

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Monday, November 5, 1956

The meeting of the Faculty Senate convened in regular session at 3:40 P.M. on Monday, November 5, 1956, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Thirty members were present with President Harvill presiding. Dr. Phillips of the College of Agriculture was present for Dean Myers. Dr. Lynn was present for Professor Conley of Fine Arts, Dr. Wise of the Department of Chemistry was a visitor, as was Mr. Marvin Johnson, Director of the Student Union.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1956 were approved with the following change: Page 3, next to last paragraph, substitute the word "tri-mester" for the reference to "three-semester" plan.

Minutes, request for copies of: Dr. Houghton, Chairman of the Faculty, reported that he had received some requests that copies of the minutes of the Senate meetings be distributed to all members of the faculty. President Harvill explained that this would involve considerable expense, and he suggested as an alternative that the secretary prepare an extra copy of the minutes for the offices of the Deans so that these could be made available if members of the faculty wished to review the minutes. Copies could also go to the Head of general departments such as Physical Education and Military Science.

New Members: The President welcomed Dr. George W. Barr, one of three members elected to fill unexpired terms in the Senate. The other two new members, Dr. James F. McKale and Dr. Frederick J. Schmitz, were not present. The President explained that Dr. Schmitz has been ill. He also referred to the critical illness of Dr. George T. Caldwell, who resigned last spring as head of the Department of Zoology after many years of service. (Note: Dr. Caldwell's death on Tuesday, November 6, 1956, at the age of 70, was reported in the local newspapers on November 7th.)

Faculty Lounge, proposal to re-locate: President Harvill introduced Mr. Marvin Johnson, Manager of the Student Union, who explained the proposal to re-locate the Faculty Lounge now in Room 350 on the third floor of the Student Union in Room 257, presently the Town Girls' room on the second floor of the building.

He referred to three reasons for the proposed change, including the elimination of the extra flight of stairs to reach the Lounge, the need for taking care of the over-flow in the Faculty Dining Room at meal hours, and the possibility of re-establishing the custom of making coffee available in the Lounge. He mentioned as a disadvantage in the change that the present Lounge is 40 feet long and Room 257 is 26 feet in length. A terrace, however, adjoins the second floor room. Mr. Johnson explained that only about six people per day use the present facility.

Miss Paylore suggested that the infrequent use of the room may be due to lack of information on the part of the Faculty, especially its new members. It was her feeling that the present location should be retained for another year, that the practice of making coffee available should be re-established, and a special effort should be made to publicize the Lounge and to encourage its use. The question could be raised for review after another year of trial.

Dr. Roberts explained that while he did not use the Faculty Lounge much himself, it was his impression that many members of the faculty had made at least a modest contribution in connection with the campaign for raising funds for the Student Union Building. He also suggested that additional effort should be made to stimulate interest in the use of the Lounge.

(At this point the President interrupted the proceedings in order that a student photographer might take a picture of the Senate group for use in "The Desert", student annual.)

Dr. Bateman explained he was a member of the Committee which submitted the proposal and he felt it was a good one because the faculty had not used the facility as it should. He said a thorough study had been made not only of the use of the lounge but also of the amount of coffee made available and consumed, with the result that it was apparent the Union was losing appreciable amounts of money because faculty members had failed to pay for coffee they consumed. He agreed with Miss Paylore, however, that another trial should be made to encourage more use of the Lounge.

Dr. Haury remarked that he had on occasion gone to the Lounge only to find it was being used for a special meeting, and Mr. Johnson explained that the policy set by the Union Board was that no meeting should be scheduled until 4:30 P.M.

Dr. Barnes, at Dr. Houghton's request, reviewed briefly the history of the special facilities made available to the Faculty, including the first dining room and the Faculty Lounge. He felt that the relative proximity of the room on the second floor of the Union might be an advantage in locating the Lounge. He also favored a further trial under the present location.

It was suggested that the loss occasioned by failure to pay for the coffee served to faculty members could be eliminated by the use of vending machines. Mr. Johnson, however, stated that such machines cost between \$1,600 and \$2,000 and that a volume of approximately one hundred cups per day is necessary in order to make a profit on rental units. The faculty consumption of coffee in the Lounge previously was reported at about forty cups per day. President Harvill also explained that the University cannot discriminate between the various companies that make vending machines, and it would be difficult to provide one machine without having to consider numerous requests for the location of others.

Dr. Houghton stated that among the suggestions he had received were that the Lounge should provide coffee for members of the faculty and that possibly a TV set should be installed. He mentioned also the very crowded conditions on the first floor of the building and the need for continued use of the Lounge. Contributions to the Union, made by members of the faculty, were also a matter of interest.

Dr. Galbraith suggested that further trial of the use of the facility be made but that the question be reviewed after the end of this semester rather than continuing the trial period for a year. He felt that the present third floor location of the Lounge was a disadvantage, especially if coffee is not made available in the Lounge.

President Harvill indicated that the facility in question should be available to persons who have faculty status but that it would be impractical to encourage members of the staff to use it in connection with any "coffee break" that is allowed. In this connection, he stated he did not wish to lend any encouragement to extending the practice of taking coffee breaks by members of the staff.

After some further general discussion, Mr. Leshner moved that the Senate express a preference for continuing the Lounge in its present location for the balance of the first semester, with the request to the Manager of the Student Union that he submit a report to the Senate at that time regarding the administration of the facility so that the question of its continued use could be considered again.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Galbraith, and passed.

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 in the non-resident tuition fee from \$400 to \$450 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~~ was 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

and approved (see minutes of 12/3/56 meeting)

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 Board of Regents itself has issued a statement prepared by its Budget Committee and representing the view of all members of the Board for presentation to the Legislature. The statement reflects the Board's appreciation of the difficult situation faced by the University in connection with rapidly increasing enrollments. The statement indicates that although the cost of higher education has increased tremendously during the past several years, more funds must be approved if the institutions of higher learning are to be maintained properly and if qualified personnel are to be obtained to meet expanding needs.

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  $8\frac{1}{2}\%$  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 schedule.

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. When the freshmen registered from the Tucson area, numbering 310, are disregarded, the percentage of freshmen registered and graduated in the upper half of the senior class is 82%. The total registered from the upper half of the class (678) represents 62% of those applicants from Arizona high schools who were approved for admission to the University (1075), including the Tucson area. The report also showed a total of 7,477 seniors in the classes represented by the applicants for admission to the University.

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 reports, 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.

