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The University of Arizona
Proceedings of the Faculty Senate

Meeting of Monday

February 6, 1961

PRESENT: Blitzer, Brewer, Carlson, Casaday, Conley, Denton, Forrester, Gegenheimer, Gillmor, Gustavson, Harvill, Haury, Hunt, Irwin, Little, Livermore, Lyons, McDonald, McMillan, Merritt, Murphy, H. Myers, L. Myers, Nugent, Pistor, Rhodes, Roy, Tucker, Windsor, Zapotocky.

ABSENT: Ewing, Gaines, Hausenbauer, Howard, Humphrey, Hurlbutt, Marcoux, Martin, Mead, Moore, Picard, Rosaldo, Slonaker, Wallraff.

SENATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF: President Harvill announced that he was asking the following persons to serve as members of the Faculty committee to study registration which was created by action of the Senate at its January meeting. Members of the committee will be: Edwin B. Kurtz, Department of Botany; Nestor R. Roos, Department of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; Richmond C. Neff, Department of Civil Engineering; Arthur T. Grant, Associate Registrar; and Garnet D. Percy, Department of Classics, Chairman.

SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICY, DISCUSSION RE: President Harvill reviewed with members of the Senate the institution's policy governing sabbatical leaves. He pointed out that one provision of the policy states that the years of service which may be counted toward eligibility for consideration for sabbatical leave begin with the year of appointment to the rank of instructor or above. However, he explained, except in an unusual situation, a person still holding the rank of instructor could not be granted a sabbatical leave. In other words, only persons holding the rank of assistant professor or higher normally could be granted sabbatical leaves. Of course years spent in University service with the rank of instructor are applicable toward the number of years required to qualify for a leave, Dr. Harvill pointed out.

The President referred also to the situation which occurs when a faculty member resigns from the University, completely severing his affiliation with the institution, and then after a few years rejoins the staff. In cases such as this, could the individual apply years of service before the period of interruption toward the minimum number of years required to qualify for consideration for sabbatical leave? Dr. Harvill explained that such service could not be counted. He pointed out that the administration makes a clear distinction between interruptions of this sort and interruptions involving approved leave of absences (military leave, for example). Dr. Harvill asked if members of the Senate thought the administration's attitude toward this point was incorrect. No objection was expressed.

The President stated that attention would be given to applications submitted for sabbatical leaves for 1961-62 at as early a date as possible.

DISCLAIMER OATH (HOUSE BILL 35), DISCUSSION RE: Several members of the Senate asked Dr. Harvill whether or not in his judgment House Bill 35, recently introduced in the current session of the Legislature, had chance of passage. This Bill would require every public employee in the state to sign an oath disclaiming membership in certain organizations and disclaiming belief in certain principles. Dr. Harvill stated he was in no position to predict whether or not the Bill would pass. Certain groups in the state seem to be in a witch-hunting mood, he explained. The President said he felt some quiet work should be begun at once in opposition to the Bill. He felt that formal action by the University faculty as a group would not be helpful. He said he would hope that the legislators could be convinced that no need exists for a disclaimer oath. In its place a simple affirmative oath to support and defend the government of the United States could be required. Few persons would object to this sort of oath, he felt.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY SUBCOLLEGIATE ENGLISH PROGRAM, CREATION OF: The Senate adopted a motion by Dr. Henry Tucker, seconded by Dr. James McDonald, that a special Faculty committee be created to study the general question of the University program in subcollegiate English.

Dr. Tucker said he felt that the basic problem is that students are not learning English fundamentals sufficiently well in high school. He said he did realize that the solution was not simply to abandon English X and place unprepared students in regular English course work.

Dr. McDonald said that he hoped the proposed committee would recommend to the Senate that an adequate ability in English skills be set as a requirement for admission to the University.

David L. Windsor, Secretary