

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

Room 101, Law Building, Monday, December 19, 1949

The Faculty Senate convened in special session at 3:40 p.m. on Monday, December 19, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Twenty-seven members were present, with President McCormick presiding.

SUMMER SESSION CATALOG, REPORT FROM ADVISORY COUNCIL RE: Mr. Leshar read the excerpt from the Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting concerning catalog material for the summer session supplement (see pages 22-24). He moved that this report be accepted, and the motion was seconded.

Dr. Roberts stated that he found it impossible to form any adequate judgment about the new offerings or to vote intelligently on the motion without having had an opportunity to review a written statement of the proposals submitted beforehand.

Dean Harvill clarified the question regarding the status of the courses in Anthropology with respect to the prerequisites stated and their particular purpose as applied to the summer session. After some further discussion, the motion was passed.

REPORTS ON CURRICULAR CHANGES, METHOD OF PRESENTING: Dr. Roberts moved, with a second by Dr. Roy that the Senate request, in the future, reports on changes in curriculum material be submitted to the Senate in mimeographed form.

During the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that it would be desirable to have the Senate members given an opportunity to review prospective changes in curriculum material before proposals were formally reported to the Senate, as a report is all that is necessary. (The Senate does not have to approve curricular changes.) There is danger that matters will come before the Senate for action and be considered without sufficient time to form adequate judgments. It was suggested in this connection that the Secretary prepare a report to be sent to Senate members of such action as the Advisory Council might have taken since the publication of the Catalog affecting curricula.

When the question was called for, the motion passed.

SUMMER SESSION COURSES, ADDITIONAL CHANGES RE: On motion by Dean Clarson, with a second by Dean Brown, the Senate voted approval of the change in the course number Secretarial Studies 178s to 170s. The change was made in order to avoid confusion due to the fact that the number 178 was originally assigned to a summer session course and later to a regular course during regular session, which differs in content from the summer session offering.

On motion by Dean Clarson, with a second by Professor Picard, the Senate recommended the change in the number of the course Physical Education for Women 37 to 159 (carrying graduate credit). This was the original number of the course, which carried graduate credit, and restoration is requested by the Head of the Department. The change had been approved by all agencies other than the Advisory Council, which had referred the question for Dean Clarson's signature. It was submitted at this time, with the provision that the offering be included in the summer session catalog.

LATE REGISTRATION, REDUCTION IN PERIOD OF: President McCormick explained that the question of reducing the period of late registration for credit had been considered at the last meeting of the Senate, at which time the Senate requested that a Committee be appointed to draw up a carefully-worded motion expressing the Senate's thought on this question. The committee appointed included Professor Garretson, Professor Schwalen, and Professor Roberts, Chairman.

Professor Roberts reported that the committee recommends that the motion which was originally presented be divided and presents two unrelated motions as follows:

(1) This committee recommends that with the issuance of the next catalog, the period during which late registration is permitted be limited to seven days. Motion by Roberts; second by Harvill. (NOTE: See later action re undergraduates)
Dr. Roberts' motion was unanimously passed. (1/19/50)

(2) This committee recommends that a committee be appointed by the President to formulate plans for the study and discussion of common administrative and curricular problems of interest to the faculties of the University of Arizona and of Arizona State College and to make recommendations to the Senate.

In response to a question by the President, the Registrar reported that there were fewer late registrations than he had anticipated, and he estimated that less than 100 students reported for registration during the second week of classes.

Dean Harvill reported that in the College of Liberal Arts, only 21 students registered during the second week, including 9 resident students, 10 non-resident students, and 2 students whose standing with respect to residence was undetermined. Among the late registrants were 15 who appeared on the scholarship list at mid-semester, 5 of these on the 50% failing list.

Dr. Roberts reported that he had checked a number of catalogs from other institutions and found the practice varied considerably in arranging the period of late registration for credit. At Michigan only three days are allowed.

In reply to a question by Dr. Garretson, Registrar Leshar explained that in the past students who have reported for registration after the close of the second week of classes were allowed to register only with the special permission of the Dean of the College and each of the instructors concerned. The instructors have the privilege of refusing to accept students after the second week. There have been only a very limited number of these cases.

Dean Patrick pointed out that the limitation of one week would doubtless affect the enrollment of graduate students at midsemester, and he suggested that an exception be made for such students, if the one-week limit were adopted. President McCormick suggested that such exception could be kept in mind but that it would not be wise to make any statement of it in the catalog.

Dr. Nugent suggested that it might be wise to refer the matter for further consideration to the Advisory Council, not for the purpose of taking final action, but of submitting a recommendation to the Senate. The motion to this effect was seconded by Dr. Roberts and carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR PROBLEMS, STUDY OF: Dr. Roberts explained the nature of the recommendation of his special committee (see above), pointing out that the

committee would be appointed to formulate the plans for study and discussion and make recommendations to the Senate. It was possible that such recommendation might discourage conference with faculty members of other institutions, rather than favor such a plan.

There was some difference of opinion as to the wisdom of having a committee deal directly with faculty representatives of other institutions in studying administrative and curricular problems.

Dr. Houghton suggested that other faculties are as interested as our own in discussing matters of this nature, but President McCormick indicated that the matter can be studied effectively without a joint meeting with representatives of other faculties.

It was Dr. Roberts' opinion that it would be possible to work out some sort of approach between faculties. Possibly, such faculties could be contacted through representatives attending meetings of the Arizona Educational Association. There would be various ways of making contacts. However, it is not necessary that faculties from other institutions know anything of the action taken here or of the study made by the University committee--at least for the time being.

Professor Barnes suggested that action by a committee officially representing the University and working in conjunction with a similar group at another institution might be misinterpreted by the administration of such institution and that it would be wiser in studying the problem to work more or less unofficially within our own institution.

The President stated that he would like to see the University consider questions of this sort for itself and to set its own standards--in other words to take the lead and let other institutions follow. It would be desirable to study these matters without reference to official committees working with other institutions.

Since the discussion regarding a policy as to whether the University should act independently or in cooperation with other institutions was becoming somewhat involved, Dr. Garretson moved that the whole matter be laid on the table indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Registrar Leshar and passed.

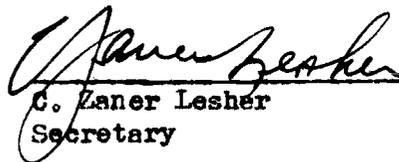
RETIREMENT SITUATION, FURTHER DISCUSSION OF: President McCormick reviewed briefly the Senate's consideration of the matter of retirement at its last meeting and explained that on the 13th of December the Attorney General of this State gave an opinion to the effect that until funds are made regularly available for the payment of benefits set forth in the State Employees' Retirement Act, the compulsory retirement provisions are not operative. Until such time then, those members of the fund who would be subject to compulsory retirement may continue with their employment, being entitled to receive their regular salaries for services rendered. There is a question, however, as to whether the State Auditor will accept this opinion and pay the staff members concerned. The Board of Regents will meet on the 9th of January, at which time it will consider a recommendation that it rescind its previous action, by which provision was made to remove the names of certain members of the faculty from the payroll during the first two weeks of January, and to follow the opinion of the Attorney General that such persons be retained on the payroll. If the State Auditor refuses to make payment to these staff members, the Board of Regents would initiate a suit to compel payment, in which case the courts would decide the matter.

It was the feeling of the Senate at its last meeting that it might be desirable if the faculty would take action recommending to the Board of Regents that the Board request the governor to include legislation on this matter in his call for a special session, if there is a special session.

If the general faculty were to take such action, the President would bring it to the attention of the Governor at once so that if a call for a special session were made between now and the 9th of January, when the Board meets, he would have the information at hand. He asked if the Senate desired to take some formal action regarding a recommendation to the general faculty, which was to meet at 4:40 on Tuesday, December 20.

Professor Barnes moved that the Faculty Senate recommend to the General Faculty that the General Faculty adopt a resolution recommending to the Board of Regents that it propose to the Governor that he include in his call for a special session, if there is one, consideration of legislation to implement the provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund Initiative Measure. This motion was seconded by Dr. Roberts and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


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