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UNIVERSITY SENATE

Meeting Notice: Monday, December 13, 1971
Senate Room, 314, CAC
3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

- I. Calling of the meeting to order
- II. Approval of the minutes of November 22, 1971
- III. Orders of the Day
 - A. Special Orders (none)
 - B. General Orders. Mr. Kahn, University Governance Committee Report.
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Committee on Committees. Mr. Malone.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Resolution concerning the closing of Yale Street. Mr. Platt.
 - B. Ad Hoc Committee on the Improvement of Teaching. Mr. Genova.
- VII. Adjournment

Library Resources

Wichita State University

A critical evaluation of available data clearly establishes that library resources at Wichita State University are substantially below what is required to support instructional programs. More specifically, the deficit is approximately 100,000 volumes. Evidence is drawn from two sources:


1. The Washington formula. In 1970, the State of Washington adopted a modified version of the Clapp/Jordon formula for minimum quantitative standards for academic libraries. Under this formula, Wichita State University should have 497,125 volumes. Using the definitions of this formula, Wichita State University held 333,654 at the beginning of the current academic year. At the time it was worked out, 25 public colleges and universities using 1967-68 data were compared against the formula. It was found that the average held 85.8% of the recommended formula. Since that time, these institutions have improved. Therefore, it is fair to assume that Wichita State University should have at least 90% of recommended holdings.

2. Library resources of other institutions compared with Wichita State University. Figures taken from Library Statistics of Colleges and Universities, Fall 1969, Data for Individual Institutions are even more useful. The average for public supported universities in the United States was 53.11 volumes per FTE student. Wichita State University reported only 35 volumes and, of the 80 institutions, ranked 67th. Obviously, this institution should not be compared with many of large state universities. Nevertheless, Wichita State University holds about 5 volumes per student less than do comparable institutions. Even more telling, is a comparison of Wichita State University with state supported colleges with graduate students. The average of these institutions was 36.48 volumes per FTE student. In other words, Wichita State University holds 1.48 fewer volumes per student than the average of these 222 institutions.

Finally, five institutions frequently compared with Wichita State University-- Bradley University, Southern Illinois University, North Texas State University, Wayne State University, and the University of Cincinnati--were found to hold 41.6 volumes per FTE student, or 6.6 more books per student than Wichita State University.

Wichita State University

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

o _____ Professor Dick Zody, President, University Senate _____ Date November 30, 1971
From _____ Dr. George M. Platt  _____
Subject _____ Draft Resolution Concerning Closing of Yale _____

The University Senate of Wichita State University endorses the request of Wichita State University to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission for vacation of Yale Street from 18th Street to 21st Street because it approves the concept that vehicular traffic should be eliminated from the core area of the campus. The University Senate further feels that development of a pedestrian mall between 18th and Clough Place will enhance the beauty of the campus and greatly improve pedestrian safety. In passing this resolution, the University Senate recognizes that comprehensive traffic, parking, and pedestrian circulation plans will be developed and implemented as part of the University's long-range land use plan.

October 13, 1971

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

(Changes in document reflecting Senate action through 11-22-71 inserted)
Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on University Governance

Dr. John Breazeale
Dr. Paul J. Magelli
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Dr. James Nickel
Dr. Glenn Miller
Dr. Brooke Collison
Dr. Richard Zody
Dr. Melvin Kahn
Mr. Terry Carnahan
Mr. James Posey
Mr. Lynn Coker
Mr. John Morse

I. INTRODUCTION

The Ad Hoc Committee of University Governance was created by the University Senate in the spring of 1969 with the charge of considering "various alternative ways of obtaining a functioning university government which allows for the representation of all its elements while respecting the need of each to have representative bodies dealing with the particular concerns of its own constituency." The committee submitted an interim report to the senate and faculty in the spring of 1970 and requested that it be allowed to continue working on its charge during 1970-1971. During the fall semester of 1970 the committee met bi-weekly, and on January 11 and 12, 1971, it met for two days. This position paper is the outcome of the work of the committee and contains its recommendations.

At the organizational meeting of the original University Senate which occurred on February 10, 1964, President Emory Lindquist identified his reasons for supporting the idea of the senate:

In the first place, the University Senate creates an institutional forum in which the faculty members with administrative assignments can share possibilities and problems with faculty members who have primarily teaching assignments, and faculty members with teaching assignments can share their concerns and aspirations with faculty members who have administrative assignments.

In the second place, I believe that the University Senate can marshal new and additional resources for thinking constructively about the mission of our university.

In the third place, I believe that the University Senate is sound in principle and form because it is university-wide, because it is representative, and because it is responsible to its parent, the University Faculty.

It is, as I understand the design, a body, however, which should discuss, study, seek information, share in planning, provide an

insight into faculty interests and concerns, and report. The senate should share clearly in determining the mission of this university. I also believe that there may be a changing and expanding concept and role of the senate with the passing of the years.

It is the belief of the Committee on University Governance that the essential role of the senate remains the same, but that it is now appropriate to widen the representative constituencies of the senate to include a substantial student delegation and spokesmen for the classified staff. It is also clear that Dr. Lindquist's insight concerning the "changing and expanding concept and role of the senate" must be reflected in changes in its composition and procedures.

In another document from the early history of the senate, Professor Harder, then President of the senate, said:

With respect to certain kinds of policy decisions, the Faculty Senate can be invaluable to all concerned. Not only is this body a vehicle through which professors can participate in policy formation (and participation is another important condition of professorial freedom), it can also share with administrators the burden of preserving a good image for the university at a time when that image may be tarnished by irresponsible charges.

It is the view of the committee that both the expanding role of the Senate and the need to extend responsibility for decision making to all constituencies of the university community, require the changes suggested in the following recommendations.

II. THE COMPOSITION OF THE SENATE

A. Faculty Representation

1. The committee recommends that there be 33 faculty representatives -
[on the University Senate. Faculty are those who receive 50 per cent or more of their salary from an academic instructional unit,] except unassigned category which shall be made up of full time persons assigned to non-classroom activities more than 50 per cent of their time or unattached to a degree granting college or who hold rank below instructor. In no event shall a person be eligible for election to the Senate from two categories.

A formula was used to generate this number and as the university grows, it may generate a slightly larger number of members. For purposes of representation the university would be divided into divisions. Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Health Related Professions, and Fine Arts would each comprise one division. Liberal Arts and Sciences would count as three divisions, these being Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. University College and Unassigned would constitute another category. The membership of each of these divisions would be determined in accordance with the following formula: when the number of faculty members in a division is between 2 and 25, it would have 2 representatives; between 26 and 50, it would have 3 representatives; between 51 and 100 faculty members, it would have 4 representatives; between 101 and 150 members, it would have 5 representatives; between 151 and 200 members, it would have 6 representatives and so on. The number of members in

the division at the time of the senate election will determine the number of representatives to be elected. According to this formula, in 1971 the division of Humanities would have 5 representatives, Social Sciences would have 4, Natural Sciences would have 4, Business Administration would have 4, Fine Arts would have 4, Education would have 4, Engineering would have 4, Health Related Professions would have 2, University College and Un-assigned would have 2, thus making a total of 33.

2.

Persons who hold a full time appointment in the University at the rank of Instructor or above and who receive fifty per cent or more of their salary from the budget of an academic instructional unit will be eligible to be elected to the Senate as faculty members.

B. Administration Representation

The administration shall be represented by the deans of degree granting colleges, the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of University College, and the Dean of Admissions.

C. Student Representation

The committee recommends that the University Senate have 16 student representatives, including the president and the vice-president of SGA, the four class presidents, the candidate for graduate representative to SGA receiving the largest number of votes, three members appointed by the SGA president subject to approval by two-thirds of the SGA members, and six members elected at large by the student body in the fall elections to two-year terms. Three at-large senators would be elected each year.

The Student Government Association will remain intact under the proposed revisions in the governance system at Wichita State University. SGA's structure, powers, responsibilities and duties are unaffected, and it will retain its present position relative to the other governing bodies in the governance system.

D. Staff Representation

The committee recommends that the classified staff have two representatives. The method of selecting representatives would be left to a future decision of this constituency.



III. MEETINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

The faculty retains the right of review of University Senate actions.

IV. FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL OF DEANS

[The committee recommends that one voting faculty representative, ^{to be} elected by and from the University Senate, be added to the Council of Deans.] *annually*

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL OF DEANS

[The committee recommends that one voting student representative, elected by and from the SGA Senate, be added to the Council of Deans.]

VI. SENATE OFFICE

The committee recommends that a Senate Office be established with half-time secretarial help. This office would provide a centralized location for the storage of senate and committee records and minutes, and the existence of this office with adequate personnel would do much to facilitate and coordinate the work of the senate committees and the senate.

VII. SOME CHANGES IN THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Although the University Senate is the major policy-making body in university government at WSU, the committees of the University Senate do much of the day-to-day work and make many of the specific decisions. By virtue of this fact, these committees play a significant role in the decision-making and administrative processes of Wichita State University. After meeting with the chairmen of the senate committees and after compiling information about the work of each committee, the Governance Committee believes that although a major restructuring of the committee system is not called for, a number of particular modifications are needed. These include:

A. The Committee on Committees

The University Governance Committee recommends that the Committee on Committees have the following members: the president and vice-president of the University Senate, with the vice-president presiding; the chairmen of the policy committees, the vice-president of SGA, a student appointed by SGA, and an administrator appointed by the President of the university, making a total of 12 members. This membership would provide a liaison between the committees and the senate. The functions of the Committee on Committees would include the following:

1. Appointing members to the standing committees of the University Senate. When committee vacancies occur which are assigned to a particular constituency, the senators from that constituency will constitute a nominating committee and will forward at least two recommendations per vacancy to the Committee on Committees. Recommendations of the committee will be subject to ratification by the University Senate.
2. Investigating and mediating disputes concerning the functions and jurisdictions of standing committees. This would be subject to appeal to the University Senate.
3. Overseeing the work of the standing committees and seeing to it that they meet regularly and follow the regulations of the constitution.
4. Providing liaison with the University Senate and scheduling annual committee reports to the senate.

It is further recommended that ad hoc committees undertake the review of the university judicial system, the functions of the Public Occasions Committee, and the authority and functions of the University Curriculum Committee.

In the investigation of the present committee structure at WSU, it was found that an effective Committee on Committees was essential to the effective functioning of the other senate committees. In order to ensure an adequate understanding of the committee structure

among the members of this committee, it was thought that these members should include those who are personally involved in committee work. Hence it was decided that the Chairmen of the Policy Committees should be included on the Committee on Committees. Since these chairmen will be meeting regularly with the president and vice-president of the Senate, this arrangement should also foster communication between the senate and its committees.

B. Agenda Committee of the University Senate

The committee recommends that the membership of the Agenda Committee consist of the senate officers, the President of the university or his appointed representative, three faculty members elected by and from the University Senate, one student member elected by and from the University Senate, and the president of SGA. Any member of the senate may introduce items not included on the agenda by [simple majority vote of the Senate. Any member of the university community may introduce motions and resolutions to a committee of the University Senate. The committee shall make a statement of its action or progress on such a resolution or motion to the Senate [Committee on Committees within 30 days of its introduction. Action recorded in the minutes of the committee shall constitute such a statement.]

C. Tenure and Welfare Committee

This section superceded by report of Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure and Promotion.

D. Advisory Committee to the President

The University Governance Committee recommends that an advisory committee be created to deal with emergency situations requiring a response from the administration and the faculty. The faculty members on this committee would be selected by the University Senate. [The composition of the committee would include the President of the university, the Academic Vice-president, the Information Officer, the SGA president, the president of the University Senate, the Dean of Students, plus three faculty members, and one student member [selected by the SGA.]

E. Military Affairs Committee

The committee recommends that the constitutional requirement that members of the Military Affairs Committee be "selected from those who have held military commissions" be deleted from the Senate Constitution.

F. The Faculty Handbook Committee

The committee recommends that a special technical and advisory committee be appointed as a permanent committee and that it be charged with producing and revising at least biennially the Faculty Handbook. The composition of this committee would be as follows: one representative from each college, two students, the Director of In-

formation Services, the Academic Vice-president, the chairman of the University Senate, the chairman of the Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and Academic Freedom. This committee should have some role in relation to the student handbook, and colleges would be invited to revise their constitutions and include them in the handbook.

G. Faculty Representation on the Board of Trustees

The committee approved a motion to recommend that action be taken to secure a position for a faculty member on the Board of Trustees.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

When adopted these recommendations will be phased in at the time of the next University Senate election. The Senate may, at its discretion, implement any part of these recommendations at an earlier date; however, a constitutional revision committee would be constituted upon passage of the document. Any such committee should amend the existing Senate constitution to bring it into line with the principles of this document.

IX. CONCLUSION

The committee believes that improvements in university governance with the greatest urgency are in three major categories:

1. To improve the efficiency of the committee structure.
2. To broaden the base of decision making and responsibility to include effective representation of students and staff.
3. To assure due process in making those decisions which are the responsibility of the university community.

The committee believes that its recommendations, if adopted, will accomplish these purposes and, indeed, will strengthen the concept of shared responsibility for all decisions and policies of the university.

Wichita State University

TO Richard Zody, Chairman, University Senate

DATE December 8, 1971

FROM A. C. Genova, Humanities Representative

SUBJECT Ad Hoc Committee on the Improvement of Teaching

Recently, the concern about teaching improvement and teaching evaluation has increased on our campus. These issues have been discussed in the Council of Deans, the LAS Policy Committee, SGA, the Senate Agenda Committee, and probably in the other colleges and academic units of the university. Also, the SGA sponsored student evaluation of faculty teaching was finally instituted this semester. Consequently, it would seem appropriate that the University Senate now act in order to take cognizance of these concerns and provide a formal framework for continued discussion and recommendation concerning the improvement and the evaluation of the quality of teaching on our campus.

I therefore move the following:

1. That an Ad Hoc Committee on the Improvement and Evaluation of Teaching be established by the University Senate and recommended to the faculty for endorsement.
2. That the new committee be constituted as follows:
 - A. The Committee on Committees shall appoint, with the ratification of the Senate, one member from (1) Liberal Arts and Sciences, (2) Business Administration, (3) Fine Arts, (4) Education, (5) Engineering, (6) Health Related Professions and (7) Unassigned Faculty.
 - B. The Administration shall appoint one member to represent the administration.
 - C. The President of the SGA shall appoint one student member.
 - D. The Chairman of the University Senate shall appoint one of the nine members of the Ad Hoc Committee to serve as chairman.
3. The Committee shall have, within its charge, the following assignments:
 - A. Identification of procedures successfully used on other campuses to assist faculty members in the evaluation of their teaching, and the identification of areas of their teaching effort which could be improved.
 - B. Development of a proposal for implementation of a recommended set of evaluation procedures on our campus.
 - C. Development of recommendations for the use of some of the City of Wichita funds formerly used for forgivable loans to encourage course development, increased use of instructional media, and the improvement in other ways of the quality of teaching at Wichita State University.
 - D. Consideration of the possible uses of the inter-session and the summer session for the in-service development of improved courses and improved teaching ability.

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that the Univ. Senate express its appreciation
~~of the effort~~ to the Governance ~~Report~~ Committee
for its effort on behalf the University:

and move:

1. That the ad hoc committee on

University Government be thanked for

their effort on behalf of the University Senate

in the approval of the Faculty of the
Report, that, the committee be continued
and be charged with the additional task

of investigating ~~whether~~ the structure
of committees at the University level, to
report to the Senate whether or not
these committees which have ~~proposing~~
recommendatory or decision making
powers, and make recommendations
to bring these committees into ~~line~~
conformance with the spirit
of the Governance Report.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE
Wichita State University
Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 1971, (Vol.8, No.10)

Members present: Artiaga, Austin, Boughton, Breazeale, Britton, Burnett, Chaffee, Coker, Collison, Comstock, Darling, Dunn, Dybdahl, Farnsworth, Genova, Graham, Hammond, Harder, Heathman, Holmes, Jakowatz, Magelli, Mathews, Mathis, Mills, Morse, Norris, Perel, Poland, Posey, Rogers, Saricks, Smith, Sowards, Spies, Stucky, Unrau, Wong, Youngman, Zody.
Members not present: Ackerman, Ahlberg, Allegrucci, Becker, Blake, Christenson, Cress, Elcrat, Friesen, Gleason, Gosman, Malone, Nielsen, Rhatigan, Savaiano, Spohn, Terrell. Guests present: Kahn, Kiskadden, Platt.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zody at 3:35 p.m.

- II. Mr. Genova moved unanimous consent to approve the minutes of November 22, 1971, as distributed.

- III. Orders of the day
 - A. Special Orders (none)
 - B. General Orders. Mr. Kahn, Report of the University Governance Committee.

Mr. Harder rose to a point of parliamentary inquiry and it was established that the Governance report, having been approved or amended by part, was ready to be considered by the Senate in its entirety.

Mr. Harder then made a plea for modification of the proposed structure of the Agenda Committee and stated reasons why the Senate would function better if the Agenda Committee did not include administrative representatives. Discussion followed.

Mr. Genova moved (seconded by Mr. Harder) to amend Section VII, B by striking the phrase "the President of the University or his appointed representative,"

After discussion, the motion FAILED on written ballot (12 Yes, 28 No).

Mr. Morse moved the previous question, to consider the governance document. Motion PASSED.

- IV. Unfinished Business (none)

V. Committee Reports. Mr. Savaiano for Mr. Malone.

The Senate Committee-on-Committees offered the following appointments for Senate approval: For the Special Policy Committee on Academic Tenure and Promotion: Orpha Duell, John McBride, and Russell Dybdahl. Burch McFarland for the Traffic Court Appeals Committee.

Mr. Savaiano moved that these appointments be approved. The motion PASSED.

VI. New Business

A. Mr. Platt, Director of Planning, presented a draft resolution to the Senate concerning the vacation of Yale avenue (see attachment). It was moved by Mr. Platt (seconded by Mr. Coker) to support the resolution. The motion PASSED.

B. Mr. Genova, Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching. Mr. Genova moved (seconded by Mr. Perel) to accept a proposal for an ad hoc committee concerning teaching. Some discussion ensued concerning the title of the committee and the implications of the title. A friendly amendment was accepted to modify the title to Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching. The motion PASSED.

Mr. Rogers moved (seconded by Mr. Dybdahl) to express appreciation to the University Governance Committee on behalf of the University. The motion PASSED.

Mr. Rogers moved (seconded by Mr. Harder) that, contingent upon approval by the Faculty of the University of the Governance Report, that the Governance Committee be continued and be charged with the additional task of investigating the structure of committees at the University level, to report to the Senate whether or not these committees which have recommendatory or decision making powers, and make recommendations to bring these committees into conformance with the spirit of the Governance Report.

The motion PASSED.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.