



Minutes of the Special Unified Committee on Tenure, Northern Section, November 22, 1953 (?)

MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN SECTION, SPECIAL UNIFIED COMMITTEE ON TENURE

The thirty-third meeting of the Northern Section, Special Unified Committee on Tenure was held on Monday, November 22, at 3:00 P.M. in Room 135, Boalt Hall. The following members were present:

Chairman Jennings
Members
Brode
Caldwell
Davis
Goldman
Tryon

The Chairman opened the meeting with a request for nomination for Secretary of the Committee. Professor Hewitt nominated J. R. Caldwell, who, being unopposed for this office, was unanimously elected.

The Chairman reported a letter from Miss Bridgman to ex-Chairman Mandelbaum, suggesting the incorporation into our forthcoming report of a provision that no faculty member shall be dismissed, demoted, or suspended without pay without a hearing by the Committee on Privilege and Tenure. (The underlined words constitute change suggested.)

In the informal discussion which followed attention was called to an ambiguity in the present regulation of the Senate, specifically in "Resolutions of the Academic Senate as to Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure" adopted April 7, 1920, and revised October 25, 1939, and October 6, 1947, first sentence under Dismissal or Demotion of Professors, Associate Professors, and other Officers of Instruction, which now reads, "No Professor, Associate Professor, or other officer of instruction who has acquired tenure by reason of length of service..." The Secretary moved that the words, and no be substituted for the words, or other in this sentence. The motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion then returned to the suggestion of Miss Bridgman. It was agreed to defer committee action thereon pending a full review of the proposed rules and regulations.

The Chairman then adverted to an earlier decision of this committee to recommend that the problem of the "8-year-tenure-rule" be studied by the Budget Committee and not be undertaken as a major concern of this committee.

Professor Davis urged the necessity of this committee's ultimately dealing with this problem. He moved "that this committee request the Budget Committee to inform this committee of the status of their deliberations regarding the problem of tenure, especially as it is affected by the 8-year-rule." The motion was seconded by Professor Hewitt and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then indicated briefly what he conceived to be - 1. The major question confronting the committee: what is properly the scope of the jurisdiction of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure? and 2. The Committee's major task: a re-drafting of the rules-of-procedure proposals. In this connection he suggested for next meeting: 1. A discussion of the question "How far should 'privilege' extend? 2. A consideration of the ten Broek proposals. Professor Brode was requested to attempt a re-draft of Section 1 of By-Law 140. All members were requested to read the 1953 Report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure of the Association of American Law Schools. The Committee adjourned at approximately 5:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted
J. R. Caldwell, Secretary