

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

Room 101, Law Building, Monday, December 1, 1947

The regular December meeting of the Faculty Senate convened at 3:40 on Monday, December 1, in room 101 of the Law Building. Twenty-eight members of the Senate were present, with President McCormick presiding.

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 1947, were read and approved.

President McCormick announced that after a conference with Mr. Leshner, a special committee had reported that the Registrar would serve as Secretary of the Senate.

BY-LAWS, COMMITTEE ON: The President announced that a committee on by-laws had been appointed, including Professor Houghton, Chairman, Professor Carpenter, and Professor Krumlauf.

EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS, COMMITTEE ON: The President also announced the appointment of a special committee on examinations and reports, including Asst. Professor Hudson, Chairman; Professor Barnes, Assoc. Professor Mattingly, Professor Pultz and Dean Slonaker.

RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR RIESEN: President McCormick announced receipt of a communication from Professor Riesen asking that his resignation as a member of the Senate be accepted as of December 1. Professor Riesen explained that ill health made it impossible for him to continue service with the Senate.

The President announced that the vacancy would be filled by vote of the Senate. Formal action was taken just prior to the close of the meeting. On motion by Dean Clarson, with a second by Dean Patrick, the Senate voted to accept the resignation of Professor Riesen with an expression of regret that he would no longer be able to serve as a member.

SENATE VACANCY, ELECTION TO FILL: The President announced that nominations were in order in connection with election to the Faculty Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Riesen. Dr. Pistor nominated Dr. E. H. Warner, head of the Department of Physics. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Mattingly. On motion the nominations were closed and Prof. Warner was declared elected by unanimous vote.

CHAIRMAN OF THE FACULTY, ELECTION OF: President McCormick announced that Dr. Melvin Solve, head of the Department of English, had been elected Faculty Chairman under the provisions of the constitution of the faculty.

SPEECH MAJORS, SCIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR: A request for a change in the catalogue announcement submitted by the Department of Speech, under date of September 11, explained that speech majors pursuing a speech pathology curriculum had been refused registration in Zoology 4 because the University cata-

logue does not contain a statement specifying Zoology 4 and 8 as a requirement for speech majors. In view of the present demand for registration in these courses the department restricts enrollment to those students for whom the courses are listed as a requirement.

The request had been submitted to the Advisory Council with the recommendation for approval by the Coordinating Committee and had in turn been referred to Vice-President Nugent for review of the general problem.

The department's request that the catalogue be changed to indicate Zoology 4 and 8 as a requirement for speech pathology majors effective at once was submitted at this time to the Senate by Dr. Nugent with the recommendation that it be approved.

Dr. Roberts question the wisdom of approving such a request and Dr. Wm. H. Brown explained that it was doubtful if the department of Zoology could handle additional students beyond the freshman year. Dr. Garretson suggested that the problem was an administrative one involving provision for laboratory facilities and Mrs. Mattingly stated that the question was largely academic inasmuch as only two or three students were concerned, but that a hardship would be involved for such students if the provision was not approved. It was explained that no advanced students in speech corrective work could enter graduate studies without the work in Zoology and that without the advanced studies they would have little chance of employment. On motion by Mrs. Mattingly, with a second by Dr. Pultz, the Senate voted to approve the request and to include in the next issue of the catalogue the following statement.

"Majors in Speech whose principal interest is in the field of speech pathology will elect Psychology 1a-1b and Zoology 4 and 8 to fulfill these group requirements."

cc - Miss Husted, Coordinating Committee

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM, CONSIDERATION OF: The Secretary explained that at the President's suggestion the judgment of the Senate was asked regarding the possible discontinuance of the annual University Christmas Tree Program.

Because of a lack of interest in the program, as indicated by comparatively small audiences during the past two years, the president of the Student Body and the president of the Associated Women Students had been asked to submit a recommendation based upon a poll of student opinion. The report from the students explained that while there had been a generous response from students in gifts to the Christmas tree, the response from the faculty was meager, and that neither faculty nor students attended the program in appreciable numbers. It was explained that this might be due to the fact that in individual student groups, such as fraternities and sororities and those in dormitories, have developed their own Christmas programs, and the faculty club in recent years has given more emphasis to its party for faculty children and for the general faculty. It was the recommendation of the student representatives that it would not be wise to hold the Christmas tree program.

After a brief discussion the Senate, on motion by Dr. Roy with a second by Dean Andersen, voted to recommend to the program committee that the Christmas Tree Program be discontinued.

GRADING SYSTEM, RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDY OF: President McCormick reported that the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts had given some thought to the desirability of changing the grading system and submitted a recommendation that this matter be considered by the senate.

Dr. Solve reported that a number of students indicated a preference for the honor point system as being an improvement over the present system of basing minimum scholarship requirements on a percentage of credits completed in grades above 4. It was the President's opinion that the matter might well be studied and referred to the general faculty for action. Dean Butler reminded the Senate that the question was one which had been given detailed consideration several years ago, at which time the University Committee found no particular advantage in the grade point system. It was his judgment that there were certain weaknesses that might be remedied and these were being studied at present by the College of Engineering and the College of Mines faculties, particularly with respect to the manner in which excess 4's may be removed. Dr. Garretson explained that the present grade system is articulated with the system used in the public schools in the state which has been in effect for many years.

Dr. Roberts suggested that it would be well to review the matter and on his motion, with a second by Professor Barnes, the Senate voted that a committee be appointed to study and report on the proposal to revise the present grading system. (See minutes of January 5, 1948.)

SABBATICAL LEAVES, DISCUSSION OF: President McCormick called attention to the present policy concerning sabbatical leaves and asked if the Senate cared to outline a definite procedure in this connection. He explained the provisions adopted by the Board of Regents in 1912, as amended in 1929. A moratorium on sabbatical leaves had been declared in 1932 but such leaves were restored in 1941 under the provisions as approved by the Board of Regents in 1929. Sabbatical leaves, at present, are available to those members of the faculty with the rank of assistant professor or above who have served for six years or more. Leaves of six months are available with full pay, and of one year with three-fifths pay. The leaves are designed to strengthen the work of the University generally and the President determines the question of timeliness in connection with all such leaves. Those who are granted sabbatical leaves are required to file an outline of the work to be done, pledge return to the University for at least one year after the leave, and to file a report of the work completed. If a member of the faculty resigns and does not return after a sabbatical leave he may be held to reimburse the University for whatever the institution has paid for his replacement during the leave.

President McCormick further explained that it seemed undesirable to have any publicity about sabbatical leaves at this time. State law provides that no sabbatical leaves may be arranged in the public school system on school district and county funds. The Board of Regents of the University may expend such funds as it deems expedient, according to the law, but expenditures such as those involved in connection with sabbatical leaves might be challenged by the State

Auditor. It was Dean Butler's opinion that it would be unwise to go into the matter in detail since adequate provision is already made to handle sabbatical leaves. No formal action was taken, but in view of several inquiries which had been submitted President McCormick suggested that heads of departments review the University policy with members of the faculty.

LIBRARY, PERCENTAGE OF UNIVERSITY BUDGET FOR: The President reported that contrary to reports presented in the Arizona Wildcat, student newspaper, the University of Arizona ranked twelfth among state universities which are land grant colleges in the percentage of its total budget allocated to the library. The University of California with a 4.7% ranked first. Arizona allots 2.7% of its budget to the library.

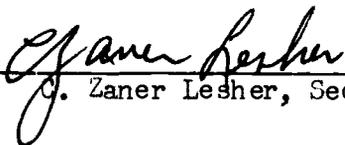
STUDENT UNION BUILDING, DISCUSSION OF LOCATION FOR: Dr. W. H. Brown asked if the question of a location for the proposed student building was an open one and President McCormick replied that he thought it was. He indicated that this question had not been discussed recently by the Board of Regents and that the question was one which would doubtless be decided at the time contract for the building was let. Dr. Brown stated that there was a great deal of interest on the part of the faculty in the location of the building.

Dr. Solve reported a conversation with a distinguished architect who thought the proposed location west of Old Main a very poor choice but suggested that the site of the present dining hall was a good one.

Dr. Roberts stated that he had yet to find any member of the faculty who approved the proposed location west of Old Main and that the matter was one which should be given careful consideration. The faculty, he said, were not interested in filing unwarranted criticism but were genuinely interested in having the authorities find the location best suited to the needs of the University.

On motion by Dr. Roberts, with a second by Dean MacCready, 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 ~~University faculty~~. Faculty Senate. (Concluded 1/5/48). (See minutes of Jan. 5, 1948.)

Meeting adjourned.


G. Zaner Leshner, Secretary

cc - Dr. McCormick