

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Regular Session, February 24, 1964, 4:10 p. m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Joseph C. Pray.

Present

Bishop, L. Doyle
Bowen, Willis H.
Brikey, John C.
Brown, W. Jean
Chisolm, Mildred Y.
Christian, Sherril D.
Crook, Kenneth
Daniels, Raymond D.
David, Paul R.
Eichholz, Erich H.
Eriksen, John G.
Ewing, George M.
Fowler, Richard G.

Present

Gibson, Arrell M.
Hall, Rufus G., Jr.
Harlow, James G.
Jones, Lillian W.
Lee, Cecil
McFarland, Dora
Morris, Virginia
Phelps, Elbridge D.
Phillips, Marion C.
Pray, Joseph C.
Smith, Thomas M.
Sutherland, Patrick K.
Turkington, D. Barton

Absent

Allison, John E.
Bell, Digby B.
Brues, Alice M.
Comp, LaVerne A.
Cross, George L.
Daron, Garmon H.
Eek, Nathaniel S.
Kelly, John W.
Kondonassis, Alexander J.
Love, Tom J.
Male, Roy R.
Matlock, J. Ray
Monahan, William G.
Riggs, Carl
Ruggiers, Paul G.
Wallingford, E. Keith
Warren, Mary A.
Wilcox, Stewart C.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the regular meeting held on January 27, 1964, was approved.

GRADING SYSTEM

Report from the Senate Committee on Academic Standards

February 11, 1964

The Committee has sought diligently to treat the problem posed by President Cross' memorandum of November 18, 1963, and expanded by the Senate (11-63) as a single query, but has been unable to find an answer. The Committee therefore proposes to divide the problem as follows:

1. Should the Senate recommend an action designed to be retroactive in application?
2. Should grades and course credits in women's physical education be counted toward the satisfaction of degree requirements?
3. Consideration to the handling of grades earned in men's physical education and military sciences as well as those earned in women's physical education.

Grading System -- continued

To the first question, the committee can find no answer other than an unqualified 'no'. It is probable that in the present proposal, such an action would discommode more students than it helped, and could, theoretically at least, result in requiring the University to withdraw degrees already conferred. In addition, there is a real question of the basic legality of such an action. On this part of President Cross' memorandum, therefore, the Committee recommends that whatever other action is taken, such action not be made retroactive.

The second part of the problem seems to arise in a feeling that physical education courses are somehow not like other work offered by the University--that work in this field is less 'academic' than other fields. In this view, credits and grade points earned in physical education are not properly added to credits and grade points earned in other fields.

This view is extremely difficult to maintain when other credit-carrying performance courses are considered. Too, the general education aims of the University are expressed in part, at least, through the health and physical education curricula.

Also, a question of Senate jurisdiction should be raised at this point: does the Senate have authority to determine degree requirements? It is the Committee's understanding that, under University statute, the establishment of degree requirements is explicitly assigned to the faculties of the various degree-recommending colleges.

These considerations finally limited the field of discussion for the Committee to the desirability of continuing the University-wide requirements in women's physical education. Since these requirements are part of a group (women's physical education, men's physical education, and basic military and air science), the Committee has considered the whole group, and presents the following recommendations:

1. It is hereby recommended that the University requirements of compulsory military training or physical education for men and also that compulsory physical education for women be abolished at the earliest feasible date, that courses in these fields be continued, but that enrollment in such courses be made optional for all students.
2. It is further recommended that all students be required to pass a basic health education and physical fitness test, devised by the Physical Education Department, and that those who fail be permitted the option of repeating the tests or of successfully completing an appropriate number of physical education courses.

Senate Committee on Academic Standards

Kenneth Crook	Nathaniel S. Eek	Marion G. Phillips
Raymond D. Daniels	James G. Harlow	John C. Brixey, Chairman

Senate Action

The foregoing report of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Brixey. He then moved approval of the first recommendation indicated at the end of the report. His motion was seconded.

Grading System -- continued

A lengthy discussion followed in which numerous changes in the wording of the recommendation were considered. Dr. Fowler offered a substitute motion that the first recommendation be reworded and passed in the following form:

It is hereby recommended that the present University requirements of military training or physical education for men and physical education for women be abolished at the earliest feasible date.

Dr. Fowler's motion was seconded and passed by the University Senate.

Following additional consideration of the effect of the recommendations and needed rewording of the second recommendation, Dr. Fowler moved that it be passed in the following form:

It is recommended that thereafter all students be required to demonstrate their physical fitness and sports skills to the satisfaction of and by a manner prescribed by the Physical Education Department, or to complete successfully an appropriate number of physical education courses.

This motion by Dr. Fowler was seconded and passed by the University Senate.

Dr. Brixey then moved that the entire report of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, with the two recommendations changed to conform with the statements above, be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

NOTE: THE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE DO NOT CARRY ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GRADING SYSTEM USED AT THIS UNIVERSITY. THEREFORE, THE APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT CROSS UNDER THE HEADING MILITARY TRAINING AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION--FILE NUMBER 1963-64-6.

REMOVAL OF AN "I" GRADE ✓

Memorandum from President Cross:

February 11, 1964

At the January meeting of the University Senate, the recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee concerning the "I" grade, which applied to undergraduates only, was amended before passage so that it would apply to graduate students also.

Dean Doerr has pointed out some difficulties that the application to graduate students would cause. I should like for Dean Doerr's points to be considered by the Senate before I approve or disapprove the Senate action.

Accordingly, I am withholding action on the Senate's recommendation in the hope that before the next meeting the Academic Standards Committee may confer with Dean Doerr and, after learning his opinions, the Senate may modify or reaffirm the recommendation.

Senate Action

Dr. Brixey, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, commented on the problem of removal of an "I" grade and reported on the conference held with

Removal of an 'I' Grade -- continued

Dean Doerr. He reported for the Committee that following the conference the Committee had reached the decision to reaffirm its position relative to "I" grades.

Some discussion followed. However, in the absence of a quorum, specific action relative to this matter was postponed.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next regular session will be held on Monday, March 30, 1964. Materials for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Wednesday, March 18.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary