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## Minutes of the Academic Senate, Northern Section, October 8, 1951

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## MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE, NORTHERN SECTION

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### Meeting. -

The Northern Section of the Academic Senate met on Monday, October 8, 1951 at 4:10 p.m. in the Auditorium, Benjamin Ide Wheeler Hall, pursuant to call. Present: about 230 voting members of the Section. Present also by invitation, Mr. H. H. Benedict and Mr. Roy C. Ploss, the former and the current Managers respectively of the Office of Insurance and Retirement Systems. President Robert G. Sproul, Chairman, presided.

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### Academic Freedom. -

Professor Grether, Chairman of the Committee made a brief report to the effect that during the summer months the Committee found it necessary on one occasion only to make use of the special authority granted to it at the meeting of June 5, 1951 "to make representations concerning academic freedom, on behalf of the Academic Senate, Northern Section, as may be advisable or necessary." The statement issued by the committee related to a report prepared by a committee of the State Legislature. The text of that statement by the Committee on Academic Freedom was published in the July issue of the California Monthly and elsewhere.

### Resolution of Professor J. Neyman. -

The following resolution was presented by Professor Neyman and duly seconded:

1. The Academic Senate, Northern Section, takes cognizance of the reports published in a number of newspapers, including the San Francisco Chronicle and the Oakland Tribune, that, allegedly, at the August meeting of the Board of Regents one of the Regents described this Senate as a "disreputable" group, "100 per cent lacking in integrity."
2. The Academic Senate, Northern Section, requests the Committee on Committees to appoint a Committee (a) to investigate the matter (b) to report to the Senate the facts and (c) to recommend whatever action may seem appropriate.

In the discussion following presentation of this resolution there arose questions of parliamentary procedure which led ultimately to a voice vote on an amendment to refer the resolution to the Committee on Academic Freedom. The Chairman ruled that the motion had failed to carry. Thereafter, a show of hands was called for but before the vote could be taken a motion to lay the resolution upon the table was presented, seconded and adopted.

Adjourned.

Attest:

THOMAS B. STEEL

Secretary