

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Tuesday, September 21, 1971 Room 350 Modern Languages

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ares, Bannister, Bartlett, Bleibtreu, Bretall, Brewer, Butler, Christopherson, Cole, Delaplane, Dewhirst, Dixon, Eisner, Evans, S. Fahey, Gegenheimer, Lytle, Mason, Massengale, Mathews, Mautner, Munsinger, Muramoto, Paulsen, Reiblich, Rhodes, Schaefer, Shields, Sorensen, Steelink, Thompson, Tomizuka, Windsor, and Zumberge.

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony, Barnes, Blitzer, Bok, Boyer, Dresher, W. Fahey, Freeman, Gaines, Goodwin, Gould, Grant, Green, Herber, Hull, Johnson, Joyner (excused), Krebs, Lane, Layton, McConnell, McMillan, Murphy, Myers, Nigh, Perkins, Putt, Richard, Robson, Siegel, Skinner, Svob, Varney, Voris, Wise, Yoshino, and Younggren. Student representatives absent were Julie Lauber, Randy Tufts, and Nanette Warner.

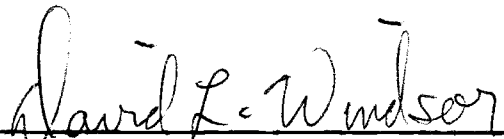
The University of Arizona Faculty Senate met in special session at 3:40 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, September 21, 1971, in the Modern Languages auditorium. Thirty-four members were present with President Schaefer presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to consider proposals for honorary degrees to be conferred on the occasion of the inauguration of John P. Schaefer as President of the University on October 29, 1971. Two proposals were presented, one having been approved by the faculty of the College of Law and one having been approved by the faculty of the College of Mines. Copies of the proposals are filed in the official Faculty Senate book. Both proposals were to award the degree Doctor of Laws.

In the case of the proposal that the honorary degree Doctor of Laws be conferred on the individual sponsored by the faculty of the College of Mines, a person who has been a generous benefactor to the University of Arizona, Dr. Bretall said he thought the awarding of that particular honorary degree would be inappropriate. Dr. Lytle said he too wondered why the degree Doctor of Laws was proposed. Dr. Gegenheimer explained that the honorary degree Doctor of Laws bears no relationship to the field of law. He said that the Doctor of Laws degree is awarded in a variety of situations, being sort of an umbrella type of honorary degree not relating in any specific way to a recipient's accomplishments or activities. Dr. Bretall said perhaps the University should establish a special honorary degree such as Doctor of Philanthropy. He said perhaps the honorary degree Doctor of Humanities would be more appropriate in this case. Dr. Mathews commented that he had noted no particular scholarly achievement on the part of the recipient in question since he left the University.

The Senate then voted to recommend to the General Faculty that the degree Doctor of Laws be conferred on this individual with a few dissenting votes heard.

The vote on the other proposal then carried unanimously.

Both recommendations next will be presented to the General Faculty and then to the Board of Regents.

  
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David L. Windsor, Secretary