

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Coolidge called the Senate to order and asked for an approval of the minutes. Professor Sabia stated that of the sentence "Professor Sabia remarked that to him non-reappointment connoted denial of tenure and that the distinction made between non-reappointment and denial of tenure is therefore not a valid one," only the first half should be attributed to him. With that correction, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman Coolidge announced that the last meeting of the Faculty Senate for the Spring Semester would take place on May 6, and that there would be a General Faculty Meeting on April 15. He also mentioned with shock and sadness the death of our colleague Dr. Mary Heimberger, Education.

II. Reports of Officers.

A. President James B. Holderman:

The President spoke generally on the budget process in the South Carolina legislature as it applied to the University. The \$2500 cap and the provision requiring Budget and Control Board approval for all tuition fee increases had been removed. Faculty salary increases, based on merit, are expected to be about 10%.

With respect to admissions, the University will probably have about 400-500 fewer freshmen in the coming year in consequence of higher admission standards, but that the percentage of minority students is expected to remain the same. The projected average SAT scores range between 990 and 1000 and are thus 110 to 120 points higher than 3 1/2 years ago.

III. Reports of Committees.

A. Steering Committee:

Professor Becker announced the results of the recent faculty committee elections:

- Athletic Advisory Committee: Robert Deysach and James Knight
- Curricula and Courses Committee: Robert Pettus and Charles Mack
- Grievance Committee: James Underwood and Elizabeth Joiner
- Scholastic Standing and Petitions Committee: Anna Hite and Edward Gregg

B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Keith Berkeley, Chairman:

On behalf of his committee, Professor Berkeley moved the adoption of his recommendations. Professor Eccles, Engineering, moved that all grade change requests of more than three per professor be accompanied

by a full written explanation and reviewed again by the Senate. After some discussion about the chief reasons apparently at work in connection with grade change requests (graduate assistant problems, computer errors, changes of teaching assistants), the fact that even when computation errors are cited as the reason the grades only and always go up, the assumption that it is the faculty member who decides the need for a change of grade, and the current deliberations on the whole matter being conducted by the Grade Change Committee and the FAC, Professor Eccles's motion was defeated and the grade changes were approved as submitted.

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor John L. Safko, Chairman:

Professor Safko moved the adoption of his committee's report and with minor editorial changes in section IV it was adopted.

C. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor John Kimmey, Chairman:

Professor Kimmey noted a change in the recommendation of the committee, so that the last line would read "to make a faculty member chairman of the committee." The report was adopted.

IV. Report of Secretary - None

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Professor Ingle, General Studies, moved that the Secretary in the name of the Senate compose a letter of commendation for the outstanding work performed by Professor Wesson and Professor Smith in the preparation of the 1980 Self-Study Report. The motion was adopted.

VII. Good of the Order

President Holderman joined the Senate in its commendation for the excellent work done by Professors Smith and Wesson and mentioned that the Southern Association team would arrive shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.