

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Monday, January 10, 1955
Room 101, Law Building

The Faculty Senate convened in special session at 3:40 P.M. on Monday, January 10, 1955, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Thirty-four members were present, with President Harvill presiding. Dr. Buehrer attended.

The minutes of the meeting of January 3, 1955 were approved as distributed to members.

Correction of Notice. Mr. Leshar reported that there were two errors in the notice sent to Senate members regarding catalogue material. P.E. 89, a methods course in teaching swimming, should not have been reported as deleted. A proposed admission Plan B, submitted by the College of Fine Arts, had not been denied by the Advisory Council as reported, but, rather, had been withdrawn by Dean Crowder.

Catalogue material. Dr. Roberts referred to a question raised at the last meeting regarding the deletion of Zoology 144, in the Home Economics Education curriculum. Dr. Buehrer explained at length the reason for this deletion, pointing out that the change resulted from a number of circumstances over which the School of Home Economics has little or no control. The program outlined is determined in large part by the State Department of Education and by the Department of Health Education and Public Welfare in Washington. He reviewed in detail the nature of the prescribed program as related to the state and national requirements and stated that after analysis of the whole subject, it had been decided to delete Zoology 144. In this connection he pointed out that the student is required to take Chemistry 60, Physiological and Textile Chemistry, and that in the required course - Nutrition 102 - elements of biochemistry and physiology of digestion are presented. He stated also that the question had been discussed with Dr. Caldwell, head of the Department of Zoology.

The proposed Physical Science major had been referred to the College of Education for further information. Dean Garretson reported that Dr. Warner had asked for the elimination in the major statement of Physics 104, 105 and 108, with the addition of Physics 118a-b, and six upper-division units. Dr. Blitzer stated that Mathematics 95a-b should be included in the Sophomore year so that students are forewarned to take Calculus. Dean Garretson pointed out that the major will include some 40 semester hours of credit, 20 in Chemistry and about the same number in Physics.

Dr. Carpenter raised a question regarding the statement of the major as related to the general statement of the College of Education. This point was satisfied, however, when it was pointed out that the major in Physical Science will not fall under any particular department.

Another item which had been referred to the College of Education was the title of the course "Elementary School Guidance". The matter was discussed briefly but no change was made.

The status of the course Education 254 - Advanced Statistics - had also been questioned, particularly in respect to prerequisites. Dr. Merritt's explanation of the absence of mathematics as a prerequisite was accepted.

Note: See page 147 re motion by Dr. Roberts omitted from minutes of this meeting, which referred to Catalogue Committee for consideration and recommendation need for checking catalogue summaries in degree curricula to see that these agreed with statement of degree requirements. Suggested matter could be clarified by including footnote in new catalogue or working out new method of listing summaries when catalogue is next prepared.

Dean Garretson explained that the statement regarding prerequisites for seniors in connection with Education 201 - Current Problems in Education - was in error and it would be in order to delete from the paragraph description reference to the prerequisite for Seniors and the requirement for Graduate students having education as a major or minor.

Dean Garretson also reported on the statement of the major in Education which had been referred at the previous meeting of the Senate. The statement had been changed to read "not less than 24 and not more than 48 hours." Dr. Solve raised a question as to the phrase "Selected with the advice of the department", and pointed out the student should have a definite statement of requirements as a guide. In order that the statement could be clarified in the light of the Senate discussion, it was voted, on motion by Mr. Leshner, with a second by Dean Roy, that the matter be referred to the College with request that the major be restated.

Another matter referred to the College of Education for consideration was that of the outline of curricula where a question was raised regarding the number of hours summarized as required. These total 137 hours rather than 125. Dean Garretson explained that the variation in the electives throughout the curriculum would account for the discrepancy, and the requirement for all students would be 125 units.

The statement of the College of Education on page 129 of the catalogue regarding a "broad and liberal educational background" had also been referred. Dr. Carpenter explained his question on this point more at length, pointing out that the statement was not supported by the nature of the curricula listed for the College of Education. He expressed disappointment at the trend away from liberal arts training with more and more emphasis on professional subjects in the technical curricula. Others supported this position with various comments suggesting that more care should be taken in arranging degree programs to the end that the academic core could be retained as much as possible.

It was suggested also that the University might have a committee to study this problem. Dean Roy stated that it would not be helpful to have a committee study the matter for a brief time, especially in connection with the preparation of the new catalogue, but that he would recommend the appointment of a committee if ample time were allowed to complete a thorough study. Dr. Gegenheimer added that the Co-ordinating Committee felt the University needs a continuing committee whose work would necessarily extend over a period of time and which could effectively examine this problem.

As a result of the discussion, President Harvill asked the Secretary to list the question on the agenda of a future meeting.

Dean Garretson reported that in response to a suggestion in the Senate, he would be glad to see that foreign language is listed as a suggested elective in connection with the Elementary School Teacher training program.

A.A.U.P. statement on Salaries and Promotions. The President announced that he had appointed the following committee to study and report back to the Senate regarding the A.A.U.P. statement on Salaries and Promotions: Rhodes (Chairman), Kemmerer and Shirer.

Special session of Senate. It was agreed that the Senate would meet again in special session on Monday afternoon, Jan. 17, at 3:40 P.M. in the Student Union Junior Ballroom. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.


C. Laner Leshner, Secretary

(No proceedings issued for this meeting, see those for meeting of Jan. 17, 1955).