

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
 Monday, February 7, 1966 Room 111, Econ. & Bus. Adm. Bldg.

The Faculty Senate convened in regular session at 3:40 o'clock on Monday, February 7, 1966, in Room 111 of the Economics and Business Administration Building. Forty-one members were present with Vice President McMillan presiding.

PRESENT: Bartlett, Beattie, Brewer, Carlson, Chadwick, Coleman, Coulter, Damon, Delaplaine, DuVal, Forrester, Gegenheimer, Hall, Harris, Harshbarger, Hillman, Johnson, Joyner, Krutzsch, Little, Lynn, Marcoux, McCarthy, McCaughey, McDonald, McMillan, Myers, Patrick, Quinn, Rhodes, Roy, Shields, Simonian, Sorensen, Stanislawski, Stromberg, Svob, Tucker, Wilson, Windsor, Yoshino.

ABSENT: Blecha, Blitzer, Cockrum, Gaines, Gries, Harvill, Hull, Lyons, Paulsen, Picard, Rappeport, Steelink, Voris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1965 as revised and distributed and the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 1966 were approved.

SENATORS RETURNING FROM SABBATICAL LEAVES, WELCOME TO: Vice President McMillan welcomed back to the Senate Professor Chadwick of the College of Architecture and Professor Bartlett of the Department of Psychology, who had returned to the campus following sabbatical leaves.

DISTRIBUTION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE SENATE MINUTES, DISCUSSION RE: Vice President Johnson informed the Senate that it had come to his attention that the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1965 as originally prepared by the secretary, together with a statement of proposed corrections in those minutes submitted by Dr. McDonald which had been distributed to members of the Senate, had been reproduced and sent to members of an off-campus organization, the Tucson Commission on Human Relations.

Mr. Johnson noted that the minutes had been distributed before they had been approved by the Senate and then asked if it was appropriate for Faculty Senate minutes to be distributed to members of an off-campus organization.

Several Senate members expressed surprise that Faculty Senate minutes would be used in such a way, particularly before they were in fact minutes, having not yet been approved. Mr. McMillan asked Mr. Windsor to review the distribution of Senate minutes and Mr. Windsor explained that full minutes are sent to each member of the Senate, with a set being sent to the University Library, a set to each member of the Committee of Eleven who is not a member of the Senate, and an extra copy going to each college dean to be made available to faculty members. Every member of the Faculty receives a copy of the Proceedings of each Senate meeting, summarizing action taken. This is usually a condensed version of the full minutes.

Dr. Gegenheimer said it disturbed him that Senate minutes would be distributed among an off-campus group. Senate members should be able to feel they can speak freely in the Senate without the fear that off-campus individuals will have access to their remarks, he said.

At this point Dr. Lynn, who was serving as parliamentarian at the request of Vice President McMillan, pointed out that informal discussion of the sort that was going on was out of order and that either a motion should be made to which the discussion could be directed, or the membership should be organized as a Committee of the Whole for an informal meeting. Dr. Joyner then moved that the Senate organize itself as a Committee of the Whole to permit informal discussion, and the motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Tucker pointed out that the day after the last Senate meeting the WILDCAT had carried a news item reporting certain actions taken by the Senate the day before, relating to a proposed student evaluation of courses and faculty members. He asked if minutes are not to be distributed off-campus, should information about Senate meetings be given to news reporters.

Dr. Lynn pointed out that the tradition of the Faculty Senate has been to incorporate detailed discussion as part of the minutes of the meetings. As a matter of fact, she explained, debate is properly not a part of minutes. Only actual actions are. Dean Roy explained that when the Senate was first organized, it was felt that the minutes should include rather fully all discussion, in order that the Faculty could be as fully apprised of what the Senate was doing as possible. He said perhaps the Senate should consider not having its minutes be a complete record of the discussion but be limited simply to resolutions, motions, and definite action.

Dr. McDonald said he had been informed by the Chairman of the Faculty that a copy of the Senate minutes which is sent after each meeting to the University Library was placed in the Special Collections section and was then available to the public. He asked if the Senate had ever taken action on this point. Mr. Windsor replied he believed the Senate had not. He said it was his understanding that Senate minutes in the Library were available only to members of the Faculty.

Dr. Joyner said he thought the matter of whether or not news of Senate action was released to newspaper reporters and what distribution is made of Senate meeting minutes were two separate questions. He said he did not yet have an opinion on either of these. On a third question, as to how complete the minutes should be, he said unless this is left to the discretion of the secretary a verbatim transcription must be made.

Dr. Harris commented that if rather full minutes are not made available there will be much word of mouth rumor about Senate discussion. Several other Senate members said a full transcription would be of value for future reference, even if the minutes did not include the full transcription.

Dr. Lynn then moved that in the future the Senate secretary prepare a full transcription of each meeting that could be referred to in future meetings if need be, but that the minutes reproduced and distributed to the membership include only actions such as resolutions, motions, directions from the chair. Dean Brewer seconded the motion. It was then pointed out that since the Senate was sitting in Committee of the Whole for discussion purposes, motions could not be made and the motion and the second were withdrawn.

Dr. Gegenheimer said he felt that the present procedure is satisfactory. Senate members are furnished a rather complete report of what has taken place at Senate meetings and the full Faculty, through the Proceedings, receive a summarization of action.

Dr. Joyner said he would like the reaction of Senate members to two other questions mentioned earlier, that is, to what extent Senate action should be released to news media and how widely Senate minutes, once published, should be distributed. Dr. Patrick said he thought that once action had been taken an individual Senate member could comment to anyone about that action as he wished, since it was historical fact. However, he thought that it would be completely inappropriate for the Senate to make available to the entire Tucson community, or the State, an elaborate account of Senate discussions. Traditionally there has always been certain privacy maintained about University business in relation to the off-campus community. The distinction between "gown" and "town" has value. He said he thought the University should keep its disagreements - and there are bound to be some - within its own groups. Otherwise off-campus groups, particularly the newspapers, might exploit our discussions. He said he would regard it as a breach of confidence if transcriptions of Senate discussions were circulated outside the University.

Dr. Tucker said that the Senate is bound to find itself from time to time discussing matters not exclusively of internal interest to the University. Matters of community concern do arise, he said. The Tucson community has an active press and, he said, he didn't think the Senate should take action which would attempt to screen information from the press.

Dr. Delaplaine pointed out that the discussion was not about action within the Senate but about detailed information about what individual Senate members have said in Senate discussions being made available to the general public.

Dean Brewer asked Dr. Gegenheimer if he felt the minutes as they have been prepared in the past were too elaborate, or elaborate enough. Dr. Gegenheimer said he thought they have been as elaborate as members of the Senate need in order to know what went on at the last meeting and he said he felt a literal transcription would not be any more helpful. Dean Brewer said he felt that the minutes should simply report actions, and if a person is interested in a full transcription, he would go to the secretary's office to read it, but it would not be distributed. He again said he felt that the full minutes distributed as outlined earlier, with a copy of the Proceedings going to every faculty member, provide an adequate record of Senate meetings.

Dean Brewer asked how the Senate could protect itself from minutes', as full as they are now being prepared, being released to outside groups. Dr. Gegenheimer said it was impossible to protect the Senate from this if we cannot depend on the good will of fifty-five members of this body.

Dr. Joyner commented that he thought Senate business would be conducted in a more orderly fashion if parliamentary procedure were more closely followed. He said he was sorry the President could not be present today because he had intended making a comment when he was present. He said that having observed the Senate meetings this year, he had noticed how often the discussion involves a dialogue between a senator and the President. This of course is a perfectly

natural thing but is not correct from a parliamentary point of view. If someone other than the President were in the chair, someone who could enforce parliamentary procedure but who would not be burdened with having to participate in deliberations, a much freer discussion could develop between the President and the Senate members.

Mr. McMillan referred to the earlier comments about the discussing of Senate actions with newspaper reporters, particularly the WILDCAT reporter. He said following the January meeting he had informed a reporter that the student proposal on course evaluations had been defeated and had explained what he felt was the general feeling of the membership about this matter. He said he assumed others with whom the reporter had talked had reacted similarly.

Dr. McDonald said he again would like to emphasize that the accessibility of the minutes in the library was a point that should be determined. He said that in general it would seem to him that in a state university actions of the Faculty Senate are matters of public concern.

Dean Little then moved that the group go back into formal session and this motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Gegenheimer then moved that it was the sense of the Faculty Senate that minutes of Senate meetings should have the widest possible circulation among members of the University Faculty, with the understanding that a Senate member does have the prerogative of commenting on Senate proceedings as an individual but that the minutes of the Senate meetings should not be reproduced for general distribution. Dean Little seconded this motion.

Dean Rhodes said he was troubled by the word "reproduced" and said that he assumed Dr. Gegenheimer meant reproduced for distribution to the public. He said he assumed Dr. Gegenheimer had in mind restricting the availability of the minutes to campus personnel.

Dean Rhodes then moved as an amendment to Dr. Gegenheimer's motion to provide that the minutes of Senate meetings should not be made available to persons outside the University faculty prior to one year following the date of the meeting in question. Dean Rhodes' motion to amend Dr. Gegenheimer's motion was seconded by Dean Little.

Dr. Tucker said he hoped that this action would not be resented by representatives of the press. Dr. McDonald asked if Dean Rhodes' amendment would mean that members of the faculty would not have access to the librarian's copy of minutes until after a year. Dean Rhodes pointed out that faculty members would have access to the minutes as at present. He was referring to off-campus persons.

The question was then called for and carried with no negative votes being heard.

The amendment to the original motion having been adopted, the Question on the original motion as amended was then called for and carried.

Thus the adopted motion read: Minutes of Senate meetings should have the widest possible circulation among members of the University Faculty, with

the understanding that a Senate member does have the prerogative of commenting on Senate proceedings as an individual but that the minutes of the Senate meetings should not be made available to persons outside the University faculty prior to one year following the date of the meeting in question.

DR. CECIL ROBINSON AS SENATOR-AT-LARGE, ELECTION OF: Mr. Windsor pointed out that a vacancy existed in the membership of the Senate. Mr. Robert S. Svob having been made Dean of Men he was now ex-officio a member of the Senate. He previously had been a Senator-at-large. Thus it was appropriate that the Senate elect a Senator-at-large to replace Mr. Svob, whose term would have extended until June 30, 1967. The Senate then on motion by Dr. Gegenheimer unanimously elected Dr. Cecil Robinson, Associate Professor of English, to fill Mr. Svob's unexpired term as a member-at-large.

CATALOGUE MATERIAL: The following catalogue material was accepted:

New Courses - Regular Session: Mathematics 75, Introduction to Automatic Computers (2) I, II Staff; Mathematics 175, Introduction to Numerical Techniques for Computers (2) I, II Staff; Music 217 Ba, Baritone Horn (Individual Instruction) (1-4) I, II Weldy (Fee-Regular Applied); Music 218 Ba, Baritone Horn (Individual Instruction) (1-4) I, II Weldy (Fee-Regular Applied); Speech 298, Seminar (1-3) I, II; New Course - Summer: Agriculture 180s, Travel-Study Program (6) I Day-Schuh, Fee \$50; National Science Foundation Institute Course: Geology 8200ai-8200bi, Introduction to Earth Science (3-3) I, II McCullough; Change: Geochronology 309, Geology of Early Man Sites, change I to II, add I Field Trip, Fee \$10. (Note Re: Mathematics 75. Dr. Tucker moved that this course not be approved because he said it would be a duplication of course work already available in Systems Engineering 78, Fortran. Dean Roy pointed out that the Department of Mathematics would teach this course in such a way that it would differ substantially from S.E. 78. Dr. Tucker's motion lost.)

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: Vice President Johnson reported briefly to the Senate on pending legislation before the Arizona legislature now in session which is of particular interest to the University. He invited Senate members to call him if they had questions about particular bills.

NEW PROPOSAL REGARDING STUDENT EVALUATION OF COURSES AND TEACHING, REFERENCE TO: Dr. Joyner pointed out that Senate members had that day been furnished with a copy of the questionnaire a student group wished the Senate to review in connection with a new request for approval of a course and teaching evaluation. The students had also distributed a statement describing the new proposed evaluation procedure. He said he was requesting that this matter be placed on the agenda of the March meeting of the Senate, and that he intended to introduce a motion on this matter at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.


David L. Windsor, Secretary