

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
University of Arizona
Tucson

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TO: The Faculty Senate

REGARDING: Assemblies for the 1949-50 School Year.

It is felt that assemblies are one of the best means of uniting the student body, for we are all aware that direct dissemination of information, just as is done in the lecture room on other topics, is the most effective means of familiarizing students with the affairs of the Associated Students.

According to the plan, there will be eight assemblies next year, four east semester, produced by assembly chairman, Lowell Rothschild. They will be scheduled at times just prior to major all-school functions such as home football games, the beginning of other athletic seasons and before activities such as the all-school sing.

One of the big reasons for poor attendance at 11:40 assemblies is because as was pointed out this past year, there is a very minute percentage of the entire student body on campus and in classes at that time of the day. So as to have the greatest participation, it is therefore felt that the times for each period would best be 8:40, 9:40, 10:40, and again 10:40.

Continuing with the plan, the assembly committee requests that the faculty senate appoint one faculty member to work with it in carrying out this policy: "The content and script for each assembly will be prepared and then approved by the assembly committee at least one week before the assembly is to take place."

The assembly committee intends to use as sources of material the following with whom communication in one form or another has been made or will be made shortly: The campus drama, music, dancing, speech, and radio departments; the Tucson Boys Choir; various Hollywood theatrical agencies; and the national assembly association that is now used by Tucson Senior High School. However, the productions will be conducted primarily by the students in the interests of the students, with certain reservations that are indicative of good taste.

The assembly committee is prepared, upon the approval of the faculty senate, to begin making definite outlines for a well-balanced group of assemblies next fall. These outlines will be ready for consideration at the October meeting of the faculty senate.

In view of past circumstances, the assembly committee requests that the first three assemblies of the coming school year be definitely authorized and the following five to be authorized after the first three have been attended by the entire faculty senate and reviewed to determine points upon which the assembly committee can concentrate and improve so that the purposes for which a good assembly is produced will be achieved.

Sincerely,


Fred Snyder
President, Associated Students

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY:

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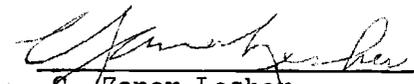
STUDENT BODY ASSEMBLIES, POLICY RE: The Senate heard a statement by Mr. Frank Snyder, President Elect of the Student Body, including a proposal that the Senate authorize eight assemblies for the year 1949-50 in addition to the Mothers' and Dads' Day Assembly in the fall and the Women's Day Assembly in the spring. It was proposed that classes be excused to hold these assemblies, which would be scheduled during the 8:40, 9:40, or 10:40 hours. Mr. Snyder specifically requested that the Senate at this time approve the first three assemblies on a trial basis, after which consideration would be given to the remainder of the program. The Senate voted to approve the request involving the first three assemblies with the provision, however, that all student assemblies be scheduled in late afternoon or evening hours with the exception of the Mothers' and Dads' Day Assembly and the Women's Day Assembly which may be held during the regular daytime schedule with provision for the excuse of classes.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM, ADJUSTMENTS IN: The Senate approved a recommendation of the Advisory Council that the practice of having baccalaureate degree candidates receive their diplomas from the hands of the President be abandoned and that diplomas be handed to graduating seniors as they enter the stadium. Candidates for advanced degrees will continue to receive their diplomas from the President. President McCormick had previously approved a recommendation of the Special Occasions Committee eliminating the flag ceremony at the opening of the commencement exercises.

REGISTRATION, REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON: The Senate heard a report of its Committee on Registration which had studied various specifications of the registration procedure, particularly those emphasized by students, including the elimination of unnecessarily long lines, the centralization of the distribution of class cards and the approval of course selections, the reduction of the number of blank forms, and early distribution of materials. It was explained that since there had been no opportunity to refer the committee's proposals to the Senate prior to the opening of the first semester, these had been referred to the Advisory Council where little change was made in existing practices. The Senate felt that the matter needed further review and clarification. The present committee was discharged with an expression of appreciation for its work, and provision was made for the appointment of a new committee which would report before the end of the semester.

ELECTION TO SENATE MEMBERSHIP: The Senate elected Dr. Matthew M. R. Schneck to fill the unexpired term of the late Professor Kurath.

ADJUSTMENT OF CLASS HONORS: The Senate approved action of the Advisory Council establishing the policy of awarding honors for the year to those students who complete thirty or more units in two consecutive semesters with the required grade average but who do not fall within any one class group during the full period.


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Secretary