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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
February 8, 1962
(NOT FOR PUBLICATION)

1.

A meeting of the University Senate was held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 1962, in the Memorial Room of the Student Union. Professor Koenker presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

President Starcher	Kolstoe, Ralph H.	St. Clair, Foster Y.
Brumleve, Stanley	Koth, Arthur	Severson, Roland G.
Bullard, Charles W.	Lawson, Edward C.	Thormodsgard, O. H.
Campbell, Robert B.	Lium, E. L.	Tomasek, Henry
Curry, Myron M.	Lewis, Charles	Wheeler, George C.
Cushman, Martelle L.	McKenzie, Ruby M.	White, James P.
Gillmor, Donald M.	Myers, Roger A.	Witmer, R. B.
Hamre, Christopher J.	Pearce, Donald J.	
Harwood, Theodore H.	Penn, John S.	
Hatfield, Charles	Reeves, Mary Elizabeth	
Henderson, J. Donald	Reiten, Palmer J.	
Heyse, Margaret F.	Robinson, Elwyn B.	
Jorgensen, Roy H.	Russell, LaVonne K.	
Koenker, William E.		

3.

The following members were absent: Clifford, Thomas J.; Kannowski, Paul B.; Kulas, Ludwik; MacKichan, Ruth J.; Riepe, Dale; Robertson, D. J.; Rowe, John L.; and Wills, Bernt L.

4.

Mr. Penn, Chairman of the Minutes Committee, proposed the following corrections of the Senate minutes for December 7, 1961:

Paragraph 4 on the first page as corrected should read: "Mr. Wheeler presented the bylaws which were discussed section by section. The items on Membership, Officers, Meetings, and Standing Committees through Section III as amended were adopted. Section IV under Standing Committees was reviewed."

Paragraph 3 under Meetings on the fourth page should read: "The meetings of the Senate shall be open to all full-time faculty members. Other individuals may attend only upon invitation of the Senate. Only Senate members shall sit at the Senate tables."

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Penn then moved that two corrections in the minutes of January 4, 1962, be made.

Paragraph 6 on the second page should be corrected to read: "It was moved that the proposal on the Executive Committee be referred to the Bylaws Committee to specify the duties of the Executive Committee and to refer this proposal to the Senate for approval."

Paragraph 9 on the second page should be corrected to read as follows: "Mr. Tomasek moved that the responsibilities of the old Administrative Committee be transferred to the Administrative Procedures Committee until changed by the Committee on Committees. There was an amendment to authorize the present Administrative Committee to consider and take action on the report and recommendations of the Calendar Committee. The amendment was carried. The motion, as amended, was carried."

The motion to approve these changes was seconded and carried.

5.

The question of pre-registration was discussed, and Professor St. Clair moved that the question of pre-registration be referred to the Registration Committee; that the Registration Committee report to the Senate two weeks from today at a special meeting and give their recommendations for or against pre-registration; and if for pre-registration give an account of the exact procedures to be followed. The motion was seconded and carried.

6.

The following new courses were approved:

Geography 401. Earth Science for Elementary Teachers. 4 credits.
Biology 405. Biology for Elementary Teachers. 4 credits.
Modern and Classical Languages 305, 306. Russian Composition and Conversation. 2,2 credits.

7.

Professor Kolstoe moved that the Report of the Committee on Committees be utilized as an interim working plan for the Administrative Procedures Committee until the next meeting of the Senate when any changes or final action may be taken. The motion was seconded and carried.

8.

Professor Wheeler moved the adoption of the attached report (Exhibit A) concerning membership and function of the Executive Committee of the Senate. The motion was seconded and carried.

9.

Professor Penn moved that the matter of revision of present rules concerning dropping of courses be postponed until the next regular meeting since Professor Riepe was not at the meeting. The motion was seconded and lost. Considerable discussion followed, and it was moved that the matter be referred to the Administrative Procedures Committee for study (See Exhibit B). The motion was seconded and carried.

10.

President Starcher made several comments on proposals for affiliation by other state schools with the University by way of informing members of the Senate on developments.

11.

President Starcher stated that the question of the trimester system is being discussed by various institutions in the state and asked for viewpoints from the faculty regarding this matter. An informal discussion followed.

12.

An informal discussion was held concerning the role of the faculty in budgetary advisement.

13.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

R. M. McKenzie
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

REPORT OF BYLAWS COMMITTEE REGARDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Senate, the Vice-chairman of the Senate, the Registrar, and one Senate member elected by the Senate. Its function shall be (1) to call special meetings of the Senate; (2) to change the time of the regular meeting in emergencies; (3) to prepare the agenda; (4) to approve the minutes of Senate meetings; (5) to act on behalf of the Senate in emergencies when a special meeting of the Senate does not seem justified.

EXHIBIT B

COURSE CANCELLATION BY STUDENTS

The following rule is proposed as a replacement for the present regulations governing cancellation of a student's enrollment in a course at the University of North Dakota:

A student may, upon securing the signatures of his dean and the instructor involved, cancel his enrollment in a course at any time during the first twelve weeks of a semester. If such cancellation takes place prior to the end of the seventh week, no record shall be required. If the cancellation takes place after the beginning of the eighth week and before the end of the twelfth, the student's enrollment shall be recorded, and his status at cancellation shall be indicated as either withdrew-passing or withdrew-failing. Any student cancelling a course after the beginning of the thirteenth week shall automatically receive an F in that course. (For the purpose of time periods specified here, cancellation shall be said to have taken place when the forms for this are returned to and stamped by the Registrar's Office.)

The central reason for proposing this change is the belief that the present regulation, permitting a student who is barely passing to drop without prejudice at any time prior to the final exam, encourages poor scholarship. It does so because the student can console himself for lack of effort in his work by noting that he can "bail out" if it appears that he will not pass the final. Indeed, this also encourages some better-than-average students to drop out of courses late in the semester rather than increase their efforts because such a drop can be accomplished with no damage to the grade-point, etc. A second reason for this is that the present scheme results in extra work for the Registrar's Office just when this office is engaged both in preparing for the avalanche of final grades and in preparing for registration for the ensuing session.