

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
February 27, 1950, 4:10 p.m.  
Monnet Hall, Room 101

The Senate met in regular session with President G. L. Cross in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cross, G. L.  
Beach, Leonard  
Bender, John F.  
Benson, O. E.  
Bienfang, Ralph  
Blankenship, F. F.  
Calhoun, John C.  
Cass, Carl B.  
Comp, L. A.  
Copeland, Fayette  
Cosgrove, A. L.  
Couch, Glenn C.  
De la Torre, A. M.  
Farrar, C. L.  
Frederickson, E. A.  
Goodman, George J.  
Hoy, Harry  
Kritser, Harriet W.  
Livezey, William E.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lottinville, Savoie  
Matlock, J. Ray  
Nielsen, J. Rud  
Ortenburger, A. I.  
Penfound, Wm T.  
Pray, Joseph C.  
Rohrer, John H.  
Sanders, Stella  
Schriever, Wm.  
Schultz, E. J.  
Sears, Alfred B.  
Shuman, Ronald B.  
Smith, Paul W.  
Sneed, Earl  
Stow, Lloyd  
Wardell, M. L.  
Winfrey, L. E.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ewing, Cortez A. M.  
Franklin, C. M.  
Keeley, Joe  
Rinsland, Henry D.  
Snyder, L. H.  
Monnett, V. E.

The Journal of the Senate for the January 30, 1950, meeting was approved.

Professor L. E. Winfrey, member of the Committee on Curriculum, reviewed two reports submitted by his committee.

The first report concerned a resolution of the Student Senate calling for the establishment of a file of old quizzes in each departmental library. In recommending that the Student Senate resolution be disapproved, the Committee called attention to the fact that it is the privilege of any department to establish such a file and to make it available to students if it so desires.

The Committee's recommendation was approved.

The second report submitted by the Committee on Curriculum concerned new courses, Industrial Education 8 and Industrial Education 222, which had been disapproved by the Council on Instruction on November 22, 1949. The Committee's report considered the courses separately and made the following recommendations:

Industrial Education 8:

1. That the action of the Council on Instruction in disapproving the addition of course I. E. 8 as originally presented by upheld.
2. That the Department of Industrial Education be advised to resubmit course I.E. 8, but that with the resubmission there be a request to change I. E. 15 to the 100 level with I.E. 8 as a

prerequisite; and a request to add I.E. 8 to the prerequisites of I.E. 121 (Wood carving) and 157 (Plastics). With these requests should be new syllabi indicating that the three advanced courses will be built upon I.E. 8.

Industrial Education 222:

1. That the action of the Council on Instruction in disapproving the addition of course I.E. 222 as originally presented be upheld.
2. That the Department of Industrial Education be advised to resubmit course I.E. 222, with the addition of Education 170 as a prerequisite; and that a new syllabus be presented, indicating exactly how the proposed course I.E. 222 would build upon the material presented in Education 170.

The Committee's recommendations concerning both courses were approved.

In the discussion which followed the Committee's report, Professor C. L. Farrar mentioned that members of the Department of Industrial Education and members of the Council on Instruction had conferred with the Committee on Curriculum and that the recommendations in the report represented an agreement reached in that conference. Members of these groups were also present when the report was discussed in the Senate.

Professor John H. Rohrer, Chairman of the Committee on Libraries and Laboratory Facilities, presented his Committee's report on the University of Oklahoma main campus library situation. Statistics for the report were taken from the latest available copy of Statistics of Libraries in Institutions of Higher Education, 1946-47.

The library facilities at the University of Oklahoma and the use of those facilities were compared with the facilities and use found in libraries of all members of the "Big 7" conference (except the University of Nebraska) and institutions in the bordering states of Arkansas, Texas, and the Southern Regional participant, the University of North Carolina.

The following quotation is a part of the first paragraph of the report:

"We believe that the facts included in the accompanying report should arouse the greatest anxiety among all concerned with the future welfare and growth of the University of Oklahoma."

The report showed that the University of Oklahoma was near the bottom of the list with respect to library facilities and use. Among the group of institutions compared, the University of Oklahoma has:

1. Fewer books per graduate student than any other institution
2. Fewer books per student checked out for home use, than does any other institution and markedly fewer than the national average
3. Fewer books per student checked out for use in a reserve reading room than any other institution (The next lowest institution has nearly one-half again as much average circulation of reserved



books as does the University of Oklahoma; the per student average reserve-book circulation of the highest institution is more than seven times as great as the University of Oklahoma.)

4. The University of Oklahoma ranked third from the bottom in terms of number of volumes purchased per student during the 1946-47 school year ( a year in which we did not have a ten per cent cut in library budgets).
5. The University of Oklahoma ranked third from the bottom in terms of total number of volumes in the library.
6. The University of Oklahoma ranked second from the top in terms of graduate college enrollment.
7. The University of Oklahoma ranked third from the top in terms of undergraduate enrollment.
8. The University of Oklahoma has a total library seating capacity on the Norman campus of 827, of which 378 are located in the main library. Since there is no space provided for carrells for either graduate students or faculty, their needs must be met under present arrangements by the above-mentioned 827 seats. (This item is not included in the published national report.)
9. The University of Oklahoma library has stack space for 355,000 volumes. At present it houses 315,000 volumes plus 200,000 volumes of governmental publications.

After considerable discussion and an amendment by Professor Ronald B. Shuman, the following recommendations were approved by the Senate:

The Faculty Senate, as an expression of its interest in the general welfare of the University, recommends to the President of the University and the Board of Regents that: The building program of the University of Oklahoma, at the earliest possible moment, shall include provisions for the addition of facilities to the University Library in at least the following minimum quantities:

1. Stack space for an additional 200,000 volumes
2. Reading and reserve-room seating space to provide an additional 1200 seats
3. Graduate student and faculty work space (carrells) to provide for 150 persons.

Professor M. L. Wardell made the following motion relative to the library situation and the Committee on Libraries and Laboratory Facilities:

1. That the present Senate committee be continued, and
2. That it submit as soon as possible, a plan whereby the present critical condition can be alleviated, and
3. That it be empowered to co-opt additional members, and

4. That the President of the University be empowered to appoint additional members to the committee.

The motion was approved. Although the motion did not include a size limitation, Professor Wardell stressed his belief that a large membership would impair the committee's effectiveness.

The secretary was instructed to send copies of the report on the library situation to members of the University Budget Council for their information.

An information report on seventy-two course changes since January 11, 1950, was submitted by the Council on Instructions. The report was approved.

Since there was no further business, the Senate adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. McKinney, Secretary  
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