

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

Room 101, Law Building, Monday, April 7, 1952

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:40 P.M. on Monday, April 7, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Twenty-six members were present, with President Harvill presiding.

The Minutes of March 3, 1952, were approved as previously published and mailed to members of the Senate.

CATALOG CHANGES: Mr. Windsor described briefly the catalog changes as circulated to members. Since there were no objections to the changes, formal action by the Senate was unnecessary.

The question arose whether the deletion of Freshman Orientation, now a required course for freshman women, would lower for women students the total units required for graduation (reduce 125 to 124 in the College of Liberal Arts, for example). The President explained that such reduction would not be automatic, but at the time the next catalog is prepared in the spring of 1953 it is possible that adjustments in the number of units required for the various degrees might be made.

Dr. Schneck asked why Freshman Orientation was deleted. It was explained that elimination of the course had been recommended by the Dean of Women and her staff. It had been further recommended that in place of the Orientation course a program of remedial reading, study skills improvement, etc. be established. It is hoped such a program can be inaugurated at an early date.

ARIZONA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, ELECTION OF TWO DELEGATES TO: The President announced that Dr. Solve had been elected President of the Arizona College Association. The Senate elected Dean Roy and Dr. Nugent as official delegates to represent the University at Association meetings during the next year.

Dr. Solve reported that the recent Association meeting held in Phoenix at the American Institute for Foreign Trade on March 22 had been a successful occasion. He announced that the next meeting of the Association will be held on the campus of the University.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS, REPORT RE: The President introduced Professor Picard, Chairman of the Special Occasions Committee, who had been invited to discuss with the Senate members plans for the 1952 Commencement. Professor Picard pointed out that the changes made for the 1951 Commencement had for the most part received favorable comment. Site of the exercises had been moved to the south end of the football Stadium; the central practice field had been used as the center for forming the academic procession and for distributing diplomas.

However, some criticism had been made concerning the lighting of the stage and the efficiency of the public address system. It was planned to remedy both of these features this year. There had also been objection on the part of some faculty members to having to ascend Stadium stairways to reach the faculty section of seats, and Professor Picard felt that this problem should be given careful consideration. Professor Picard asked for comments from members of the Senate concerning the 1952 Commencement.

Most members felt that the 1951 innovations should be retained. However, several Senators felt it would be desirable to alter the arrangements for seating the faculty if possible. Obtaining a sufficient number of portable chairs is a problem, it was pointed out. Furthermore, it is difficult to seat too large a number of people on the ground level and still permit an adequate view of the platform.

The seating problem was to be given further study by the Special Occasions Committee, Professor Picard said, and after further consultation with the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, it was understood that Professor Picard would consult with President Harvill.

In connection with the academic procession at Commencement, it was suggested that henceforth the Commencement program carry some notation to the effect that the audience is not expected to stand during the procession. The procession now takes some 30 minutes, and it was felt that this was an excessive length of time to expect the audience to stand.

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH, REPORT OF: President Harvill asked Dean Patrick to report to the Senate concerning recent activity of the Research Committee.

Dean Patrick said that a policy with reference to the matter of sponsored research has been a concern of the Research Committee during the fall and winter. The committee is of the opinion that research made possible by funds originating from sources outside the regular budgets of the University and its associated bureaus may be of great value to the institution in developing the research interests of the staff and the research equipment available, provided that the normal functions of the University are not disturbed. Sponsored research should in the first place be unclassified research, with publication following immediately upon conclusion of the work and without the restriction of secrecy. It should also be research that follows the lines of normal interest of staff members. When graduate students are employed in sponsored research, the work should be of educational value to them and should contribute toward the completion of degree requirements.

Within this policy there has been considerable development of sponsored research at the University. A survey was made during the fall term of the present academic year by means of a questionnaire addressed to the faculty. A compilation of returns from this questionnaire shows the present situation to be as follows: Sponsored or contract research now in progress at the University amounts to the total of \$154,392 of funds currently expendable. Some of the projects require more than one year to complete. The sponsoring organizations include many government bureaus such as U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Office of Naval Research, the Research Corporation, and a number of industrial firms such as American Cyanamide Company and Gulf Sulphur Company, the Anaconda Company, etc. Dean Patrick stated that there is an additional \$5,000 which was not included in the report and that numerous discussions are in progress looking to further contracts, some of them involving very considerable amounts of money.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.


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Secretary Pro Tem