

The University of Arizona  
Proceedings of the Faculty Senate

Meeting of Monday

February 14<sup>5</sup>, 1962

PRESENT: Bateman, Blitzer, Brewer, Carlson, Delaplane, Forrester, Gegenheimer, Gillmor, Gustavson, Harvill, Hausenbauer, Hillman, Hudson, Hunt, Irwin, Kassander, Kemmerer, Kurtz, Livermore, Lynn, Lyons, McDonald, McMillan, Martin, Muir, Murphy, H. Myers, L. Myers, Nugent, Patrick, Paylore, Powell, Quinn, H. Rhodes, J. M. Rhodes, Rosaldo, Vavich, Wallraff, Windsor, Zapotocky.

ABSENT: Conley, Ewing, Gaines, Haury, Hurlbutt, Little, Moore, Roy, Slonaker.

VICE PRESIDENT DELAPLANE, INTRODUCTION OF: President Harvill introduced to the Senate the University's new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Walter H. Delaplane.

CATALOGUE MATERIAL: New Courses - Regular Session: Economics 218, Economic Development (3) I Frikart; Mathematics 81061, SMSG Elementary Functions (3) I Foster-Rogers (NSF course); Mathematics 81171, Development of Elementary Mathematics (3) I Steinbrenner (NSF course); Nuclear Engineering 341, Nuclear Reactor Engineering (3) I, II Staff; Summer Session: History 263s, Russian Intellectual History in the 19th Century (2) Oswald; Home Economics 31s, Workshop - Menu Planning for School Lunch Operators (3) Mitchell-Hall; Home Economics 61s, Workshop in Equipment and Quantity Cookery for School Lunch Operators (1) Wood; Mathematics 1081, SMSG Modern Elementary Algebra (4) Steinbrenner (NSF course).

DELEGATES TO ARIZONA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, ELECTION OF: The Senate re-elected Dr. William J. Pistor and Professor Joseph L. Picard as delegates of the University of Arizona to the Arizona College Association.

Dr. Gegenheimer reminded members of the Senate that the annual meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, March 3, at the American Institute for Foreign Trade, Phoenix.

President Harvill announced that as has been the practice in the past, the University will provide a chartered bus for University personnel wishing to travel to the College Association meeting by this means.

KENNECOTT LECTURE SERIES, ANNOUNCEMENT OF: President Harvill reminded members of the Senate that the lectures of the Kennecott Lecture Series this year would be as follows: Dr. Charles D. Odegaard, President of the University of Washington, will speak on February 20, 1962 on "A Comparative View of Higher Education"; Dr. Reuben G. Gustavson, University of Arizona, will speak on March 8, 1962 on "History is Prologue"; Dr. W. H. Cowley, David Jacks Professor of Higher Education at Stanford University, will speak on March 15, 1962 on "Professors, Presidents, and Trustees"; and Dr. Joseph Grunwald, Visiting Professor of Economics at Yale University, will speak on date to be announced later on "United States Universities and the Underdeveloped World."

RESOLUTION FROM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RE SENIOR EXAMINATIONS, CONSIDERATION OF: The Senate considered the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the present system of final examinations for graduating seniors seems to have persisted in the face of widespread and long-standing faculty disapproval, only because of the asserted need to have the chorus and orchestra at Commencement and the need for time to process and print an absolutely accurate list of graduates, and

"WHEREAS, this system imposes severe burdens on graduating seniors who may have (and actually have had, in 1961) to take three or four final examinations on the same day, because of the impossibility of proper central scheduling of the special senior examinations; and in some instances individuals may have failed to attain graduation for this reason; and

"WHEREAS, the system also imposes intolerable burdens on members of the teaching faculty who must prepare, administer, and grade two sets of final examinations in many courses, requiring them to give one final examination by the theft of time from the course work being conducted for other members of the class who are not graduating, and

"WHEREAS, an increasing number of the University faculty simply do not follow regulations concerning regular final examinations and permit all students, not only seniors, to take bobtailed examinations before the regular examination period, thereby effectively shortening the semester's work, and

"WHEREAS, all of these conditions taken together tend to have a definitely deteriorative effect on the scholastic standards of The University of Arizona; now

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the express wish of the faculty of the College of Business and Public Administration that the Senate and Administration of The University of Arizona arrange the schedule of events and procedures for the 1961-62 school year, and thereafter in future years, in such a way that the date of the Commencement exercises will not require special early senior examinations during the Spring semester; and that this sentiment is held irrespective of the putative costs and other objections to a change which were set forth in the most recent report to the Senate on this subject in December 1956."

In discussing the Resolution, members of the Senate pointed out that University regulations concerning final examinations are being rather flagrantly violated. Undergraduate students often are not being given proper final examinations. Many seniors are unofficially being exempt from final examinations.

Two solutions suggested to the problem were: (1) To authorize the faculty to waive the requirement of a final examination for a graduating student in a situation where the student consented; (2) To schedule certain periods in the evening hours or on Saturday afternoons when graduating students could be given regular final examinations. This would remove the

necessity of giving seniors final examinations in the regular class hours. It has often been difficult to administer examinations in regular class hours without disturbing the regular course work of the students who are not graduating.

The Senate reviewed the entire question of special senior examinations at some length. The secretary reminded the Senate that this problem had been studied several times in recent years. A sub-committee of the Committee of Eleven studied the matter in 1948 but found no acceptable solution. A committee of the Senate reported on December 4, 1950 that it had studied the problem and had no recommendation to make regarding a change. A Senate committee had again studied the matter in 1956 and had been unable to find an acceptable solution to the problem so far as making any major adjustments in the established procedure for examinations for seniors was concerned. The committee had, however, recommended certain modifications and clarifications of that policy which had been adopted by the Faculty Senate on December 19, 1956:

- "(1) Graduating seniors shall be given their final examination during the latest possible class period or periods which will enable the instructor to send their grades to the Registrar before the date set for the closing of their records.
- "(2) Examinations for graduating seniors may be limited to one class period. However, the number of class periods to be devoted to such examinations shall be left to the judgment of the instructor. Examinations limited to one hour may, of course, include material which samples the entire course.
- "(3) In classes made up chiefly of graduating seniors, instructors may find it convenient to give non-graduating students a quiz at the same time at which the seniors write their examination, and in the same room. If, however, the instructor wishes to use the class period for further class work for the non-graduating students, he shall be authorized to request the Schedule Committee to assign another room in which the seniors may be examined. This might involve the use of the University auditorium. In such cases, it shall be the responsibility of the department concerned to provide proctors for the examination.
- "(4) In classes consisting chiefly of non-graduating students, the instructors may arrange for proctors to give the seniors their examinations during the regular class period in another room or office and may request the Schedule Committee to assign such room or office for the purpose.
- "(5) Graduate students who expect to receive advanced degrees at commencement shall be required to take their final examinations in courses at the same time that graduating seniors take them.
- "(6) It is understood that the above recommendations do not apply to the College of Law, which is authorized to follow its present procedure in giving its examinations."

The report of the 1956 committee had included the following statement:

"Your committee believes that it is important that the list of students to receive degrees be certified by the Registrar to the faculty, and that the faculty approve the granting of these degrees. It believes further, that the commencement program should contain an accurate list of students who will receive degrees, and of the honors that they have won. These things take time. But graduation from the University is, or ought to be, an important event in the life of the student. For some, at least, it is the culmination of years of hard work, and for many parents, it is the reward for years of sacrifice and the fruition of years of hope. It is entirely fitting that the University treat it as an important event. With such considerations in mind, your committee believes that more would be lost than would be gained if we were to adopt changes other than those herein recommended."

Dean Myers moved, with a second by Dr. Kassander, that the requiring of final examinations for graduating students be eliminated (including graduating seniors and candidates for advanced degrees) with grades for these students to be based on their performance in their respective courses up to the time grades for graduating students are due in the Office of the Registrar.

This motion was debated at some length and on motion by Dr. Gegenheimer, seconded by Dean Livermore, the motion was tabled by a vote of nineteen to fifteen.

David L. Windsor, Secretary