senate members for faculty nominations for the Search Committees for the Provost (Norman campus) and the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. (See page 5 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978, and page 2 of this Journal.)

On November 22, Dr. Anthony S. Lis, Senate Secretary, reported to President William S. Banowsky the following results of the voting by 44 or 88 per cent of the Senate members:

Search Committee, Provost (Norman campus)

James Alsip (University Libraries)
 Roger Atherton (Management)
 James Bohland (Geography)
 Gail de Stwolinski (Music)
 Roger Frech (Chemistry)
 Laura Gasaway (Law Library)
 Tom Love (AMNE)
 Kenneth Merrill (Philosophy)
 Wayne Morgan (History)
 Mary Whitmore (Zoology)

Search Committee, Dean, College of A&S

James Abbott (Modern Languages)
 John Catlin (Classics)
 Jack Kanak (Psychology)
 Juneann Murphy (Microbiology)
 Mary J. Nye (History of Science)
 Robert Shalhope (History)
 V. Stanley Vardys (Political Science)
 John Wickham (Geology)

ELECTION OF FACULTY REPLACEMENT: Budget Council

Without dissent, the Senate accepted its Committee on Committees' nomination of Professor Leale Streebin (Civil Engineering) to complete the unexpired portion of the 1977-80 term of Professor Davis M. Egle on the Budget Council.

REMARKS BY DR. SUL LEE, DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Appearing before the Senate at the invitation of its Executive Committee, Dr. Sul Lee, Director, University Libraries, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of addressing the Senate.

In his words, the Library is "the heart and essential part of the University and is the very essence of the learning, teaching, and creative process." He added that he was heartened by the "enthusiastic support" being received from the faculty and feels "we have an opportunity to turn things around."

In his informal, 20-minute presentation, Dr. Lee discussed current national trends, as well as planned activities and programs for the library on this campus.

Accentuated by inflation, the issues that will continue to affect the University library operations include the following:

- (1) Increasing costs of journals and books
- (2) Growing number of publications
- (3) Record increases in costs of storing library holdings
- (4) Continuing problems of mutilation and theft

He underscored the need "to redefine the resources necessary for teaching, learning, and research activities."

National developments include (1) the establishment of a national periodicals center, whose initial 36,000 titles will be increased within a few years to 60,000, (2) cooperative collection programs whose participants include even well-endowed institutions facing the reality that, because of spiraling costs, they, too, can no longer purchase all the books being published, and (3) the announced intention of the Library of Congress to discontinue its card catalog in 1981.

Closer to home, planned activities and programs for the University Libraries include the following:

- (1) Efforts to improve public funding by articulating library needs more effectively to administrators, Regents, and the State Legislature.
- (2) Greater efforts to contact private donors and "grant" agencies.
- (3) Establishment of the "Friends of University Library" organization
- (4) Instruction in the use of library facilities
- (5) Appropriate and needed refurbishing of present library facilities.
- (6) Greater attention to organizational resources
- (7) Review of human resources
- (8) Operations review of the University library system
- (9) Efforts to make the library cost effective as much as possible
- (10) Development of program to make the OU library interdependent with other libraries throughout Oklahoma
- (11) Further consolidation of the library program

He noted with pleasure the "heavy use" being made of the library facilities by faculty and students.

In closing, he reported the recent formation--at his initiative--of an organization of libraries at state institutions of higher education throughout Oklahoma.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Professor Barbara Lewis, Chair, Senate Committee on Committees, took the opportunity to clarify a remark made by her at the November 13 Senate meeting concerning the procedure being followed by that Committee in preparing slates of nominees for presentation to the Senate for faculty vacancies on committees and councils. (See page 5 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978.) She reiterated her request that, in the future, more than names of prospective nominees be submitted to the Committee on Committees.

Professor Lewis indicated that the Committee on Committees has always sought the best possible representation on the various committee and councils not only of the various academic units but also of experienced and new, nontenured faculty members. Committee members and other faculty members have been expressing the feeling that the time of new, nontenured faculty members perhaps should be better utilized on research and publications for subsequent tenure considerations.

Professor Robert Davis noted that the qualification issue had been raised at the November 13 Senate meeting when very little information about prospective nominees was available to the Senate. Professor Whitmore also stressed the need for more information about nominees.

Professor Lewis called the attention to the additional time required to obtain the consent of prospective nominees--four days in the recent case of the two search committees. In view of the Senate's urging the President to call for search committee nominations, the Committee on Committees felt that the nominating procedure should be completed as quickly as possible.

Professor Gabert objected to the fact that the A&S Dean Search Committee nominations had included representation from only 3 of the 4 areas in that College. He urged that some procedure be adopted to ensure representation of all areas of the College.

Professor McDonald reported on recent conversations with Dean Wm. Maehl, who had been involved several years ago in the revision of the University council and committee structure. In Dr. Maehl's opinion, the present method is still better than the previous one. Furthermore, the Committee on Committees' procedure assures the nomination of individuals who have expressed a willingness to serve on the various bodies.

Professor Brown noted that Committee on Committees' nomination is tantamount to election and that, in effect, "the Committee on Committees' often makes the election for the Senate."

In conclusion, Professor McDonald commented that he had sensed "a desire on the part of the Senate to discuss this matter further and to come up with some alternatives." He promised to see what could be done in this matter.

PROGRESS REPORT: Task Force on Discretionary Funding

Dr. John Lancaster, Task Force Chair, presented a brief progress report on the activities of the Task Force on Discretionary Funding. (See page 4 of the Senate Journal for November 13, 1978.)

At a recent meeting with Dr. John R. Morris, Interim Provost, the Task Force received his historical and personal perspectives concerning discretionary funding on this campus.

In the opinion of the Task Force members, consideration should be given to the establishment of the following:

- (a) a set of criteria--state, regional, national, and/or international--for utilization of supplemental funds and
- (b) a mechanism by which campus units may recognize and qualify for such funding and then present their cases to the appropriate administrative offices, whenever such funds become available.

After some changes are made in the Task Force membership, subgroups will be selected to study the various areas in depth.

Task Force recommendations will be presented to the Senate next April.

Professor Lancaster urged interested faculty members to present any suggestions and recommendations directly to Task Force members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next regular session of the Faculty Senate will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, January 15, 1979, in Dale Hall 218.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony S. Lis
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Business Communication
Secretary