

March 30, 1966 Senate Minutes
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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PRESENT: Messrs. S. Appleton, G. Brown, M. Brown, Burdick, Cammack, Chernow, Clarke, Collins, Dutton, Galloway, Haden, Hammerle, Harding, Hetenyi, Heubel, Hoopes, Lessing, Lowy, Marz, Matthews, McKay, Johnson, Mobley, O'Dowd, Simmons, Stoutenburg, Stubblefield, Susskind, Swanson, Brace, Tipler, Vann, Varner, Williamson

ABSENT: Messrs. Beardslee, Burke, Gibson, Pitts, Brieger

GUESTS: Messrs. Atkinson, Daniels, Davis, Jenkins, Miller, Obear, Pino, Torch

Chancellor Varner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chancellor Varner reviewed for the Senate the presentation given to the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 29.

Mr. O'Dowd reported on the North Central Association visit. The Visitation Committee gave the general impression that their formal report will be satisfactory, and a copy will be sent to the University after the North Central meetings in August. It was pointed out that major areas where improvements or direction by the Board of Trustees is needed is in the Library, the plans for the University's future, the student health service, and the campus security.

Chancellor Varner introduced to the Senate Mr. Lewis Pino, Assistant to the Chancellor. Mr. Heubel moved to accept the minutes of March 15. Seconded by Mr. Hetenyi. Mr. Tipler indicated he did not second Mr. Hoopes' amendment to Mr. O'Dowd's motion re: University government that appears on page 3. Mr. Hetenyi indicated that he seconded the amendment. Minutes were then approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. O'Dowd reintroduced the recommendation of the Steering Committee, previously seconded by Mr. Chernow, to adopt the report to the Senate of the Committee on Academic Standing and Honors setting forth the principles and procedures that are now guiding the activities of the Committee.

Adoption of this report presents an endorsement of its contents by the Senate and the faculty.

Mr. Marz explained the position and intentions of the Committee in proposing this motion. Mr. Marz encouraged the faculty to report any offenses to the Committee. Mr. Hoopes asked if this motion re: the procedure will be sent to students. Mr. Marz indicated that this information will be provided in writing to the students.

Adopted.

2. Mr. Hoopes reintroduced the recommendation of the Committee on Graduate Study, previously seconded by Mr. Mobley, asking the Senate for approval of two departmental proposals to offer Master's Degrees.

The Senate approves the establishment of a Master's Degree program in Physics and a Master's Degree program in Psychology and requests that the Board of Trustees authorize the establishment of these new degree programs by the University.

Chancellor Varner asked if any problems would arise if these programs were delayed to the fall of 1967. Mr. Burdick (Psychology) and Mr. Mobley (Physics) indicated that a delay would not seriously

affect the departments, but it would be well if both programs could be approved at an early date so that recruiting for the fall of 1967 could be started. Mr. Mobley added that an early approval may be helpful in obtaining additional research grants.

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Mr. Simmons moved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to amend certain parts of the curriculum plan approved by the Senate on April 22, 1965.

The Steering Committee wishes to share with the Senate the attached memorandum from the A.A.C. setting forth a detailed motion for legislative action and supporting explanatory comments.

Seconded by Mr. Matthews.

Mr. Hetenyi moved to amend item 2f of the attached amendments to include after the word "civilizations," (Asian civilizations).

Seconded by Mr. Appleton.

After considerable discussion, the question was called. Not adopted.

Mr. Hammerle asked for an explanation of variable credit, which led to a lengthy discussion about the effect of variable credits on a student's program and graduation requirements.

Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

4. Mr. Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Appleton. Not adopted.

5. Mr. Simmons moved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the following motion concerning a new catalog entry.

A course in speech is authorized to be offered beginning fall semester 1966 for the benefit of students who wish to improve their ability to communicate with an audience in an organized and disciplined manner.

Seconded by Mr. Cammack.

Mr. Simmons was asked how many credits this course would receive and what department would supervise the instruction. He indicated that the number of credits had not been decided, but the faculty member would be directly answerable to Mr. Matthews.

Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

6. Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to adopt the following traditional enabling legislation.

All members of the Senate who are available on campus in late August will assemble to act on behalf of the entire body in approving the recommendation of seniors for honors and degrees. The requirement of a minimum of fifteen votes for the enactment of legislation will be suspended for this one summer meeting of the Senate.

Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

7. Mr. O'Dowd moved the recommendation of the Steering Committee to extend the tenure of the present Senate as proposed in the following motion.

The Senate as presently constituted will remain in office until a new University government is established or until May 1, 1967, whichever date is earlier. The existing procedure for filling vacancies in the Senate will continue to be followed.

Comment:

This motion is presented to guarantee continuity in University government for a period of several months without going through the procedure of holding a regular Senate election this April.

Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

8. Mr. Collins moved the recommendation of the Faculty Affairs Committee to invite faculty and administration classroom visits.

This body goes on record as encouraging all members of the administration, as well as all faculty members, to become better acquainted with the classroom activity of this University by visiting classes. We feel that such classroom visitation would be of benefit to all concerned. As a courtesy to the teacher involved, his permission should be requested in advance of the visit.

Seconded by Mr. Marz.

Mr. Chernow moved to amend the motion by adding to the end of the first sentence the following statement: "on certain days of each semester set aside for that purpose."

Seconded by Mr. Stubblefield. Final action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.