

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Monday, October 3, 1955
Room 101, Law Building

The Faculty Senate convened in regular session at 3:40 P.M. on Monday, October 3, 1955, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Thirty-two members were present with President Harvill presiding.

Minutes of meeting of April 25, approval of: The minutes of the meeting of April 25 were approved as published. (The May meeting was reported as not having a quorum.)

Senate membership. President Harvill welcomed Dr. Solve who has returned as a full-time member of the faculty this year. Dr. Solve was elected to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Houghton's election as Chairman of the Faculty.

The President recalled that Dr. Chester Smith, representing the College of Law faculty in the Senate, is now on leave of absence; and it would be in order to elect someone to serve during his leave. Dean Lyons reported that the faculty of the College of Law recommended that Professor Norman S. Hull be elected to fill the vacancy. He moved, with a second by Dr. Haury, that the recommendation of the Law College faculty be approved. The motion was passed without dissent.

In response to question by President Harvill, the secretary reported that upon his return to the faculty in September, Dr. Muir had been advised of his eligibility to complete his unexpired term in the Senate. During his absence on leave, Dr. Schneck of the department of Philosophy and Psychology had been elected as representative of the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Muir's term expires December 31, 1955.

Catalogue materials, approval of: The President called attention to a summary of catalogue items as included in the announcement of this meeting. No question was raised and the changes and additions were regarded as approved.

Tape recorders in classrooms, policy re: The President reported that the Advisory Council, at a recent meeting, denied the request of a student to use a tape recorder in a classroom and that the Council, as a result, had had some discussion regarding the general policy and felt that this was a matter which might be brought to the attention of the Senate.

Dr. Roberts expressed the opinion that it would be impractical to allow the use of tape recorders and that no good purpose would be served in permitting the student to take notes in this manner. He stressed the fact that the teaching method very often does not lend itself to actual transcription and would be of little value to the student, and that if the privilege were accorded to one student, it should be open to all. He moved that it be the policy of the University not to permit tape recorders in classroom lectures. This motion was seconded by Dr. Galbraith.

Dr. Humphrey, while not advocating the use of tape recorders, suggested that the policy proposed might occasion some criticism regarding the suppression of the freedom of speech and that we could avoid difficulty by allowing each instructor to administer the matter for himself.

There followed some general discussion regarding the privileges involved as well as some of the practical difficulties that were apparent. Dr. Houghton suggested that the motion be changed to indicate that the administration discourages the use of tape recorders but leaves the matter to the individual instructor.

Dr. Roberts, however, asked for a vote on the original motion. President

Harvill pointed out that in any case there would be opportunity for exceptions involving certain courses, the nature of which encourages the use of tape recorders, and affecting also individual students who, for physical disability, might have to resort to this means of getting their material. When the question was called for, the motion lost by a vote of 15 to 13.

Dr. Houghton then moved that as a general policy the use of tape recorders by students be discouraged, subject to the discretion of the instructor in each case. The motion was seconded by Dr. Galbraith, and passed.

Gifts to the University, reports re: President Harvill reminded members of the Senate that it is most desirable for everyone to make reports to the President's office of any gifts which may be made to the University. Printed forms are available for use in making such reports. He added in this connection that it is desirable to list the monetary value of the gifts so that the donors may use this information in submitting income tax reports.

University motion picture, viewing of: The President asked the judgment of the Senate as to whether or not the general faculty would be interested in viewing a motion picture telling the story of the University of Arizona which was made last year. The picture runs for thirty minutes and can be shown effectively in the Liberal Arts auditorium. Since a general meeting of the faculty is not contemplated for the near future, he asked if it would be desirable to arrange a special meeting for this purpose. He added that it would be possible to have two showings of the picture, one in the afternoon and one in the evening if this appeared desirable. Tuesday afternoon seemed to be a good time to program the picture and the secretary was asked to make a note that the showing would be arranged at an early date.

Degree programs, liberal background for: Reference was made to an item placed on the agenda at the spring meeting of the Senate. This had to do with the proposal that the University provide for a study of its degree programs to the end that more attention would be given to a broad and liberal education as a background for the bachelor's degree. It was decided, however, that this matter should be postponed and it was placed on the agenda of the November meeting.

Surplus Property, acquisition of: The President reported that a Commission has been appointed in this state through which opportunity is afforded to obtain government surplus property. The Commission is made up of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Auditor and the State Treasurer, with the Auditor as Chairman. The government has some two billion dollars worth of surplus property that will be made available within the next year. A statement of general information will be issued from the Office of Mr. Howard N. Tench, University Comptroller, and the Office of Mr. Ralph E. Deal, Purchasing Agent.

The President asked that the Deans and Heads of Departments give consideration to this matter since it would appear that it affords the University an opportunity to obtain valuable materials and equipment. It was important, however, that the University requests cover only items for which there would be a definite need.

Parking Problem. Dr. Roberts raised a question about the policy of administering parking areas. Some members of his department had been unable to obtain automobile stickers which would allow them parking privileges on campus. Dr. Nugent stated that the present policy should cover those needs and that members of the faculty should be able to park in general areas on campus if they do not have an individual parking assignment.

The President explained that much attention has been given to the parking problem in recent years. An effort is being made to acquire property on the south side of the campus which can be utilized as a parking area. This, however, is a slow process. Negotiations are now under way regarding a lot just north of the campus, adjoining the LDS Institute. A part of this area will be used as a faculty parking lot if arrangements can be made.

Dr. Nugent stated that he will arrange for an early meeting of the Parking Committee and he is confident that the committee will arrange to have faculty stickers issued to cover admission to the lot east of the science building. He added that the plan to have stickers used on faculty cars will be implemented within the next week or two.

Dr. Blitzer suggested that some priority in parking space should be given to members of the faculty. Dr. Nugent indicated that this point would be considered by the Parking Committee at its next meeting.

Scholarship holders, report of attainment of: Dean Garretson as Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Awards reported that during the past year one hundred twenty holders of scholarships had established the finest record in scholarships made in many years. With very few exceptions the holders of general scholarships, particularly those participating in athletics, had met the requirement for renewal. Virtually all of the scholarship holders are making satisfactory progress toward degrees, and it was evident that the situation has improved materially within the past few years.

President Harvill reported that the policy of the coaching staff is a contributing factor in improved scholarship and that athletes generally are not encouraged to come to the University unless they show promise of doing satisfactory work. Many factors are involved in the present situation, including the work of the committee, the attitude of the coaches, and that of the University faculty.

Dr. Carpenter suggested that it might be possible to raise the minimum attainment required for the award of scholarships. The President explained that the present standards have been adopted by the Board of Regents and conform to those of the North Central Association and other accrediting agencies. Arizona has a higher standard for awards than most of the other institutions in the Border Conference. He felt that for the time being at least the present requirements should be retained, and explained that for general scholarships the student must have graduated in the upper two-thirds of his high school class and that students transferring to Arizona from other institutions must present an average not less than that required for graduation from the University. It was felt on the whole that athletes in the University are establishing good records as students and that the improvement in this respect is commendable.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.


C. Zaner Leshner, Secretary