

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Tuesday, February 24, 1959 Room 101, Law Building

The Faculty Senate convened in special session at 3:40 P.M. on Tuesday, February 24, 1959, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Thirty-five members were present with President Harvill presiding.

PRESENT: Andersen, Bateman, Bogart, Brewer, Crowell, Forrester, Garretson, Gegenheimer, Harvill, Hausenbauer, Hudson, Hull, Irwin, Kemmerer, Little, Livermore, Lynn, Lyons, Marcoux, Martin, Mead, Mees, Merritt, Murphy, Patrick, Paylore, Powell, Rhodes, Roy, Slonaker, Tucker, Vavich, Wallraff, Windsor, Zapotocky.

ABSENT: Carlson, Casaday, Enke, Howard, Humphrey, Myers (Dr. Metcalfe representing him), Nugent, Picard, Pistor.

REVISED BASIS FOR AWARDING GRADUATION HONORS, APPROVAL OF: The Secretary submitted a recommendation, approved by the Advisory Council, that effective with the new biennium graduation honors be conferred on a new basis, as follows:

"Highest Distinction" to be awarded students with averages of 1.1000 or higher;

"High Distinction" to be awarded to students with averages of 1.5000 to 1.1001;

"Distinction" to be awarded to students with averages of 1.8000 to 1.5001.

The Senate approved the recommendation without debate.

CATALOGUE MATERIAL, DISCUSSION RE: The Senate reviewed the proposed catalogue material submitted by the Graduate College and accepted it without question, with the exception of the proposed new program leading to the degree Doctor of Musical Arts. Dr. Tucker asked why this doctoral program would require competence in only one foreign language. Dean Rhodes replied that this degree is, in fact, a professional degree, somewhat comparable to the degree Doctor of Education. He pointed out that some professional degrees of this nature require no foreign language study.

Dr. Harvill pointed out that private music conservatories are, some of them, going out of existence and it is necessary for the universities to accept a more responsible position in giving work on an advanced level in music fields.

Dr. Tucker asked how the requirement of 12 semester hours of graduate study outside the field of music compared with such a requirement for professional degrees in other areas. Several Senators explained that they thought the requirement of 12 semester hours was a reasonable one. Dean Rhodes pointed out that the Doctor of Philosophy degree at Arizona, in certain instances, requires only 12 semester hours of work outside the major field.

Miss Paylore questioned whether the University of Arizona was able to support doctoral work in music fields with its present library resources. Dr. Harvill explained that should the new program be adopted, library support, he was sure, would be forthcoming promptly. So far as appropriating funds for library support is concerned,

Dr. Harvill pointed out it is extremely difficult to obtain such support for instructional programs to be developed in the future. The instructional program must be developed first and then a request submitted for library support for the program. The President further pointed out that with the expending of effort, he was confident private funds could rather easily be obtained to expand the support of Fine Arts activity at this University, including funds for additional library materials.

Dean Little pointed out that the faculty of the School of Music was aware of the library deficiency in music and was taking steps to correct the matter.

The Doctor of Musical Arts program was accepted without further comment.

The Senate discussed the proposed new Biology course - Biology 1a, b - General Biology. Dr. Kemmerer asked how the course was to be developed. Dr. Harvill pointed out that the course if approved would not be scheduled until 1960-61, although it would be announced in the new catalogue. Planning for the course would be developed by an inter-department committee. Dr. Tucker asked if the course would be administered by an existing department. Dr. Harvill explained it would probably be considered a Liberal Arts course, although it might be administered by an inter-department or inter-college committee. He pointed out that initially the enrollment would be limited to 250 to 300 students. Whether the course would be considered a terminal course or an acceptable prerequisite for advanced course work were questions to be resolved after further study, it was pointed out.

The Senate accepted the proposed new course without further discussion.

The Senate also accepted a few additional catalogue proposals submitted by the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts. Dean Rhodes pointed out that this material listed one course improperly numbered - Bacteriology 419, Control of Infectious Diseases. It was pointed out that the number should be changed to 309.

ADJUSTMENTS IN UNIVERSITY CALENDAR, APPROVAL OF: Mr. Windsor, Chairman of the special Senate committee on Adjustments in the University Calendar, submitted a report prepared by his committee, which included Dr. Darold Shutt, Dean Shaw Livermore, and Dr. A. F. Gegenheimer. In formulating its report the committee had obtained representative faculty opinion at a meeting of the General Faculty held the preceding week. The committee had sought to accomplish three objectives in adjusting the calendar: (1) to add at least one teaching day each semester; (2) to allow a free day between the last day of classes and the first day of final examinations each semester; and (3) to allow two free days between the last day of final examinations at mid-year and the first day of registration for the spring semester.

The following skeleton calendar for 1959-60 was proposed by the committee:

Freshman Week opens.....Tuesday, September 8
Registration for all semester.....Saturday and Monday, September 12 and 14
Classes begin.....Tuesday, September 15
Last day of first semester classes.....Saturday, January 16
First semester examinations.....Monday-Saturday, January 18-23
Monday and Tuesday, January 25-26
Free days between semesters.....Wednesday and Thursday, January 27-28
Second semester registration.....Friday and Saturday, January 29-30
Spring semester classes begin.....Monday, February 1
Last day of second semester classes.....Tuesday, May 24
Free day.....Wednesday, May 25
Spring semester final examinations.....Thursday-Saturday, May 26-28
Tuesday-Saturday, May 31-June 4.

A similar calendar would be scheduled for 1960-61.

Mr. Windsor moved that the schedule adjustments as proposed be adopted.

Dean Martin asked if examinations for multiple-sectioned courses could be scheduled at mid-year on the two "free days," after the regularly scheduled examinations end and before second semester registration begins. Mr. Windsor explained that this would defeat one of the purposes of the proposed adjustments, which was that the faculty be granted more time to complete their examination grading and make final grades available prior to registration for the second semester. Mr. Windsor suggested that any special scheduling of examinations be assigned to the Saturday afternoon preceding final examination week at mid-year, or to the free day before final examinations begin in the spring. Dean Martin suggested that the University calendar not use the word "free" in describing these days.

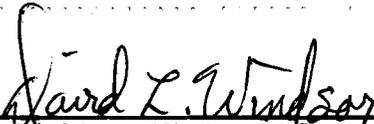
Dr. Harvill commented that he hoped that faculty members in their concern for getting final examinations graded promptly would keep to a minimum the use of objective tests, particularly ones that are to be machine scored. He questioned how reliable such tests really are.

Dean Lyons explained that there was real need for additional time at mid-year for the Law Faculty to grade final examination papers. He, therefore, submitted a recommendation from the faculty of the College of Law that that college be authorized to adopt the practice commonly found in the Law schools of other institutions, that is, beginning class work some days earlier than class work in other divisions of the institution, often during the orientation week for freshman students. The Council approved Dean Lyons' recommendation that beginning in September 1959 the Law School

be authorized to hold its registration the first two days of Freshman Week and begin its classes the third day of Freshman Week. It was pointed out Law students are not involved in the Freshman Week program in any way. This schedule will permit the Law School to complete its class schedule earlier the first semester, thus providing additional days for the Law faculty to grade their final examination papers at mid-year and submit grades to the Registrar. Registrar Windsor endorsed the proposal of the Law faculty.

The President informed the Senate that the calendar for 1959-60 and thereafter would not schedule a Baccalaureate service for the graduating classes. It was pointed out that for a number of years attendance at Baccalaureate has been so poor both on the part of graduating students and townspeople that there seemed no justification for continuing this event. Attendance had been poor despite efforts of President Harvill, student body leaders, Tucson clergymen, and the Special Occasions Committee, and despite the fact that outstanding speakers of national prominence have been brought to Tucson for this occasion.

The question being called for, the Senate approved the adjustments in the University calendar as proposed by the special committee, with the understanding that the earlier opening of classes in the College of Law, as recommended by the Law Faculty, would be scheduled.



David L. Windsor, Secretary