

Proceedings of the Faculty Senate

Meeting of Monday

February 4, 1963

PRESENT: Bartlett, Blitzer, Brewer, Carlson, Conley, Forrester, Gegenheimer, Gillmor, Gustavson, Haury, Hudson, Kassander, Kemmerer, Kurtz, Lacy, Little, Livermore, Lynn, McDonald, McMillan, Moore, Muir, H. Myers, L. Myers, Nugent, Patrick, Paylore, Powell, Rappeport, H. Rhodes, Roy, Russell, Siegel, Simonian, Slonaker, Svob, Vavich, Windsor. Dr. Nugent presided.

ABSENT: Delaplane, Ewing, F.P. Gaines, Harvill, Hillman, Lyons, Martin, J.M. Rhodes, Rosaldo, Wallraff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Kurtz asked that the minutes of the January 14 meeting of the Faculty Senate be revised to include additional specific details of the discussion of the proposed catalogue changes made by the College of Business and Public Administration. Vice President Nugent referred this matter to a committee consisting of Dr. Kurtz, Dean Livermore, and Mr. Windsor.

The complete record of the Senate discussion of consideration of proposed catalogue material, as corrected follows:

CATALOGUE MATERIAL, CONSIDERATION OF: The Senate considered the summaries of proposed catalogue changes as submitted by the various colleges and teaching divisions. It was pointed out that formal approval by the Senate was not required before the catalogue material is submitted to the Board of Regents, but after it has been approved by the college faculties, the Graduate Council, the Coordinating Committee, and the Advisory Council, the Senate is given an opportunity to question or challenge any proposed change.

The Senate had no questions about the proposals for the College of Agriculture or the School of Home Economics.

Several Senate members, including Dr. Siegel and Dr. Kurtz, questioned the appropriateness of the proposal by the College of Business and Public Administration that students be given a choice of satisfying what formerly has been considered the laboratory science requirement by two semesters of laboratory science or by Philosophy 12a and another three-unit Philosophy course. Some members of the Senate felt that every University degree program should include a minimum of a year's study in one of the laboratory sciences. Dean Livermore stated that the present catalogue provides as an alternative means of meeting the science requirement the completing of course work in Philosophy. He said that this alternative had been thoroughly discussed and approved by the Senate in 1959. Dr. Kurtz pointed out that the alternatives permitted in the present catalogue are stated as follows (Footnote on Page 165 of the current catalogue): 'This requirement is ordinarily completed by 8 hours in a single laboratory science; but, by permission, it may be satisfied by one of the following sequences of courses: 4 units of laboratory science, plus Philosophy 12a; 9 units of Philosophy, including 12a and 12b; an approved sequence of mathematics courses through Math. 79a. The latter sequence would also satisfy the above freshman requirement of Math. 11 or 20.' He said that these alternatives are considerably different from the proposed alternatives as presented for the new catalogue by the College of Business and Public Administration. Dr. Kurtz asked if action taken two years ago establishing

the several alternatives of satisfying the science requirement in the College of Business and Public Administration by any of several programs involving Philosophy courses bound the Senate to accept this new proposal. President Harvill said that action two years ago was not binding now that material for the new catalogue for 1963-64, 1964-65 was under consideration.

Dean Livermore pointed out that many members of his faculty felt that courses in philosophy, particularly the required course in logic, are just as valuable in the total education of the individual as training in science. He reminded Senate members that students entering the University now are required to have completed two years of high school laboratory science and, as a matter of fact, many of them have completed three years of high school science.

Dr. Kurtz said it was his understanding that the expanded entrance requirement in science had been intended to increase the over-all amount of science training a student should receive both in high school and college, rather than provide a procedure whereby a student could substitute high school science for college-level science training.

Dr. Vavich pointed out that the level of science teaching in many secondary schools, according to the information presented the Senate at the January 7 meeting, was not of a very high level. Should it be accepted as a substitute for college-level course work in science?

Dr. Wallraff remarked that while some members of the Senate seemed to feel that no one should receive a baccalaureate degree unless a course in laboratory science has been included in his curriculum, the claim well might be made that a course in philosophy should be included in all curricula leading to a baccalaureate degree.

The Senate took no formal action on this point. There were no other questions about the material proposed by the College of Business and Public Administration.

No questions were raised about the proposals of the College of Education. Mr. Windsor called the Senate members' attention to the new program in science and mathematics that students preparing to become elementary teachers will follow. The sequence will include four semesters of laboratory science work, one semester each of chemistry, physics, geology, and biology, with a unit value of three semester hours each, plus a special three-unit course in mathematics.

Dr. Muir commented that he hoped the time would come when curricula for students in the College of Education would require more English work than merely completion of one year of freshman English.

No special questions were raised about the material of the College of Engineering. Dean Martin called attention to the expanded admission requirement in mathematics for students entering this college. Hereafter college algebra and trigonometry will be considered entrance courses for the College of Engineering and college-level courses in these subjects may not apply toward graduation.

The Senate had no questions about the proposals for the College of Fine Arts, the Graduate College or the College of Law. The proposals of the College of Liberal Arts were not questioned but Dr. Kurtz commented that he felt it would be desirable to expand the membership of the committee that administers the program in biology to include representatives of the field of botany, one of the major concerns of the course in biology.

The Senate suggested no changes in the proposals of the College of Mines, the College of Pharmacy, and the Department of Air Science (no changes were proposed by the Department of Military Science.)

The Senate proposed no changes in the material submitted by the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and the Department of Physical Education for Women.

Members of the Senate made a few suggestions concerning minor editorial changes in the catalogue copy, including the wording in a few instances and recommending certain consistencies in spelling.

President Harvill said that while the total amount of proposed new catalogue material might seem excessive at first glance, an analysis reveals that good justification can be made for all of the proposals. The net number of units being added to the catalogue is not great in consideration of the expanding enrollment of the institution.

The President pointed out that study is being given to whether or not the University should continue the low minimum enrollment figure required at present in order to offer a given course. A course now cannot be offered without special permission if it enrolls fewer than five students if it is an undergraduate course or three students if it is a graduate course. The President pointed out he is aware there are many factors to be considered in this matter but wanted the Senate to know the subject is being studied.

Dr. Haury said that he felt the subject-matter concerned must be taken into account. Dr. Muir pointed out that attention should be given also to the number a course has been offered, explaining that some courses need a few years to become established. Dr. Harvill said that the points made by both Dr. Haury and Dr. Muir were among the special factors to which he had referred. He said he was aware that the worth of an instructional program cannot be measured simply by quantitative factors. There are practical considerations which must be heeded, however, in justifying the expense of financing courses which over too long a period of time have not enrolled a minimum number of students.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNCIL OF THE ARIZONA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, ELECTION OF: On motion by Dr. Gegenheimer, seconded by Dean Roy, the Senate unanimously re-elected Dr. William Pistor and Professor Joseph Picard as University of Arizona representatives on the Council of the Arizona College Association for the next year.

Dr. Gegenheimer reminded the members of the Senate that the Arizona College Association would be holding its annual meeting on this campus on Saturday, March 2. It is hoped that University of Arizona faculty members will accept the responsibility of playing hosts to faculty members from the other institutions on that date and will attend the sessions in good number.

Dean Livermore pointed out that new faculty members are usually uninformed as to just what the Arizona College Association is. Dr. Gegenheimer said he would furnish each dean with general information about the association which can be passed on to new faculty members.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES ON NOVEMBER 1, 1963 BECAUSE OF ARIZONA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEETING ON THE CAMPUS: Dr. Nugent reported that the 1963 meeting of the Arizona Education Association will be held on the University of Arizona campus on

Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2. He pointed out that between five and six thousand public school teachers will be in attendance. Because of the need of classroom facilities for meetings and because of the press of providing food service and parking facilities for such a large number of visitors, it will be necessary to cancel classes on the first day of the meeting, that is, on Friday, November 1. Dr. Nugent pointed out that classes were cancelled for the AEA meetings held on this campus in 1959 and 1961.

Dr. Nugent said he was making the announcement about this situation at this time so that members of the Senate could be informed and make any comments about the matter if they wished. No comments were made.

EXTENSION OF TERMS OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PRIVILEGE AND TENURE,

APPROVAL OF: On motion by Dr. Gegenheimer the Senate voted to extend the period of office for members of the Committee on Academic Privilege and Tenure to the end of the present academic year. Dr. Gegenheimer pointed out that for some reason terms of office for members of the committee heretofore ended on February 6, although no legal basis for this arbitrary date has been found. He explained that for a number of reasons it would be desirable for terms of office for members of this committee to correspond with the academic year.

EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR STUDENTS MISSING CLASSES FOR FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER UNIVERSITY

ACTIVITIES, DISCUSSION RE: The Senate heard a report from Dr. Kurtz, representing the Committee of Eleven, that body having requested Dr. Kurtz to present the matter to the Senate, on the matter of excused absences for students missing classes for field trips and other University activities. The report indicated that in some instances students were missing classes excessively in some of their courses because of activities relating to other courses for which they were enrolled. Detailed information was given about the number of absences from other classes of students enrolled in Air Science course work. The Senate then voted that a special Senate committee be appointed to study the entire matter of excused absences. It was understood that the committee would give attention both to the matter of excessive absences from other classes involved for students enrolled in certain departments, and the procedures being followed in authorizing excused absences.

REPORT OF ad hoc SENATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION IN ENGLISH, FURTHER DISCUSSION RE:

The Senate voted to ask the ad hoc committee studying the feasibility of establishing a proficiency examination in English to consider administering a "trial run" English proficiency test to a representative group of students completing their sophomore year, to determine what proportion of students might be expected to pass or fail a proficiency examination in English at the end of the sophomore year. This information, it was felt, would be helpful in determining the expenses of establishing an English workshop for students failing to pass such a proficiency examination if established as a requirement for all students in the University.

APPROVAL OF CATALOGUE MATERIAL, ANNOUNCEMENT RE: Dr. Nugent informed the Senate that the Board of Regents had approved all of the proposed catalogue material as submitted, with the provision that requests to schedule more frequently, offerings of certain courses which had experienced small enrollment in recent years were subject to special review by the President and the academic deans concerned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

David L. Windsor, Secretary