

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Monday, February 5, 1962 Room 111, BPA Building

The Faculty Senate convened in regular session at 3:40 P.M. on Monday, February 5, 1962, in Room 111 of the College of Business and Public Administration. Forty members were present with President Harvill presiding.

PRESENT: Bateman, Blitzler, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 8 were approved as published and distributed.

CATALOGUE MATERIAL: New Courses:- Regular Session: Economics 218, Economic Development (3) I Frikart; Mathematics 8106i, SMSG Elementary Functions (3) I Foster-Rogers (NSF course); Mathematics 8117i, 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 108i, 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 of 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 submitted by the faculty of the College of Business and Public Administration concerning examinations for graduating students:

"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."

Dean Livermore stated that the situation which concerned him the most was the fact that because of the need to give special examinations to seniors and submit their grades on time to the Registrar's office, University regulations concerning final examinations were being rather flagrantly violated. For that matter, many seniors are being unofficially exempt from final examinations. Dean Livermore said two solutions to the problem occurred to him: (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 discussed the entire question of special senior examinations at some length. Mr. Windsor reminded the Senate that this problem had been studied and reported on by committees 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."

In answer to a question, Mr. Windsor explained that not many requests had been received in the spring for an assignment of special rooms for the administration of final examinations to graduating seniors. He said that should such requests be received in large numbers now, inasmuch as during certain hours virtually every classroom is in use, it would be impossible to assign special rooms during those hours.

Dr. Hillman asked if consideration should not be given to permitting the waiving of a final examination for graduating students who had a grade average of "2" in a course by a certain date in the semester. Dr. Gegenehimer said he felt this would work well in certain fields of study but not in others. Dr. Gustavson asked if Senate members present who had taught at institutions that did permit the waiving of final examinations for seniors had found that such procedure was undesirable. Dean Martin, Dean Forrester, and Dean Myers all described the practice procedure at institutions where graduating students are exempt from final examinations. They were agreed that the procedure seemed to be very satisfactory. No one reported an unsatisfactory experience at an institution permitting the waiving of final examinations for certain students.

Dean Livermore then placed on the blackboard a suggested schedule of special final examination periods for graduating students, using Friday evenings and Saturdays. Mr. Windsor said he was certain that some satisfactory special scheduling of final examination periods for seniors in evenings and Saturday afternoons could be developed.

Dr. McDonald said that he doubted that a significant amount of learning would be lost if graduating students were excused from final examinations.

Dean Myers then moved that the requiring of final examinations for graduating students be eliminated and the grades for graduating students be based on their performance in their respective courses up to the time grades for graduating students must be received by the Registrar. Dean Myers said his motion includes graduate students receiving advanced degrees as well as candidates for baccalaureate degrees. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kassander.

Dr. Blitzer asked if this meant that an instructor could not give a final examination to graduating seniors. The reply was that this motion if adopted would not deny the instructor the right to give examinations as often as he cared to do so long as they were given to the entire class. The point was that seniors would no longer be required to take a special final examination in any course. Faculty members could conduct courses as they do now in any way they saw fit and could include as many tests in the procedure as they wished. All tests, of course, would be given during regular class hours and no special test would be scheduled for outside regular class meetings.

Dean Livermore said that many faculty members would be opposed to "giving up" final examinations for graduating students.

Dr. Gegenheimer pointed out that present University regulations provide that senior examinations may be given only in the regular class period. He suggested that the Senate adopt a ruling prohibiting giving final examinations to seniors outside the regular class meetings. The number of "bootleg" examinations outside the regular class schedule in recent years has become a real problem, he said.

Mr. McMillan asked if Dean Myers' motion would simply provide in effect that senior grades must be furnished the Registrar by a certain date and that this date would fall approximately on the last day of classes in the spring. Graduating students would not be given special final examinations either in class or at special times but the instructors would be free to give as many tests as they wanted to in their classes so long as all students in the class were required to take them.

The question was raised as to just what the present University official policy on final examinations is. Dr. Murphy read the following from the general catalogue to the Senate members:

"EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED - All students, including graduating seniors, are required to take final examinations each semester in their courses in accordance with the published final examination schedule. Final examinations in courses for graduating degree candidates are given during class hours and are usually restricted to one period. Re-examinations are permitted only for the purpose of removing the semester conditional failing grade of 6."

Dr. Muir said that if whether or not final examinations were to be given was left to the discretion of the individual faculty members, many would require final examinations and many would not. He felt that the result, even if the examinations were scheduled only during regular class hours, would be chaos for both faculty members and students. He said that it seemed to him the excusing of all seniors from final examinations should not be automatically a matter of privilege because students had attained senior standing.

Dr. Nugent said he wondered why the problem had arisen in the first place because it seemed to him it should be a simple matter for an instructor to schedule final examinations for seniors on a particular date, giving some other sort of examination to those students who were not graduating or possibly even giving them the same examination with the understanding that for those students this would be simply a part of the final examination, perhaps a sort of review examination.

Dr. Harvill pointed out that what was really needed was a certain amount of uniformity. A rather definite system seems to be needed about which members of the faculty would agree, and, therefore, one to which they would adhere.

Dean Myers said that the sense of his motion was to eliminate the requirement that graduating students must take final examinations. He did not intend, he said, that the instructor should be prohibited from giving graduating students an examination if he wanted to. Dean Livermore said he felt the majority of the faculty would not be pleased with a policy permitting the awarding of a grade simply based on course work up to a certain date without a student's having performed on a final examination.

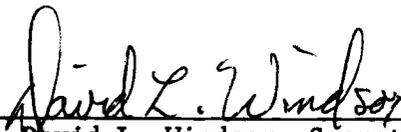
Dr. Muir pointed out that faculty members in different disciplines have different problems. He described the difficulty English faculty members have in reading large numbers of long examination papers.

It had become evident that there was considerable difference in opinion among members of the Senate as to Dr. Myers' motion.

Dr. Gegenheimer than moved that Dr. Myers' motion be laid on the table and this was seconded by Dean Livermore. The vote was called for and the motion to table Dean Myers' motion carried nineteen to fifteen.

FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION, REMINDER RE: President Harvill reminded members of the Senate that the Founders' Day Convocation would be held on Monday morning, March 12, at 9:40 o'clock, in the University Auditorium. The Convocation will feature both the Land-Grant centennial and the Fiftieth Anniversary of Arizona's statehood, as well as the founding of the University of Arizona. Guest speaker will be Senator Henry Ashurst.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM, ANNOUNCEMENT RE: The President called attention to the fourth annual International Forum to be held on the campus February 21 to 23. This year's forum is entitled "A New Look at Latin America." The President urged members of the Senate to participate in the outstanding meetings being arranged in connection with the Forum and particularly commended the excellent work of the Chairman of this year's Forum Steering Committee, student Larry Morrison. The President explained that the Forum is a project of the Student Union Activities Board.



David L. Windsor, Secretary