

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Monday, March 3, 1987
Room 146, College of Law

The Faculty Senate convened in executive session at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 1987, in Room 146 of the College of Law. Presiding Officer of the Senate Thomas Rehm presided. Written material on nominees for Honorary Degrees was distributed (copy attached).

Dean Richard Kinkade, College of Arts & Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, proposed the name of Carlos Fuentes, one of the major Latin American and contemporary world authors, for the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. Dean Kinkade said unanimous faculty approval was obtained on February 23, 1987, and he read excerpts from the material distributed describing his outstanding accomplishments. On behalf of the Faculty of Humanities, he then moved for approval (motion 87-7); the motion was seconded. Senator Garcia asked what is the relationship of Carlos Fuentes to the University of Arizona. Dean Kinkade said the Department of Spanish and Portuguese is moving into an area of creative writing, and the department hired, in the last two years, one of the leading creative writers in Chicano literature in the United States; he said it is the hope that in the years to come the Department will continue to expand in this area. The nomination of Carlos Fuentes as an honorary degree candidate fits in squarely with the type of program committed for development. The motion was then approved unanimously.

Professor Ray White, Department of Astronomy, Faculty of Science of the College of Arts & Sciences proposed the name of Jessie L. Greenstein, who has been responsible for fundamental work concerning the entire subject of white dwarf stars and in the related field of quantitative analysis of stellar spectra, for the honorary degree, Doctor of Science. Professor White said faculty approval was obtained on February 27, 1987, and he read excerpts from the material distributed describing his outstanding accomplishments. He said that Professor Greenstein's contacts with faculty inspired directly and indirectly much of the growth of Steward Observatory; in 1975, Dr. Greenstein served as Chairman of a Faculty Committee which reviewed the concept and plan of a laboratory at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Institution and the Steward Observatory and which strongly endorsed the telescope which led to critical funding, and his influence on the growth periods of several of our astronomical faculty has contributed to the growth of research at the Steward Observatory. On behalf of the Faculty of Science, he then moved for approval (motion 87-8); the motion was seconded, and was unanimously approved.

Secretary George Ridge, Head, Department of Journalism, Faculty of Social & Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences, placed in nomination Donald N. Soldwedel for the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. Mr. Soldwedel graduated from the University of Arizona in 1946, and made a major impact on Arizona in the areas of journalism, business and agriculture. An advocate and developer of Kenaf, which has the potential of alleviating the newsprint shortage and which is welcomed by the environmental community, Mr. Soldwedel has been a civic leader, has made a major impact on the state of Arizona in the areas of journalism, business and agriculture, and has been a prominent supporter of the University of Arizona. Senator Ridge said faculty approval was obtained on February 23, 1987. On behalf of the Faculty of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Senator Ridge then moved for approval (motion 87-9); the motion was seconded, and was unanimously approved.

Dean Paul Marcus of the College of Law placed in nomination Ralph W. Bilby for the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, to be awarded posthumously. Dean Marcus reported that Mr. Bilby died ten days ago. Born in 1891, a native of Arizona, Mr. Bilby was the first graduate of the University of Arizona to pass the bar. Dean Marcus outlined Mr. Bilby's distinguished career and his belief in the partnership of higher education in general and legal education in particular. On behalf of the College of Law, Dean Marcus then moved for approval (motion 87-10); the motion was seconded, and was unanimously approved.

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

George W. Ridge, Jr., Secretary