

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Special Session, December 14, 1968 -- 9 a. m.
Student Union Building, Room 165

The University Senate, meeting in special session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Sherril D. Christian.

Present

Alley, John N.
Andrews, Mildred L.
Babb, Stanley E., Jr.
Bowen, Willis H.
Boyes, Rodney L.
Bruce, John B.
Canfield, Frank B.
Ciereszko, Leon S.
Christian, Sherril D.
David, Paul R.
Doerr, Arthur H.
Elconin, Victor A.
Elkouri, Frank
Everett, Mark R.
Feaver, J. Clayton

Present

Fite, Gilbert C.
Harden, Darrell
Hengst, Herbert R.
Hilbert, Richard E.
Hollomon, J. Herbert
Hoy, Harry E.
Kendall, J. L.
Lancaster, John H.
Parker, Jack F.
Renner, John W.
Smith, Thomas M.
Springer, C. E.
Tolson, Melvin B.
Tuma, Gerald
White, Raymond R.

Absent

Blick, Edward F.
Brixey, John C.
Dunham, Lowell
Goggans, Travis P.
Hart, Frances
Heller, Ben I.
Henderson, George
Kitts, David B.
(on leave)
Nordby, Gene L.
Olkinetzky, Sam
Pray, Joseph C.
Roller, Duane H. D.
Suggs, Charles C.
West, Kelly M.

SPECIAL STUDENT HOLIDAYS

Letter from President Hollomon

November 12, 1968

Dear Dr. Christian:

The Regents of the University of Oklahoma have an established policy concerning the granting of special student holidays upon request of the Student Senate. The present policy is to permit the Student Senate to recommend two special holidays each academic year with the provision that the request should be submitted two weeks prior to the holidays. The President of the University has the authority to act on the Student Senate recommendations.

Through you I am inviting the University Senate to review our present policy and to make any suggestions for changes which you may deem desirable. If you recommend a continuance of the present policy, I shall appreciate suggestions for the appropriate use of the special holidays. I am also inviting the Student Senate to review the present regulation.

Thank you for your advice and assistance.

Cordially yours,

J. Herbert Hollomon
President

Special Student Holidays -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Fite moved that the matter of special student holidays be referred to the appropriate committee for study and a report. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

The Chairman of the University Senate made immediate referral to the Senate Committee on Student and Public Relations, Professor Sam Olkinetzky, Chairman.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR ✓

Letter from Dean Price

December 3, 1968

Professor Sherril Christian:

The attached calendar information is submitted for review by the University Senate. We are recommending changes in the 1968-69 and 1969-70 calendars because additional time is needed for registration. You may recall that the number of days scheduled for registration was reduced for the 1968-69 school year. At a recent critique of 1968-69 fall registration, it was clearly the feeling of the faculty, staff and students attending the critique that more time is needed for registration, and that the University is not prepared for a reduction in the number of days for registration. The proposed calendar changes, therefore, merely reflect a basic decision to return to: (a) three days for regular registration for the fall and spring semesters; and, (b) two days for regular registration during the Summer Session.

There is also a need to consider changing the 1969-70 calendar, spring vacation period, because a U. S. Census will be taken on April 1, 1970. Professor Frank Canfield, Chairman of the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications, understands the rationale for requesting this change.

I would like to take this opportunity to report to the Senate on the proposed dates of advance registration for 1969-70. Advance registration dates have not been recorded as part of the official University calendar. I believe, however, that the faculty would be interested in having such information for planning purposes. Consequently, it is also furnished for Senate consideration.

Before the first of the year, you can expect to receive a recommended calendar for 1970-71. Because of publication needs, it would be wise to plan for adoption of a 1970-71 calendar by February 1, 1969 at the latest. Please telephone me if you need additional information relative to the matters presented in this correspondence.

Cordially yours,

William C. Price
Dean of Admissions and Registrar

Action of the Chairman of the University Senate

Upon receipt of the foregoing letter, the Chairman of the University Senate requested the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications to consider the problems therein with intent to report to the Senate on December 14.

University Calendar -- continuedReport from the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget and Publications

December 9, 1968

We recommend that one day be added for registration during the second semester and summer session.

Second Semester 1968-69

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Reason</u>
January 27, 28 Advising and enrollment	January 24, 27, 28 Advising and Registration	More time needed for registration

Summer Session 1969

June 2 Advising and enrollment	June 2, 3	Same as above
June 3 Classwork begins	June 4 Classwork begins	

1969-70 UNIVERSITY CALENDAR CHANGES

First Semester 1969-70

September 10 New Student Orientation and Testing	September 9 New Student Orientation and Testing	
September 11, 12 Registration	September 10, 11, 12 Registration	Same as above

Second Semester 1969-70

March 28 Spring Recess begins	March 21 Spring Recess begins	Previous date conflicts with 1970 U. S. Census
April 6 Classwork resumed	March 30 Classwork resumed	

Summer Session 1970

June 8 Registration	June 8, 9 Registration	More time needed for registration
June 9 Classwork begins	June 10 Classwork begins	

University Calendar -- continued

Advance registration dates are not part of the official University calendar and are given here only as a report to the Senate.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION PERIODS FOR:

First Semester 1969-70 and Summer Session 1969	April 21, 1969 through May 2, 1969
First Semester 1969-70	June 16, 1969 through July 18, 1969 (already published)
Second Semester 1969-70	December 1, 1969 through December 12, 1969

Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget,
and Publications

Mildred Andrews	Melvin Tolson
Rodney L. Boyes	Raymond R. White
Jack F. Parker	Frank B. Canfield, Chairman

Senate Action

Dr. Canfield presented the foregoing report on calendar changes. He moved that the report be approved by the University Senate. His motion was seconded and passed.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY Report of the Ad Hoc Committee

December 12, 1968

The Ad Hoc Committee of the University Senate appointed to study the structure and functions of the University, as well as to recommend Senate action on the Plan for the University, met from 4 to 6 p.m. December 5, 1968. Present: Doerr, Bishop, Heller, Wells, Parker, Elkouri, and Fite.

The Committee recommends that the Senate begin semimonthly meetings on the second and last Mondays of each month at 3:30 p.m. The Committee recommends that this schedule begin in January, 1969.

The Committee spent most of its time considering how best to deal with the matter of implementing various sections of the Plan for the University. The "Plan for OU's Future" is a comprehensive set of recommendations which potentially affect all areas of the University. It is obvious that some sections of the Plan bear more directly than others upon matters that are academic. Since the character of such an academic enterprise as a University is a subtle and complex mix of factors, it is imperative that those with responsibility for the academic integrity of the University take a broad view of what that responsibility involves.

Accordingly, we recommend that the University Senate regard all aspects of the Plan as having immediate or potential ramifications on the character of academic activities, and therefore to be within the Senate's jurisdiction for purposes of

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implementation. The Committee believes that the Senate, as representative of the General Faculty, is responsible for maintaining the academic welfare of the University and should judge those aspects of the Plan which affect academic conditions at the University. We do not suggest that the Senate consider itself the sole judge of academic matters, especially such matters as student life and participation in the life of the university community, but we believe that the Senate has a major responsibility in the implementation of any basic academic change. Consequently, the Committee believes that implementation of additional parts of the Plan should proceed only after consultation with and advice of the University Senate.

The Committee recommends to the Senate the following procedures as one logical way to proceed toward implementation of various aspects of the Plan.

Chapter I: "The University and the World."

The Committee does not feel as though this chapter requires any special faculty consideration since it deals mainly with generalities.

Chapter II: "Problems and General Mission of the University."

The Committee recommends that this chapter be studied by a special faculty committee consisting of nine members who will be broadly representative of the faculty. They should be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate, with the advice and assistance of the Executive Committee of the Senate.

Chapter III: "Undergraduate Education."

The Committee recommends that a special committee be established to consider the implementation of substantive suggestions in this chapter. The special committee should consist of one representative from the University College Council, one representative from the Council on Instruction, and one from the Executive Committee of each of the undergraduate, degree-granting colleges. The dean of each college should name the representative from his college.

Chapter IV: "Graduate and Graduate Professional Education."

The Committee recommends that the Graduate Council, plus a member from the College of Law, should study this chapter and make recommendations regarding implementation. The Ad Hoc Committee urges that the Graduate Council call in additional expertise to help evaluate the suggestions made in this chapter on departments and programs.

Chapter V: "Technical Education."

The Committee recommends that the same group suggested to study the implementation of the part of the report dealing with undergraduate education also study the part of the report dealing with technical education. We suggest adding representatives from the School of Law and School of Medicine to the Committee for the particular study.

Chapter VI: "Continuing Education."

The Committee recommends that the Extension Council study the aspect of the report dealing with continuing education and make recommendations on implementation to the Senate.

Chapter VII: "Research and Public Service."

We recommend that a special committee consisting of vice-president Katzenbach the chairman of the Faculty Research Committee, a representative from the Research

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Institute, a faculty representative from the panel on research and creative activity which dealt with this subject in the original study the Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, and two Research Professors named by the chairman of the Senate, should study this aspect of the report and make recommendations for implementation.

Chapter VIII: "Academic Administration."

We recommend the establishment of a special committee, broadly representative of the faculty whose responsibility will be to study the recommendations and suggestions in the report dealing with academic administration. Since there are major suggestions in this part of the report which were not studied or reported on by any regular committee while the plan was being drawn, the Senate believes that no recommendations in this part of the report should be implemented until after the above-recommended committee has made its report and the Senate has had an opportunity to evaluate the entire matter.

This same special committee should look at the parts of Chapter X on "University Organization" with special attention to the position of Provost.

Chapter IX: "The University Community."

We recommend the appointment of a special committee consisting of three students named by the student senate, three faculty members named by the chairman of the University Senate, and Vice President Burr.

Chapter X: "University Organization."

We recommend that the same committee named to study the implementation of aspects of academic administration also evaluate this part of the Plan.

Chapter XI: "Resources."

We recommend that the Budget Council deal with the questions of implementing the part of the Plan dealing with resources, and make recommendations for implementation.

Chapter XII: "University Relations."

We recommend that the Alumni Development Fund Committee, plus two additional faculty members appointed by the Chairman of the Senate, serve as a special committee to study how the recommendations in this chapter should be implemented.

Conclusion.

We recommend that each of the committees dealing with various aspects of implementation make a preliminary report to the Senate as soon as possible and not later than March 15 with a final report by May 15, 1969. The University Senate shall then report to the President of the University by June 1, 1969.

NOTE: Where it is not specifically indicated in the chapter items, committee members are to be selected by the Chairman of the University Senate. He is expected to make such appointments with the advice and help of the Executive Committee of the Senate.

Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Organization and Functions of
the University Senate

Gilbert C. Fite
L. Doyle Bishop

Frank Elkouri
Jack F. Parker
Arthur H. Doerr, Chairman

Ben I. Heller
R. S. Wells

Plan for the Future of the University -- continuedSenate Action

Dr. Doerr presented the foregoing report. He moved that the University Senate begin semimonthly meetings on the second and last Mondays of each month at 3:30 p.m. with the schedule to begin in January 1969. His motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion the motion was PASSED.

Following a lengthy discussion of the major sections of the report, Dr. Doerr moved approval of paragraph number 4 and the remainder of the report dealing with the 10 chapter items. His motion was seconded.

At 10 a.m. Dr. David moved to table consideration of this item until President Hollomon could be present. This motion was seconded and PASSED.

Other business was transacted until 10:20 a.m. when President Holloman arrived at the meeting. He was briefed relative to the matters under consideration. President Hollomon made extensive comments relative to the report from the Ad Hoc Committee. He responded to questions posed for him by Senate members.

Dr. Fite then moved that the motion by Dr. Doerr be removed from the table. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

The original motion by Dr. Doerr for approval of the report was PASSED.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Dr. Canfield made the following motion:

That on an experimental basis for the second semester 1968-69, the University is requested to appropriate funds to the University Senate, in addition to current appropriations, sufficient to permit:

1. allocations to departments equal to 0.125 FTE plus fringe benefits per senator from that department, and
2. hiring a 0.25 FTE graduate research assistant for each standing committee of the University Senate, and
3. hiring 2.0 FTE graduate research assistants to service special committees of the University Senate in a roving manner as specified by the Chairman of the University Senate, and
4. establishment of a University Senate office in the Oklahoma Memorial Union (or another centrally located building) staffed with an Executive Secretary and one secretary, provided with a conference room for committee meetings, and stocked with appropriate resource materials.

The motion by Dr. Canfield was seconded.

Dr. David made a substitute motion to refer this matter to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. His motion was seconded but FAILED to pass.

The original motion by Dr. Canfield was PASSED.

PROVOST AND ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

Letter from President Hollomon

December 11, 1968

Dear Dr. Christian:

As part of the implementing process of the planning for the future of the University of Oklahoma, I am establishing a special committee on the Provost and Academic Organization to accomplish the following:

1. To review the recommendations of the report of the Executive Planning Committee concerning the Offices of the Provost and Vice Provost and the scope of their responsibilities and functions, and to recommend to the President what these responsibilities should be.
2. To recommend the method for search and selection of the Provost.

The membership of the committee will be made up of faculty, students and administrators. The members on the committee should be representative of the University at large and include a balance among faculty members teaching in the various colleges, schools and departments.

I wish to appoint this committee promptly so that it may begin work before the Christmas vacation begins. As I have stated on many occasions, I expect participation by the faculty not only in the work of the committee, but also in the appointments of members. Therefore, I request that the University Senate authorize a body from among its members to assist me in selecting members for this important special committee.

Sincerely,

J. Herbert Hollomon
PresidentSenate Action

The foregoing letter was on December 14 read to the members of the Senate. Dr. Doerr moved that the request in the last sentence of the letter be approved. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Fite made a substitute motion specifying that the Executive Committee and other members of the University Senate be used by the Chairman in forming the group to assist President Hollomon in selecting members for the special committee on the Provost and Academic Organization. His motion was seconded and PASSED.

REVISION OF PRESENT COUNCIL SYSTEM

Explanatory Comment

On November 25, 1968, the Senate Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications was charged with the task of studying the system of University councils in light of size functions, qualification for and term of membership, and all related questions and report to the Senate at the special meeting to be held on December 14 1968.

Revision of Present Council System -- continuedSenate Action

On December 14, Dr. Canfield reported that some progress has been made in that the Committee on University Organization, Budget, and Publications has held meetings and extensive discussions of the problem.

Dr. Canfield indicated that he would prepare a written report of progress to be submitted to the University Senate. He then moved that the matter be removed from further consideration by his committee, in view of other action contemplated by the Senate when it approved the report of the Ad Hoc Committee. (See page 4 of this Journal.)

FREEDOM AND ORDER IN THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY 4

Statement of President Hollomon (circulated on December 12, 1968)

Let me take this occasion to report to the Regents and the citizens of this state my views on freedom and order in the University community. I think the State and the University community again are entitled to know my views, not as reactions to any particular incident, but as general principles. These views have not changed since I first expressed them during my first visit to Oklahoma in Spring 1967, so they are not new. They apply to all equally and not to any particular person or group.

A university is a place where criticism and disagreements should be heard, of all places in our society. For it is there that students can risk new ideas without being penalized for their mistakes. But new ideas that are talked out are not the same as acts of disruption that threaten the peace of the University and the security of others. To underscore again what I have said on other occasions: disruption of the University will not be tolerated.

At this university, particularly, there is opportunity for peaceful change. Injustices can be remedied, grievances heard, mistakes corrected. As you know, I am sympathetic with the grievances and claims of many members of this university community. But action can no more be taken on these without fair process than it can against minority groups without fair hearing. There is a duty to preserve -- to preserve that which makes right possible. This is our most precious duty. To correct wrongs without endangering our rights to do so is our most important responsibility.

We are attempting on this campus a decision-process that is open and permits disagreements and grievances to be heard before final decisions are taken and there is always the process of appeal to me or to the Regents. But there is a difference between being protected in expressing a minority view and imposing that view dogmatically on others. The point is unmistakably clear: We will protect the right to disagree or be different on this campus. But let no one mistake this freedom as a weakness that can be overturned by tactics designed to provoke confrontation. Both peace and freedom will be maintained on this campus. Change can take place under our new process without impairing either. I know of no other system where that is true.

Freedom and Order in the University Community -- continued

Of course, if the general body of students and faculty do not wish to bother with involvement in a process of open decision then the vocal minorities, whoever they be, will speak loudest, be heard most frequently, and receive most publicity.

We can and will keep the peace on campus. But we cannot create it. Good will among men must come from within. With forbearance, tolerance and hope. We can-- each of us--act with the community's interests in mind and overcome the evils of bigotry, racism and hate that can threaten both peace and freedom.

Senate Action

Noting that the foregoing material was disseminated by news media on December 13 Dr. Fite moved that the University Senate endorse and subscribe to the statement that President Hollomon made to the Regents and the citizens of Oklahoma on the question of freedom and order. His motion was seconded.

Dr. David moved to amend the motion by the deletion of the words "and subscribe to". His motion was seconded but FAILED to pass.

The original motion by Dr. Fite was PASSED.

PLANNING OF THE LAW CENTER

Without preliminary discussion or reference, Dr. Renner made the following motion:

In view of the Regents' approval of the Law Center, I move that the University Senate authorize its Executive Committee to make recommendations to President Hollomon of persons from the Senate and the Faculty at large to serve on the committee for the planning of the new Law Center.

His motion was seconded and following a very brief discussion was PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 12 noon. The next session will be held on Monday, January 13 1969 at 3:30 p.m.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary