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## Minutes of the Academic Senate, Southern Section, October 25, 1949

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## MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE, SOUTHERN SECTION

Meeting of October 25, 1949  
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The Southern Section of the Academic Senate met at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 1949 in Room 134, Chemistry Building, with approximately one hundred fifty-five voting members in attendance. Chairman R. G. Sproul presided.

1. The Secretary presented the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 1949, and they were approved as submitted.

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### 7. New Business

M. A. Wenger stated that he had felt earlier that a poll of faculty opinion

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on the loyalty oath would be desirable. Recent happenings had convinced him that such a poll should be taken. He had consulted with the chairman of the Committee on Faculty Welfare and understood that this Committee and the Advisory Committee approved of such a poll provided it was done with the consent of the Senate.

Mr. Wenger moved that the Senate instruct the Committee on Faculty Welfare to prepare the poll of the Faculty and conduct it with the purpose of ascertaining its opinions concerning the proposed loyalty oath and determining its responses to the oath.

M. H. Huberty said that the Advisory Committee had not discussed the matter with the Faculty Welfare Committee, but planned to do so.

R. G. Sproul stated he felt the motion was out of order as there had been no advance notice, and there was an order of procedure to be followed.

J. Gilluly appealed from the decision of the Chair and lost.

J. W. Olmsted said it should be made clear to the Senate that the Advisory Committee had not had the opportunity to discuss the matter with the Faculty Welfare Committee. He felt this impression had been given.

R. G. Sproul stated that that was his reason for overruling the motion. He added that he had an open mind on the subject. He said further that he would like nothing better than to find out the opinion of the Faculty regarding the oath.

J. W. Gaughey said he thought it was within the province of the Faculty to consider a poll with the consent of the Senate.

J. Gilluly stated that was why he moved for appeal.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Attest:

R. H. Sorgenfrey, Secretary  
Academic Senate, Southern Section