

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARIZONA

Monday, January 5, 1948, Room 101, Law Building

The regular January meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:40 on Monday, January 5, in room 101 of the Law Building. Twenty-five members of the Senate were present, with President McCormick presiding and with Mr. Windsor serving for Secretary Leshner. Since Mr. Windsor was late, Dean Clarson served as Secretary until Mr. Windsor arrived.

GRADING SYSTEM, COMMITTEE ON: The President announced that a committee to study the university's grading system had been appointed, including Dr. Roy, Chairman, Dean Chapman, Dean Lyons, Dr. Garretson, and Professor Howard.

STUDENT UNION SITE, COMMITTEE ON: The President also announced the appointment of a committee to study possible locations for the Student Union Building. Dr. Pistor will serve as chairman and the other members will include Dean Harvill, Dr. Mary Caldwell, Dr. Roberts, and Dr. Solve.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, REPORT OF: Dean Clarson reported that the Faculty Committee appointed to work with the Associated Students' Committee in studying registration procedure has held two meetings. Registration material from over forty institutions has been received and is being studied. Dean Clarson's report was one of progress rather than any recommendation at this time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS, REPORT OF: Dr. Barnes reported to the Senate for Dr. Hudson, Chairman of the special committee to study student examinations and reports, that the special sub-committee was still busy making a survey of the entire situation. The committee is convinced that widespread cheating exists. The committee feels, however, that in many instances the faculty is not cooperating in handling the problem under the established procedure. Dr. Barnes stated that Dr. Hudson wished to obtain the opinion of the Senate members as to the advisability of obtaining representative student opinion on the matter through the circulation of a questionnaire, as well as obtaining faculty opinion by some means. The Senate members felt that this would be a wise course to follow. Dr. Gray raised the question if it would not be advisable to have a student representative sit on the regular University committee on Student Examinations and Reports. It was the general feeling that this would be desirable at some future date but for the present it was felt that the Committee should simply continue its fact-finding work. Inasmuch as the committee had no particular recommendation to make to the Senate at this time, Professor Barnes simply will report back to the committee that the Senate will support the work of the committee and that the committee should continue its work as it is presently being handled.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: At this point Mr. Windsor read the minutes of the meeting of Monday, December 1, 1947, and these were approved with one correction. The final paragraph of the item concerning the Student Union Building should be corrected to read as follows: "On motion by Dr. Roberts with a second by Dean MacCreedy the Senate voted that a committee of five be appointed to make a study of locations proposed for the Student Union Building and to make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate."

SENATE MINUTES, DISPENSING OF READING OF: Dr. Barr moved, with a second by Mrs. Mattingly, that in the future a copy of the minutes of each Senate meeting be sent to each Senate member within one week after each meeting, and that in the future the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with at Senate meetings unless called for. This motion was adopted.

Note: It was also requested that Senate members be provided with copies of the minutes of the preceding meetings of the Senate.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT UNION SITE, REPORT OF: Dr. Pistor stated that the committee as yet had no report to make.

COMMITTEE ON GRADING SYSTEM, REPORT OF: Dr. Roy stated that this committee as yet had no report to make.

EXTENSION DIVISION, REQUEST FOR NEW COURSE: Mr. Windsor presented a request from Extension Division Director Vosskuhler that Spanish 110ab, Introduction to Spanish Literature (3-3), which is now a regular residence offering, should be offered in the schedule of correspondence courses. The request was approved.

NEW COURSES, RECOMMENDATION FOR: Mr. Windsor presented a recommendation from the College of Education that Education 181, School Library Administration and Organization, (3), should be offered in the second semester of 1947-48, Miss Mary Foster to be the instructor. This course has been regularly approved as a 2-unit course for the summer session. The Senate approved the course as a second semester offering.

Mr. Windsor presented a recommendation from the College of Liberal Arts that a new course be added at the opening of the second semester, Physics 202, Advanced Spectroscopy Laboratory (1). It was then discovered that this course had not yet been approved by the Coordinating Committee. The Senate approved the establishment of the course, which is to be offered every year, provided it is approved by the Coordinating Committee prior to the opening of the second semester.

COURSE APPROVALS, CHANGES, ETC., DELEGATION TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF: Dr. Houghton pointed out that such matters of routine procedure as the approval of new courses, changes in courses, approval of summer session curriculum, etc, could conceivably take up a great amount of time of the Senate and since this body meets but once a month, it was his feeling that possibly such routine matters should be delegated to the Advisory Council. It was moved by Professor Anderson that temporarily all such matters concerning course approvals should be handled by the Advisory Council until such time as the committee on by-laws has drawn up a thorough plan of procedure for the Senate. Motion seconded and passed.

FACULTY SERVICE REPORT, DISCONTINUANCE OF: Dr. McCormick asked the Senate members what the feeling was concerning the value of the annual service report which in the past has been submitted to the President's office by the faculty. Considerable discussion followed and it was the general feeling that inasmuch as the teaching load report, as compiled by the Registrar's office, gives a statistical breakdown of the work load of the teaching members of the faculty, and since department heads could at any time provide the President's office with information concerning non-teaching staff members, the service report could without serious effect be discon-

tinued. Dr. Houghton moved that the Senate recommend to the President that use of the service report, at least in its present form, be discontinued. Dr. Houghton's motion was seconded by Dr. Mary Caldwell and the motion carried.

STUDENT UNION BUILDING, SOLICITATION AMONG FACULTY MEMBERS OF FUNDS FOR: President McCormick presented to the Senate a letter from B. G. Thompson, Chairman of the committee conducting the drive to raise funds to construct the War Memorial Student Union Building, requesting that permission be granted to solicit pledges among faculty members. It was pointed out that this drive will take place during the first few months of 1948. Only \$190,000 remain to be raised by public subscription. One-third of the university faculty and staff of 641 have already made pledges but it was felt that many of those who had not pledged would wish to do so if solicited. Dr. Pistor moved that the Senate approve the solicitation and that the President should appoint a committee to work with Mel Goodson, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association, who is a director of the fund raising campaign. However, it was pointed out by Dr. Carpenter that faculty members might resent being approached for funds by a committee that seemingly had official connection with the University administration. Consequently Dr. Pistor amended his motion to the effect that the Senate simply should approve the solicitation, and this was seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WRITING, REPORT OF: Dr. Carpenter presented to the Senate a report of the Liberal Arts Committee on research and creative writing. This report previously was approved by the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and was referred to the faculty Senate for consideration. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WRITING

This report contains some of our recommendations for the encouragement of research and creative writing in the College of Liberal Arts.

1. We suggest that a reduction of teaching load of up to three units, say, be granted anyone showing evidence of research or creative writing in progress to help him carry that work towards publication, and that such reduction of teaching load continue as long as the research or creative writing shows reasonable progress. This committee feels that applications for such reduction of teaching load should be judged by a continuing central group.

2. The task of conducting theses often falls on the very people who are capable of research or creative writing. This committee is almost unanimous in declaring that masters' theses neither stimulate nor otherwise help faculty members in their own original work. In fact, masters' theses use time and energy that would otherwise be available and thus discourage research and creative writing. In many universities where creative work is encouraged the teaching load is less for Professors than for Instructors. Here the total work load increases with the academic rank since beginning Instructors are not on committees, seldom teach graduate courses and do not conduct theses. We therefore recommend that theses be counted as part of the teaching load in some uniform fashion throughout the Liberal Arts College.

3. The Administration's policy on sabbatical leaves, as this committee under-

stands it, is an important contribution toward the encouragement of research and creative writing. We suggest that some further clarification of the conditions under which sabbaticals are granted is desirable.

4. This committee recommends that a special fund be established for the Liberal Arts College to provide research workers and creative writers with special books and laboratory equipment. This fund should be administered by the Dean and applications for its use should be scanned by a central continuing committee.

5. It is welcome news that limited funds are again available to send research workers to national meetings to present their papers. The stimulation and help obtained by having such work criticized and discussed by members of other universities is invaluable. This committee recommends that sufficient funds be provided to send any research worker to his national meeting when he has a paper ready for publication.

6. It seems generally agreed that those activities of Liberal Arts faculty members that are important to the University are teaching, research and creative writing, committee work, and outside contacts with the public. Teaching is, of course, the most important for the Liberal Arts College. This Committee believes it would be helpful for the Administration to announce that research and creative writing are not less important than committee work or public relations. Further more a definite, announced policy of promotion and salary scale in harmony with this declaration would be an encouragement to research and creative writing.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. F. Carpenter
Marie Hamilton

Emil W. Haury
Desmond S. Powell
Edwin J. Purcell, Chairman

Following the reading of the report President McCormick stated that probably the report of the committee was one that might be enlarged to include the faculties of all colleges of the University, and due to the lateness of the hour it was suggested that the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the senate.

STUDENT ASSEMBLIES, DISCUSSION OF: Dr. Haury raised the question of the scheduling of student assemblies, pointing out that under the present method class work on assembly days is considerably disturbed because of the irregularity of the class hours and the fact that students are not properly informed in advance of assemblies, etc. It was pointed out that the administration, after many meetings with the Advisory Council and with the Associated Students, and with faculty members, had felt that the method being used this year was the most workable system. Dr. Haury then moved that the University discontinue student assemblies entirely. It was pointed out that this was hardly in order inasmuch as last spring the Associated Students had more or less been promised that they could hold a certain number of assemblies this year, provided the assembly programs were successful. It was pointed out that the students had carried out their part of the bargain, as it were, inasmuch as all

assemblies this year have been very well attended. It was pointed out that it is planned to have only four student assemblies during the second semester. Dr. Haury then withdrew his motion but suggested that possibly the Senate should go on record as recommending that after this year University assemblies be discontinued. Dr. Barnes then stated that this was a matter deserving considerable attention and discussion and due to the lateness of the hour he moved that the matter be tabled until a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 o'clock.

David L. Windsor

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