MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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President Herbert H. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and Dean Bill Lamkin gave the invocation.

President Reynolds requested that the faculty familiarize themselves with the information on the disclaimer page (inside front cover) of the University catalogues. He stated that Baylor will meet its obligations but the University does not want to extend beyond these obligations. President Reynolds stated that the faculty should not make statements that extend beyond our written or printed materials when counseling and advising with families and students. We must insure that we do not imply conditions, accreditation or obligations that are not accurate in every respect.

President Reynolds called upon Dean Mary Norman, Chairperson of the University Calendar Committee, for presentation of the 1984-85 calendar. Dean Norman stated that classes for the first and second 1984 summer sessions will begin on May 30th and July 5th, respectively, with Summer Commencement on August 11th. Dean Norman stated that the classes for fall 1984 will begin on August 27th and the spring 1985 semester will begin on January 14th. Spring break will be March 9-17, 1985 with Commencement exercises on May 16-17, 1985. On behalf of the Committee, Dean Norman moved that the academic calendar be adopted as presented; Dr. Robert Miller seconded the motion which carried.

President Reynolds called upon Dr. Barbara Bennett, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc University Senate Committee, for her report. Dr. Bennett presented and reviewed the governing structure proposal (copy attached) as mailed to the Senate members. Upon discussion, it was recommended and moved by Dean William Cooper that Item #4 of the Executive Committee be amended as follows: the appointment of the University Committee on Committees be made by the Faculty Senate since the majority of the Committee's functions deal with faculty matters, and that Item #8 of the University Council functions be transferred to the Senate. Dean William Toland seconded the motion which carried. It was also suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee consider the possibility of student representation on the University Council from each of the Schools rather than the class presidents. This was referred back to the Ad Hoc Committee for study and recommendations since this would change the makeup of the University Council. Dean Cooper then moved that the Ad Hoc Committee's report be adopted as amended; Dr. Miller seconded the motion which passed.

President Reynolds expressed appreciation to Professor McSwain for his 19 years of service as Dean of the Law School. President Reynolds also congratulated Dean McSwain and the Law School faculty on the excellent performance of their students on the July 1983 Bar Exam. He stated that 93% passed the exam which was the highest percentage of any law school in the State (the average was 69%).
President Reynolds expressed great and abiding appreciation to the faculty and staff for their dedicated service to the University and particularly during the past several months.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Loyal N. Gould
Secretary

Ann Mauk
Recording Secretary