

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

At its meeting of Monday, March 1, the Faculty Senate voted that a digest of its meetings would be sent to members of the faculty. The following is a summary of the action taken by the Senate at its meetings, as indicated:

MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1947

Provision made to have a Committee of five appointed by the President to study the matter of student examinations and reports and to make such recommendations to the Senate as the committee might deem advisable.

Provision made to appoint a committee of five to work with a student committee in the study of registration procedures.

Provision made to establish a committee of three members of the Senate to draft By-Laws governing the transaction of the business of the Senate.

MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1947

Committee on By-Laws announced, including Professor Houghton, Chairman, Professor Carpenter, and Professor Krumlauf.

Committee on Examinations and Reports announced, including Associate Professor Hudson, Chairman, Professor Barnes, Associate Professor Mattingly, Professor Pultz and Dean Sloaker.

Professor Reisen's resignation as a member of the Senate because of ill health accepted with expression of regret. Professor Earl Warner, head of the Department of Physics, elected to fill the vacancy.

The election of Dr. Melvin Solve, head of the Department of English, as Chairman of the faculty was announced.

Provision made to have a special committee appointed to study and report on the proposal to revise the present grading system in the University.

Provision made for the appointment of a committee of five to make a study of locations proposed for the Student Union Building and to make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1948

The Committee appointed to study the University grading system was announced as including Dr. Francis Roy, Chairman, Dean Chapman, Dean Lyons, Dr. Garretson, and Professor Howard.

The appointment of a committee to study possible location of the Student Union Building was announced as follows: Dr. Pistor, Chairman, Dean Harvill, Dr. Mary Caldwell, Dr. Roberts, and Dr. Solve.

The Senate provided that temporarily all matters concerning course approvals would be handled by the Advisory Council until such time as the committee on By-Laws has drawn up a thorough plan of procedure for the Senate.

The Senate recommended to the President that the annual service report, as submitted to the President's office for a number of years, be discontinued inasmuch as the teaching load report compiled by the Registrar provides pertinent information which can be supplemented at any time by special reports.

The Senate approved solicitation of faculty members in connection with the campaign to raise funds for the proposed Student Union Building.

Preliminary consideration given to a report of the Committee on Research and Creative Writing as previously approved by the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts. The report suggested a reduction of teaching load in consideration of program in research or creative writing and for supervision of thesis, and also urged clarification of conditions under which sabbatical leaves may be granted and that a special fund be established for the Liberal Arts college to provide research workers and creative writers, with special books and laboratory equipment. It also urged provision for funds to send research workers to national meetings, if a paper is to be presented. The Committee also felt that it would be helpful to the administration to announce that research and creative writing are not less important than committee work or public relations. A definite announced policy of promotion and salary scale in harmony with this declaration would be an encouragement to research and creative writing.

MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1948

The Senate provided that the question of student assemblies for the academic year of 1948-49 would be discussed and settled at the May meeting of the Senate.

The Senate Committee on By-Laws issued a mimeographed copy of its report with the explanation that the items listed were not to be taken as recommended By-Laws but as a statement of proposals indicating matters to be considered. Formal action on the report was deferred until a later meeting. By vote of the Senate, however, the Committee on By-Laws was established as a permanent continuing committee.

Upon recommendation by the Graduate Study Committee the Senate voted approval of the request of the Department of Anthropology that it be permitted to offer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy effective for the academic year opening in September 1948.

The Senate discussed the University policy regarding "Ditch Days" at length and as a result adopted the following policy:

"All absences due to 'Ditch Day' observance shall be considered as unexcused absences. As such instructors shall be under no obligation to allow students to make up examinations or other work missed as a result of such absences."

MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1948

The Committee appointed to review the University policy regarding cheating submitted a preliminary report based on the results of a questionnaire submitted to students at the opening of the second semester. It was the committee's

recommendation that the report of preliminary findings be brought to the attention of the general faculty and that these preliminary findings be made public. This recommendation was accepted by the Senate with the provision that publicity for the report be arranged through the offices of Mr. Phillips and Professor Martin.

The Senate voted that in the future a copy of the minutes of its meetings would be sent to the Chairman of the Committee of Eleven and that a digest of the minutes would be prepared by the Secretary and sent to members of the faculty; also that a statement of Senate action would be prepared for the press by the Secretary and Mr. Phillips.

Professor Howard of the Retirement Committee explained that members of the faculty on retired status had been able to obtain health and accident benefits under the contract negotiated with the Occidental Life Insurance Company but that this company was now pointed out that such members of the faculty were no longer entitled to such benefits because of the clause establishing a termination age. The Committee recommended that the adjustment in the present contract as desired by the insurance company be allowed and that this be approved by the Senate and recommended for similar action by the University faculty. The Senate adopted this recommendation.

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