

Proceedings of the Faculty Senate

Meeting of Monday

November 5, 1956

Senate minutes: In response to an inquiry as to whether or not the minutes of Senate meetings might be made available to all members of the Faculty, President Harvill indicated that this need would be met by having the Secretary send an extra copy to the Dean of each college and to the Director of general academic departments, and that these copies could be made available to any members of the faculty who might be interested in reviewing the minutes.

Faculty Lounge, proposal to re-locate: Mr. Marvin Johnson, Manager of the Student Union submitted a proposal for the Student Union Board that the Faculty Lounge be relocated in Room 257 of the Student Union. The present Lounge, Room 350, would be assigned as the Town Girls' Room (now Room 257). The second floor room is somewhat smaller than the present lounge but has an adjoining terrace. Mr. Johnson pointed out that after a careful check he found that only about six members per day are presently using the Faculty Lounge. He explained that it had been necessary to abandon the practice of making coffee available in the Lounge because of the financial loss involved due to failure of faculty members to make payment. It was suggested that many members of the faculty, especially new members, were not sufficiently informed about the availability of the Lounge and that were coffee to be made available and the Lounge provided with reading material, it would have greater use. It was the judgment of the Senate that for the time being the Lounge should be continued in its present location and the balance of the semester should be used as a trial period, after which the Manager of the Student Union would report conditions to the Senate so that the question of relocation of the Lounge could be considered further.

Sabbatical leaves, report re: President Harvill explained that in connection with reports regarding sabbatical leaves, the Internal Revenue Department is much concerned when returns are made with reported deductions in connection with such leaves. A question raised by the department is whether or not the sabbatical leave is required of persons in order to continue on the faculty. The answer of course is in the negative. The department also asks if travel is necessary, and it relates its question to a specific case. Whenever possible the President indicates that travel is required in connection with the leave. He explained also that the Internal Revenue Department always wishes to know whether or not the leave is necessary in order to help a person retain his stature or if it is necessary in order that he may gain stature in his field. This presents a fine distinction in some cases, but it is important that a person take leave in order to retain a stature already acquired. The department gives less emphasis to leaves taken for the purpose of improving stature. The President explained that he plans to have a question raised in the next meeting of the Congress to see if it might be that the Internal Revenue laws can be modified in order to provide a somewhat more liberal interpretation as being helpful in the appointment of properly qualified members of the teaching profession.

Budget, report re: President Harvill reported that the Operating budget request as approved by the Board of Regents is somewhat in excess of eight million dollars. Additional capital outlay items will be presented at a Board meeting in late November. The request for next year is \$1,680,000 in excess of this year's budget. It is estimated that an increase of some \$413,000 in revenues from fees and other sources will be received next year. The Board of Regents has approved an increase

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in the non-resident tuition fee from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per year effective next September. This year an increase in the registration fee for all students from \$15 to \$25 per semester was approved by the Board. A request is being submitted to increase this fee again next year from \$25 to \$40 per semester. The President explained that this very considerable increase in fees is a matter which has been given a great deal of study. It has been reviewed very carefully by the Board, which has studied the budget more closely this year than ever before, reviewing each item in detail. It was the President's judgment that the statements submitted by the Deans in September in support of their requests have proved most helpful in obtaining approval of the budget. The President reported also that the Board of Regents has requested that some of the cost of constructing dormitories be borne by the State, something which has never been done before at Arizona. In the past all operating costs of dormitories have been met by revenues from rentals, but at the present time the University is running behind in spite of increased rental rates. It is not feasible, in the Board's opinion, to put all of the cost of dormitories on the students. The President also stated that an 8½% increase in salaries is requested for 1957-58. This is not as high an increase as was originally planned (10.7%). Increases in staff salaries amount to from six to seven per cent. The President added that there is also a very sizeable increase in salaries to provide for new appointments. The estimated increase in enrollments was reported as approximately the same as for this year. The report of enrollment which is listed finally at 8,655, includes enrollments in all classes given on campus, taking into account those in the evening schedules.

Class standing of freshmen from Arizona schools: The President referred to a report prepared by the Office of the Registrar and Director of Admissions listing the number of students enrolled in the freshman class as graduated in either the top or lower half of Arizona high school senior classes. The report showed, in the total of 927 students registered from Arizona high schools, 678 or 73% in the upper one-half of the senior class.

Correspondence course grades, report re: Mr. Leshar submitted a report at the request of the Senate showing a distribution of correspondence course grades. The report covered a check of 400 correspondence course records, involving a total of 1,442 grades. The distribution of grades includes 389 or 26.9% - 1's; 659 or 45.7% - 2's; 274 or 19% - 3's; 55 or 3.8% - 4's; only 1 unit in 5's; and 64 or 4.4% in Inc.'s. In the general discussion of the report it was pointed out that many students who enroll for correspondence study courses never finish their work. It was understood that any distribution of a large number of correspondence study grades would be effected by the number of courses remaining incompleated.


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