

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

Room 101, Law Building, Monday, May 1, 1950

The Faculty Senate met in regular session at 3:40 p.m. in Room 101 of the Law Building on Monday, May 1. Vice-President Nugent presided. Twenty-six members were present.

The Minutes of the meeting of April 3 were approved as published.

CATALOG CHANGES, REPORT OF: The report of catalog changes was accepted as submitted.

ARIZONA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, REPORT ON: Dr. Nugent remarked that there were about ten Senate members present who had attended the first meeting of the Arizona College Association on Saturday, April 29, in Phoenix. Some seventy to eighty members of the faculty attended, and a total of perhaps 250 representatives from the various institutions in the state were present at the meeting.

Dr. Solve felt that the meeting was of value and that a good start had been made in interfaculty relationships. The Association can, he commented, by trial and error, in future meetings find its greatest field of usefulness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, CALL FOR: No committee reports were forthcoming.

SENIOR EXAMINATIONS, DISCUSSION OF: Dr. Barr raised a question as to whether or not some adjustment had been made in the practice of giving early examinations to seniors. The Registrar explained that, although this matter had been considered last year, no change had been made in the practice of closing senior records on Thursday of examination week, with provision to give final examinations to seniors before that time.

Dr. Solve suggested that the question of having senior finals coincide with all others should be considered before the next catalog is printed. On his motion, which was seconded by Dr. Barr, the Senate voted that a committee of seven members of the faculty, including not more than three members of the Senate, be appointed to consider the matter and then present to the Senate a proposal regarding the possibility of integrating the examination schedule and the commencement program.

Dr. Barnes asked that the committee keep in mind the special needs of the Law College in connection with the final examinations, because of the fact that only one examination is given in each law course, and this comes at the end of the semester.

"DITCH DAYS," CONSIDERATION RE: Dr. Roberts suggested that something be done about the growing number of "ditch days" and said he felt that they all should be combined on one day or abandoned entirely. Reference was made to the "Lyman Day" program as announced for the College of Pharmacy. He explained that many students feel that "ditch days" are officially approved and that they have the privilege of making up any work they may miss. In this connection, it was reported that the Senate when it last considered this matter had passed responsibility for "ditch days" on to the several colleges with provision that no absences incurred by reason of attendance at "ditch day" programs are officially excused.

Dr. Cardon explained the general nature of the annual Field Day held by the College of Agriculture and pointed out its value to that college. Professor Borgquist also spoke briefly in support of the St. Patrick's Day program in the College of Engineering and the College of Mines.

It was the opinion of both Dr. Solve and Dean Harvill that no serious problem was presented by these holidays and that the departments, as well as the individual instructors, can effectively handle the matter of class absences.


Dr. Schneck stated that it was his understanding that absences in connection with "ditch days" had always been officially approved, and it was his judgment that many members of the faculty were of the same understanding. He was not aware that the Senate had established the policy of putting responsibility for "ditch days" in the hands of the several colleges, while at the same time withdrawing official excuse of absences.

Dr. Nugent indicated that he would suggest to the President that a notice be sent to members of the faculty about March 1 of next year reminding them of the policy in connection with the "ditch day" programs.

The Secretary was asked to include a note regarding University policy affecting "ditch days" in the Faculty Proceedings.

PARKING PROBLEM, DIFFICULTIES RE: Dr. Brewer asked for clarification of University policy in connection with the assignment of parking space, pointing out that in the area adjacent to the College of Pharmacy there were several instances where more than one space was allotted to the same person. He had not been able to obtain an assignment from the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, who advised him that the Deans of the Colleges should provide his office with lists of new members of the faculty from time to time and that such lists had not been received. Dr. Nugent stated that he would review the matter of parking facilities and assignments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.


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Secretary

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