

Minutes  
Special Meeting of the  
Faculty Senate  
September 30, 1981

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 30, 1981, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center in a called meeting with Ben Newcomb, President, presiding. Senators present were Anderson, Bartell, Berlin, Blaisdell, Burkhardt, Cepica, Clements, Cochran, Conover, Cummings, Denham, Filgo, Freeman, Gipson, Graves, Harris, Hickerson, Horridge, Keho, Kimmel, Masten, Maynard, Moreland, Nelson, Owens, Pearson, Smith, Sowell, Stewart, Tan, Urban, Volz, Wilson and Zyla. Senators Biggers, Chonko, Gilbert, Hill, Kunhardt, Malloy, Rude, Schoen and Williams were absent.

Guests included C. Len Ainsworth, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ernest Sullivan, Parliamentarian; Preston Lewis, University News & Publications; Pat Graves, Avalanche Journal; and Kippie Hopper, University Daily.

Newcomb called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the matter of Fall Commencement plans and to make possible recommendations to the administration concerning Fall Commencement.

Newcomb continued his discussion by referring to the agenda circulated prior to the meeting and to the outline of the major points that have been decided or are under consideration by the administration and by the Convocations Committee. He presented an outline of the decisions already made and suggested that the Senate consider them in the order that they appear on the agenda.

Fall Commencement will be held on Friday, December 18, 1981, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium, with the Coliseum available as an alternative site. In answer to Wilson's question, Ainsworth addressed reasons for the date and location selected.

It was noted that the final examination schedule and the deadline for submission of final grades are unchanged and diplomas will be mailed later after grades are processed.

The Senate considered the following recommendations regarding Fall Commencement:

- 1) The Faculty Senate endorses the decision to maintain the current final examination policy and schedule, which does not provide for automatic exemption for students nor for early final exam administration. It further recommends that if in the future any changes in the policy or schedule are contemplated, prior consultation with and recommendation from the Senate be sought.

Smith moved the adoption of recommendation #1. Several senators spoke in favor of the recommendation. The motion to adopt carried.

- 2) Inasmuch as the Faculty is obligated to meet a grade report deadline, 36 hours after the commencement, the Senate believes that the plan to have one commencement session for the Fall 1981 commencement will best conserve time.

Wilson moved the adoption of recommendation #2. After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt recommendation #2 carried.

- 3) The Faculty Senate recommends that the programs for the Fall and Spring Commencements, particularly the featured speaker, be of equally high quality and of benefit to the university community.

Kimmel moved the adoption of recommendation #3. Zyla moved that recommendation #3 be amended to include music and recognition of graduates as a part of the program.

Zyla's amendment failed for the want of a second.

Recommendation #3 was adopted in its original form.

Newcomb introduced for discussion and possible recommendation the statement: The Faculty Senate recommends that faculty be encouraged to participate in the Fall Commencement in the same manner that they have been encouraged to participate in the Spring Commencement.

This recommendation was discussed and it was concluded that no recommendation was necessary.

4) The Senate recommends that the administration continue to seek the recommendations of the Convocations Committee and, if these affect general plans for future commencements, bring any such before the Faculty Senate for its action.

Stewart moved the adoption of this recommendation. The motion to adopt this recommendation carried.

Newcomb asked for further discussion or questions.

Zyla moved that the Faculty Senate ask the Bookstore and other appropriate agencies to reduce the cost of the rental fee for regalia in light of the fact that there will be two commencements this year. After a brief discussion, the motion failed.

Kimmel requested that the Senate President send a letter of sympathy to the families of two colleagues, Professors Burl Hubbard and Berlie Fallon. Newcomb agreed to send the letters on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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