

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Coolidge called the Senate to order. Provost Ackerman pointed out that any measure passed by the Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees would provisionally be in effect; consequently the sentence in the minutes on page 3, paragraph 4 should read:

In response to a question by Professor Carmel Ingebretsen, School of Medicine, when the proposal would actually go into effect, Provost Ackerman stated that until the proposal is approved by the Commission on Higher Education and the Budget and Control Board, the University would proceed provisionally with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Professor O. D. Bonner, Chemistry, indicated that in his remarks under Good of the Order it should be understood that he had meant to indicate evening and not afternoon.

The minutes were approved as amended and corrected.

II. Reports of Officers.

Chairman Coolidge announced on behalf of the Steering Committee that a vacancy needed to be filled on the Student Affairs Committee. He asked for nominations from the Senate at the December meeting.

Provost Francis T. Borkowski:

The Provost dealt with two items. First he referred to the visit by President Holderman and a contingent of University people to the Shansi Province of the Republic of China. This trip was a reciprocal visit to that of the Chinese ambassador to the United States and of two vice-governors and two presidents of institutions to USC in May. The intention on both sides is to develop a small exchange program involving faculty, students, and other resources, but probably not exceeding four or five people per year. Secondly he reported that the University had submitted its budget proposal for 1981 reflecting the ordered 7% cut in personnel costs. Efforts have been made to enlighten members of the Budget and Control Board and the legislature on the effects of such a cut. Meetings between the Steering Committee and him and President Holderman had taken place and the Steering Committee would be further consulted on the issue.

III. Reports of Committees.

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

The recommendations of the Committee were approved.

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

I. College of Education, new course was approved.

II. A. New curriculum for Department of Anthropology. Professor William Trotter, Math, expressed his reservations about such lower division courses as SOCY 220, PSYC 225, and STAT 201 being required for upper division major credit. The program was approved.

II., B,C,D. Approved as submitted.

III. A and B. In response to a question by Professor Ed Mercer, Chemistry, Professor Safko replied that ASTR 111 and 112 supply a laboratory experience. The changes were approved.

Professor Safko announced that a letter was being sent to department chairmen by the Committee, inquiring about undergraduate courses which have not been offered for the past 5 years, and soliciting their response.

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

The USC Faculty Senate Resolution and Policy Statement Concerning Time-Effort Studies Mandated by Governmental Agencies was adopted by the Senate.

Professor Kimmey introduced a preliminary policy statement on the location and maintenance of faculty personnel records. He emphasized that, given the absence of precise instructions when the Senate charged the Committee with developing such guidelines, more work needed to be done on them. The Committee saw its charge as developing definitions of what constitutes faculty records, guidelines for their maintenance and accessibility, and how to ensure confidentiality. The final policy statement will become part of the Faculty Manual.

One question that had been raised was for how long such records should be kept. Professor Kimmey felt that 10 years would be a reasonable period of time, but that if the faculty wished, they could also be retained indefinitely. They could then serve as a source for the history of the University, containing, for example, an article of a famous scientist or a poet who had been denied tenure at USC. Or they could provide material for a dissertation, perhaps in the year 2000, titled "The Tenure and Promotion Process at USC from 1974 to 1999 and Its Influence on the Cultural and Moral History of the State." Given that a dissertation had been written on urinals in the public schools of West Virginia, a treatise on the tenure and promotion process thus might not be unreasonable.

Leaving levity behind, Professor Kimmey urged the Senators to attend the open hearing scheduled for November 12 and supply him with their comments.

D. Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, Professor Joseph P. Ryan, Chairman:

On behalf of his committee, Professor Ryan introduced the recommendations for changes in the function and duties of the University Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions and the College Committees on Scholastic Standards and Petitions. He made one editorial change in that the sentence

in paragraph 4 should be changed from "The Registrar or the Registrar's representative shall serve as an ex-officio member without voting privileges" to the Dean of Admissions or his designated representative. . ."

Professor Trotter objected to the provision allowing appeals from the decisions of the college committees to the university committee by either the student or the dean of the college. He argued that this provision went counter to what the Faculty Senate had agreed to two years earlier when the college committees were formed. The actions of the college committees ought to be final and there is no justification for having yet another layer of faculty decision-making.

Associate Dean Gunther Holst, Humanities and Social Sciences, observed that he would like to see the words "in matters involving university regulations" added to option 3 in paragraph 3. Professor Ryan opposed such a change because given the decentralization of rule-making among the colleges it was conceivable that issues might arise which did not directly involve university regulations and that the inclusion of such wording would unduly limit the university committee in its actions and prevent it from overriding a college committee.

Dean Holst then suggested that the third sentence in paragraph 2 be changed from the verb "involve" to "be limited to" and Professor Ryan accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Professor Morris Blachman, Government and International Studies, moved that option 3 in paragraph 3 be amended to read: "3) under exceptional circumstances reverse the decision of the College Committee in matters involving the interpretation of university regulations." The amendment was approved and so was the original motion.

Professor Ryan then urged the adoption of the recommendation for a separate committee dealing with Undeclared Majors, as under the present arrangement it was unfair that the university committee should act both as a committee of original jurisdiction and as a committee of appeal. The proposal passed. In a parallel motion, the changes in the university committee were also made applicable to the college committees.

Chairman Coolidge asked the Senators to nominate candidates for this new committee. The Steering Committee will introduce a slate at the December meeting.

IV. Report of Secretary.

Professor Becker read the following note: "I want to thank the faculty of the University of South Carolina for their gift to the University Library in memory of Dr. Nicholas P. Mitchell. This is a beautiful memorial to him - and my children and I deeply appreciate your kindness and sympathy.", signed Mrs. Nicholas P. Mitchell.

V. Unfinished Business - None.

VI. New Business - None.

VII. Good of the Order - None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.