

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

Room 101, Law Building, Monday, April 3, 1950

The Faculty Senate convened in regular session at 3:40 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 1950, in Room 101 of the Law Building. Twenty-six members were present, with Vice-President Nugent presiding.

The Minutes of the meetings of March 6 and 27 were approved as published.

CATALOGUE MATERIAL AS APPROVED BY ADVISORY COUNCIL, REPORT RE: There was no objection made to the material as submitted to the members of the Senate, and it stands approved.

In connection with the announcement of catalogue material there was some discussion of the optional deletion of the thesis for the master's degree in mathematics. Dr. Roberts raised a question as to whether or not this would set a precedent that would be followed by similar action in other departments of the University. He had reviewed the matter and felt that the department of mathematics had a good case but was of the opinion that this action should not establish a precedent. Dean Chapman pointed out that the Department of Mining Engineering and Metallurgy would soon submit a request to substitute a term report for a thesis. They prefer to retain some written requirement, as this includes valuable training for the graduate student.

Dean Patrick explained that the Department of Mathematics had submitted a similar request several years ago but that the request had been denied. The matter had been reviewed very carefully by the Graduate Study Committee, which had voted unanimously in favor of the request at this time. It was explained that no precedent was being established by this action and that each special case would be considered on its own merits by the Committee. It was the opinion of the Department and the Committee that the present status of mathematics is such that a satisfactory thesis cannot be developed on the master's degree level. The Department will, however, continue the written and oral examinations.

There is some precedent for the action, since the Committee's report listed seven institutions which do not require the thesis in mathematics for the master's degree.

It was Dr. Roberts' opinion that the Minutes of the Senate should indicate that approval of the plan to have the thesis in mathematics for the master's degree optional at the discretion of the department does not constitute a precedent. This suggestion met with general approval.

ARIZONA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, MEETING OF: Dr. Nugent reminded the Senate that some time ago the Committee of Eleven had recommended that a special committee be appointed to investigate the idea of having members of the faculties of the several institutions of higher education in the State of Arizona meet to discuss matters of general interest. The Committee of Eleven in approving the general idea did so, however, with the understanding that such meetings should not consider matters having to do with administrative policy and that no action of meetings would be binding on the University. The Committee further felt that any new organization of this type should not be affiliated with the Arizona Education Association.

The Senate had indicated that a committee should proceed with general plans in connection with the organization of an association and the committee had been appointed. Dr. Garretson, Dr. Roy, and Dr. Nugent attended a meeting at Phoenix with representatives from Phoenix College, Arizona State College at Tempe, Gila Junior College, and Arizona State College at Flagstaff. That meeting resulted in the decision that it would be well to have a follow-up meeting to establish a permanent organization. It was proposed that such a meeting be held on Saturday, April 29, to begin at 11 in the morning with a guest speaker. There would be a luncheon at noon followed by group meetings to discuss matters of interest in various fields of study. The speaker on this occasion will be President Arthur T. Coons of Occidental College.

Dr. Nugent explained that it was the general idea not to have institutional representatives but that any faculty members who cared to do so could attend the meetings. The organization would be known as the Arizona College Association. The question now was whether or not there was any objection to the University Committee's going ahead and extending invitations to members of the faculty to attend the meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 29.

After a brief discussion, the Senate on motion by Dean Andersen with a second by Miss Gillmor voted to approve this plan.

UNIVERSITY CODE, PUBLICATION OF: Dr. Roberts suggested that it would be desirable for the University to develop and maintain a code of regulations which would be made available to all members of the Faculty. He suggested an enlargement of the brief form of code prepared several years ago by Dean Clarson.

Mr. Leshar explained that some time ago an effort had been made to prepare a complete code and that a considerable amount of work had been done during one summer by a special assistant in preparation of a card file which would be the basis of a complete code. This work, however, had never been completed, and original material in the card file had proved inadequate. It is impossible, because of the other demands on his time, for the Registrar to prepare a complete University code. It was his judgment that such a project would require the full time of a member of the staff and that the follow-up work necessary to keep a code up-to-date each year by reason of action in the Advisory Council, the Senate, and the general Faculty, as well as in the Board of Regents and the President's office, would necessitate employment of a part-time assistant. No action was taken.

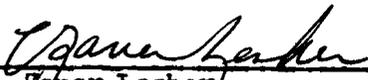
SCHEDULE OF HOURS, SUGGESTION RE: Dr. Roberts also suggested consideration of the possibility of revising the Schedule of Hours to eliminate the 7:40 hour. He felt that afternoon hours could be more effectively employed, as could the late morning hours, and that it would not be necessary in order to accommodate the University classes and laboratories to have more than four periods in the morning.

Mr. Leshar explained that the schedule committee had considered this matter in connection with the preparation of the schedule for next year but felt that it would not be desirable to make the change next fall. It was recognized that the new Liberal Arts building will provide considerably more space for classrooms, but the University has in prospect another substantial increase in enrollment. During the last three years the increase in registration has totaled more than

1,000 students and it is possible that the total enrollment will be in excess of 6,300 in the fall of 1950. These prospective increases, together with the desirability of making the schedule as flexible as possible for the individual student, and the further advantage of leaving late afternoon hours available for recreation in this climate, suggest that the present arrangement of the schedule has more advantages than disadvantages to all concerned.

In discussing the Schedule of Hours, reference was made to the provision for large sections of students at a particular hour, such as the orientation class for women and the military field classes, as well as the humanities lecture hour. In this connection, the Registrar pointed out that the Military Department had again submitted a request for additional credit for its courses on the grounds that the student was required to do more work than formerly, although such an adjustment in the nature of military classes had not actually been approved by the University. It appears that the War Department is constantly adding to the content of courses in military science. A special University committee is studying this question of credit in military science, and this question will probably come to the Senate before the end of the year.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


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