

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

Monday, October 6, 1952

The first meeting of the Senate for the academic year convened at 3:45. Thirty members were present with President Harvill presiding.

The minutes of the meeting of May 5, 1952, as previously published were approved.

CATALOGUE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS, APPROVAL OF: The Secretary called attention to reports already sent to members of the Senate covering action of the Advisory Council approving changes and additions to the biennial catalogue announcement since May 23. No objection was voiced, and the action of the Council was approved.

FACULTY EXCHANGES, STATUS OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY: President Harvill pointed out that the committee, which had been appointed to study policies obtaining in other institutions in connection with faculty exchanges, had indicated that it was not yet ready to submit its report to the Senate. Dr. Buehrer, Chairman of the Committee, is expected to submit a report at the next meeting of the Senate.

PHARMACY, SELECTION OF MEMBER TO REPRESENT COLLEGE OF: The Secretary reported that it would be necessary for the Senate to elect a successor to Dr. Willis Brewer, who had represented the College of Pharmacy in the Senate prior to his appointment as Dean of that college. Dean Brewer was not present; and since no nominations had been received from the college, the Senate decided to withhold the election until a later date.

FACULTY CHAIRMAN AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE SENATE: President Harvill reminded the Senate that at the spring meeting of the faculty, its recommendation that the chairman of the faculty be made an ex-officio member of the Senate had been approved. Dr. Melvin Solve of the Department of English is chairman of the faculty.

MUSIC TEACHERS MEETING, PREPARATIONS FOR: President Harvill announced that the University would be host to some 800 teachers of music in connection with a meeting of the California Western Division of the Music Educators National Conference to be held on the campus March 28 to April 1, 1953. In this connection, Vice-President Nugent had reported that it was desired to assign the present faculty dining room for use as an exhibit room. He suggested that Rooms 252 and 256 be combined for use as a faculty dining room during the period of the convention. No objection was made to this plan, and the Secretary was asked to report to the manager of the Student Union with the request that the necessary adjustment be made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON: Following a suggestion made by the Committee of Eleven, the President announced the appointment of a University of Arizona Public Relations Committee. It is not contemplated at the present time that the committee will be a standing committee, but there is a possibility that it may become such a group. The committee, as announced by the President, is as follows: Vice-President Nugent; Dr. Lauren W. Casaday, Director of the Bureau of Business Research; Dean O. K. Garretson of the College of Education; Professor J. F. McKale, Head of the Department of Physical Education for Men and Director of Athletics; Dr. Melvin Solve, Chairman of the Faculty; Dr. Victor Kelley of the College of Education; Don Phillips, Director of Publicity; and Dean A. L. Slonaker, Dean of Men.

SABBATICAL LEAVES, POLICY RE: President Harvill reported that consideration was being given to the question of sabbatical leaves and the policy which the University should follow. He has in mind the appointment of a committee to study this problem and report to the Senate. He asked for suggestions in this connection. He stated that it had been the general policy of the administration to approve requests for faculty leaves whenever the request was well founded. In some quarters of the faculty, however, there was an opinion that sabbatical leaves were not particularly appropriate. It was felt, too, that not enough attention had been given to research, in connection with sabbatical leaves. (See Minutes of December 1, 1952)

STUDENT RALLIES, DISCUSSION OF POLICY RE: The Secretary called attention to a request which had been brought to him by two students, but had not been officially filed, for permission to hold a student rally during the second half of the 11:40 period on Fridays. This gathering would take the nature of a football rally. The students had argued that unless classes could be excused for this purpose, attendance at the rallies would not be effective. The Secretary assumed that the Senate would not approve of the excuse from classes for the purpose of holding a student rally, but raised a question as to whether or not it would be feasible to allow the students to hold a rally immediately after the 11:40 period without the excuse of any classes under the assumption that a considerable number of students would be on hand to attend a rally during the last morning period. Such a rally could be held at the baseball stadium without interfering with University classes. No objection was voiced to this plan, but no official action was taken.

In connection with the above, President Harvill reported that the students had held a rally at 12:30 on Saturday morning but that not a great many had attended, and the rally was not particularly effective. There was, of course, no objection to rallies being held on Saturday afternoon or at other hours when they did not conflict with the regular class schedule and did not involve the excuse from classes. The President, also, called attention to the freshman assemblies as recently established and held on Friday morning at 11:40 in the Student Union. This hour involves virtually no conflict with other classes for freshmen, inasmuch as the Tuesday morning 11:40 sequence includes the required Military assembly; and in previous years the Social Fundamental requirement for women students has been held at 11:40 on Thursday. The President expressed the hope that this freshman assembly would prove of real value to the University and that it would help develop a loyalty to the institution and encourage more of an active interest in the University on the part of the younger graduates. Most of those who attend alumni meetings, he explained, are graduates who have been out of the University for a number of years. Dr. Pistor stated that he had heard some criticism voiced about the freshman assembly, inasmuch as it seemed to encourage students who had classes at the 11:40 Thursday hour to absent themselves in order to attend the assembly. It was the general feeling, however, that a comparatively small number of freshman students had classes at this hour. The Registrar suggested that in the preparation of the schedule for next year, departments have in mind the freshman assembly as scheduled at present and that the 11:40 hour on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday include only those classes normally given beyond the freshman year.


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