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AGENDA

March 13, 1967

1. Minutes

2. Report from Com on Com.

Appointment of Com. on Faculty - Staff

Court of Appeals - Traffic

3. Continuation of Report on Convocations Schedule

Mr. Rhatigan

4. Report on Student Govt. Association

Mr. Shields

5. As May Arise

No meeting on Mar. 27, next meeting April 10.
Chairmen of all Faculty & Senate
committees should report by the
end of Mar. Will be considered
shortly to schedule report on
future agenda.
Election in April.

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Student Dep.
Com to accept

To: Members of Faculty Senate

March 6, 1967

From: James J. Rhatigan, Chairman, Public Occasions Committee

Subject: Convocation Schedule

The Public Occasions Committee has been asked to provide a number of alternatives to the current method of scheduling convocations. It is hoped that members of the Senate can in some manner poll their constituents, so that the Committee will be able to proceed in keeping with faculty thinking on this matter. The following suggestions are offered, please review them with your colleagues:

- (1) Status quo. Abbreviate each class by ten minutes on day of convocation.
- (2) Eliminate convocation concept altogether. *and use only
of noteb cards.*
- (3) Hold convocations in the evening only.
- (4) Schedule convocations at regular class hour (e.g. 9:30-10:20) and dismiss all classes for that hour. Rotate the hour and the day of week so that no class will be affected more than once.
- (5) Schedule convocations without affecting the class schedule at all, i.e. hold the convocations for those who do not have class at that hour or let those who wish to cut class do so.

The second part of the Committee's need for information deals with the nature of the convocations, assuming that we are to continue at all. Should the Committee be considering the possibility of expanding programs (perhaps tied to Forum Board offerings) or a restriction of programs (less than five or six a year)? This will depend of course on the type of program but for the moment we are concerned about some kind of ceiling regardless of the content (e.g. monthly, bi-monthly, etc.).

*Eliminate these. Open student
these. Open
ceremonial
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elsewhere*

Two convocations are definitely tied to traditional holidays (Christmas and Easter). Does the Senate wish to maintain - specifically - these two convocations, that is, should the Public Occasions Committee plan to request programs which bear directly on these two holidays? From the best evidence available these have been held since the Public Occasions Committee was established. Two other convocations are beginning to assume "traditional" posture - Honors and the Select-A-Lecture portion of Egghead Week. Should these two be allowed automatically when dates are set aside early in the year? This is not an exhaustive list of questions but may stimulate thinking on the part of interested faculty, so that the Committee may be given some guidelines for future planning.

It is hoped that the Chairman will be able to gain some consensus from the Senate at its next scheduled meeting, or as soon thereafter as is convenient.

UNIVERSITY SENATE
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 1967

Time: 3:30 P.M., Monday, March 13, 1967
Place: East Ballroom, Campus Activities Center
Presiding: Mr. Cowgill

As recorded on the attendance sheet, those present were: Miss Burgess, Messrs. Armstrong, Bubieniec, Cowgill, Cress, Cutler, Dent, Dralle, Dunn, Genova, Graham, Hanson, Herman, Jakowatz, Kenyon, Killian, Miller, Mood, Nicholson, Nickel, Paulson, Reif, Savaiano, Snyder, Spomer, Taggart, Terflinger, Terwilliger. Not present were: Miss Boardman, Miss Sherman, Messrs. Berg, Breazeale, Ceasar, Chrisman, Comstock, Duerksen, Fullerton, Harder, Jabara, Johnson, Lindquist, Missal, Powell, Richardson, Sowards, Voth, Woodard.

- I. Mr. Cowgill called the meeting to order, and on motion of Mr. Miller, the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 1967, were approved as circulated.
- II. Mr. Terflinger, substituting for Mr. Harder, stated that the Committee on Committees would delay its report on the membership of the Committee on Faculty-Staff Appeal Court until the next meeting.
- III. Mr. Rhatigan, Chairman of the Public Occasions Committee, came forward to obtain the Senate's reaction to the following alternatives for scheduling convocations (these had been sent to members on March 6, 1967):
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 2. Eliminate convocation concept altogether.
 3. Hold convocations in the evening only.
 4. Schedule convocations at regular class hour (e.g., 9:30 - 10:30) and dismiss all classes for that hour. Rotate the hour and the day of week so that no class will be affected more than once.
 5. Schedule convocations without affecting the class schedule at all, i.e., hold the convocations for those who do not have class at that hour or let those who wish to cut class do so.

Representatives of the Departments of English, Mathematics and Political Science and of the College of Business Administration reported that their respective faculties favored alternative #4.

Mr. Kenyon moved and Mr. Savaiano seconded that the Senate endorse alternative #4. The motion passed unanimously.

Attention was then directed to the question whether or not the traditional convocations at Christmas and Easter should be continued. Various opinions were expressed. Mr. Genova made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kenyon, that the Public Occasions Committee not be obligated to schedule a convocation in connection with the observance of a religious or any other holiday but that each convocation be considered on its own merit. The motion passed by a majority vote.

Mr. Herman raised the question of the future of convocations. He expressed the opinion that a strong, well-financed convocation program would be of significant enrichment to the University. He suggested that the committee responsible for convocations be representative of the University. Mr. Rhatigan replied that the Public Occasions Committee is representative of the University but as it is not funded, it must work with the Forum Board which has a budget of \$9,000. Mr. Cowgill added that financial support for a stronger convocation program is dependent upon the President's Office.

IV. Mr. Cowgill next introduced Mr. Robert Shields, President of the Student Government Association. Mr. Shields presented a comprehensive report on the organization and activities of the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA has been active in programs attempting to increase student participation in extra-curricular activities and to improve the image of the University. Additionally, attention has been given such problems as the ticket policy for athletic events, student discount cards, facilities for invalid students, a more equitable system for financing student programs and the student health plan. Mr. Shields concluded by saying that the SGA has shed the shackles of a limited-role philosophy and is showing that the role of the SGA is what the organization makes it. Mr. Cowgill thanked Mr. Shields for his impressive and informative presentation and the members of the Senate showed their appreciation by applauding.

V. Mr. Cowgill made the following announcements:

- A. No meeting will be held on March 27, 1967, unless a special meeting is deemed necessary.
- B. Chairmen of all committees of the Senate will be expected to report before the close of the academic year.
- C. Arrangements are being made for the Senate election which is to be held in April.

The University Senate meeting of March 13, 1967, was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Donald O. Cowgill, Chairman
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Date Approved _____

E. J. Bubieniec, Secretary