

I. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Charles Coolidge called the Senate to order. The minutes of April 9, 1980 were approved as distributed. Chairman Coolidge announced that the summer meeting of the Faculty Senate would be held Wednesday, July 9th at 3 o'clock.

II. Reports of Committees

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

Professor Berkeley moved the approval of the committee's recommendations and the Senate approved them.

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Henry T. Price, Chairman:

With some minor editorial changes (page 10, ENGR 329, prerequisites ENGR 303, 316; page 11, ENGR 505, omit "Not for graduate credit."; page 6, ENGR 404, omit "design" from second to last line; page 19, RELG 431 Beginnings) sections I, II, III, IV, and VII (Nursing) were approved.

Section VI, College of Journalism, pp. 20-24, occasioned lengthy and heated debate. One objection came from the Art Department (Professor Sandra Langer) who criticized the wording of JOUR 555. A compromise was reached with the wording being changed to "Design course for newspapers and magazines." Professor Murray Vincent, Health Education, did not like that health education had been omitted from the list of possible cognates. Professor Richard Ziegfeld, English, pointed out that while all fields are important, there also are priorities in each area and that this included the ability to handle a foreign language above the 100 level. It was, in fact, the absence of a sufficient foreign language requirement that called forth the strongest criticisms from several quarters.

Professor Francis Dannerbeck, Foreign Languages, argued that in contrast to the current program, the proposed one would result in encouraging superficiality rather than depth. This was so especially in the case of a foreign language requirement which was flying in the face of the recommendations by the President's Commission on Foreign Languages and International Studies as well as the commitments of USC itself. He cited some disturbing examples of how ignorance of foreign languages was handicapping American journalists abroad and making broadcasters here a laughing stock. Professor Ward Briggs, Foreign Languages, urged the rejection of the proposal because it blurred the University's academic structure and contributed to the erosion of our standards. He pointed to the omission in the presentation of a crucial section in the current curriculum dealing with a 13-hour requirement of a foreign

language. He charged that the proposal had been put together rather sloppily and a student would be able to compile 24 hours in geography, for example, by way of satisfying what were supposed to be general education requirements. He was of the opinion that the adoption of this proposal would benefit no one, least of all the journalism students for whom it had been designed. Similar sentiments were voiced by Professor Turpin, Foreign Languages, and Professor Lane, Foreign Languages, who quoted the "dangerous downward drift in American foreign language and international studies" mentioned by the President's Commission, referred to the University's International Master of Business Studies program, and concluded that the proposal was not only heading in the opposite direction, but was also unnecessarily complicated and ill-conceived. When put to a vote, the proposal was defeated.

C. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Perry Ashley, Chairman:

On behalf of the committee, Professor Ashley introduced a changed procedure for the college Scholastic Standards and Petitions committees. Opposition was voiced by several senators who were unable to comprehend the rationale for changing a procedure which for all practical purposes appeared to work quite satisfactorily. Professor Hubert Noland, Engineering, moved that the resolution be returned to the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for its recommendation. The motion carried.

Professor Ashley then moved the adoption of the description of the University Committee on Standards and Petitions, but on a motion by Professor Noland this resolution also was referred to the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions.

Professor Ashley proceeded to introduce a report from the Faculty Advisory Committee dealing with two new forms, concerning the Assignment of Incomplete Grades and the Application for Independent Study or Internship Contract. Inasmuch as these forms constitute restrictions and requirements on the faculty not previously approved by the faculty, the Faculty Advisory Committee suggested that the faculty ignore these forms until appropriate faculty approval had been obtained.

Chairman Coolidge assigned the matter for study to the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, asking it to come back with a report on the 9 July meeting.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Professor Marilyn Kameen,
Chairman:

After changing the last two lines of paragraph three to read "GPR of at least 2.0 or 3.0 for undergraduates, law, medical, and graduate students respectively", Professor Kameen moved the adoption of Attachment 6. The motion carried.

E. Code of Student Academic Responsibility, Professor Leonard Lanfranco, Chairman:

After making an editorial change on page 34, Section VI, to read: "When acting as a court of original jurisdiction the Supreme Court will follow the procedure outlined for the campus court.", Professor Lanfranco answered questions concerning the applicability of the revised code to certain specific situations which appeared not to be covered by the provisions. It was determined, however, that the new code does cover virtually all eventualities. Professor Tim Jur, Engineering, moved that the sentence starting on line 3 of Item V, A, 1 read: "Such reports shall be made within five days from the date of detection." The motion carried. Professor Richard Ziegfeld, English, moved to drop the word "intentional" from the third line of the first paragraph of the code. The motion carried.

III. Report of the Secretary.

Professor Peter Becker reported that the run-off election had resulted in the election of Professors Norton and Silvernail to the Grievance committee and of Professor Rood to the Faculty Welfare Committee. With respect to the second slot on that committee, however, the vote was not yet conclusive and a second run-off would need to be held between Professors Evans and Jur.

IV. New Business - None

V. Good of the Order

Professor Daniel Sabia, Government and International Studies, announced that the Department of Government and International Studies had voted to employ the annual faculty performance review.

VI. Announcements - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45.