

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, UNIVERSITY SENATE  
MARCH 21, 1966

The University Senate met in special session at 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 21, 1966, in the Student Center Theatre. Dr. Diachun, Vice Chairman of the Senate Council, presided. Fifty-one members were present. The record of individuals in attendance is made a part of the original minutes in the Secretary's office.

The Chairman presented a request from Mr. Browning, a KERNEL representative, to be permitted to sit in the meeting and report its proceedings. The Senate approved the request and Mr. Browning was invited into the meeting.

The minutes of the special meeting of March 7, 1966 were approved.

Dr. Stuart Forth, Director of the University Libraries, presented problems with which it is faced and plans for the libraries over the next five years. He stated that the problems which we now face are those common to practically all libraries, namely, the growth of colleges, enrollment and faculty, obtainment of staff, and the rising costs of books and journals. With reference to the latter two problems he stated that the publication explosion has caused an enormous increase in all types of libraries which are, together with the federal libraries, draining librarians away from the academic world at a rapid rate, making recruitment extremely difficult; that at this institution emphasis has been placed on books rather than people, hence, we have not attained the aggregate ratio experience of \$1.86 for staff for each \$1.00 spent for books, and that in 1965 our ratio was \$1.60 for personnel for each book dollar; that this is why books have had to be placed in boxes and stored away without having been recorded; that our staff is now spread over 14 different libraries, of which some are one-person operations, some serving by courtesy, and some without an undergraduate degree. In touching on the costs of publications, he stated that in the 1957-59 period the cost of living rose 8.9 per cent while books increased in price about 34 per cent, periodicals and journals 41.3 per cent, and various indexing services, 47.7 per cent; that in terms of books to be purchased within our budget, \$100 bought 24.2 books in 1953, ten years later, 15.3 books, and last year, 14.3 books; that as programs expand, faculties grow, and enrollment increases, money buys less and less of the books needed to learn, teach, and do research. He touched briefly on the growth of collections; that they double in size every 12 to 15 years depending on the growth rate; that the University now has over one million volumes which means that in approximately 15 years we might have two million books with the attendant problem of where to put them; that at present there are approximately 75,000 scientific and technical journals being published of which 25,000 are desirable for acquirement; that since 1958 titles published annually in the United States have doubled; and that it is estimated 2,000 pages per minute are published in the world.

On the positive side, Dr. Forth stated that in the past two years the Library budget has grown, the book budgets have had some healthy boosts, and the coming year will show a 20 per cent increase in the Libraries' budget which he hoped was a harbinger of things to come. He pointed out that the University cannot offer quality programs in all fields, if they are book-related, unless it has the books to service these fields, and that the faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees will have to decide which comes first. He indicated that very little grant money has trickled into the library, that this is a source of funds which should be thoroughly investigated, and that the administration is aware and he sensed strong support ahead for the library and its goals.

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Among actions which have been taken and projects which the Library will continue to pursue are

the internal reorganization of the Library (Dr. Forth will be glad to discuss with individual members of the faculty the results of the library survey made last fall and which he is using as a guide.)

the appointment of Mr. Harold Gordon as Associate Director. Mr. Gordon has been strongly involved in the building of a number of library buildings and will be of inestimable help in the formulation of plans for the new library building.

the appointment of Mr. William Gardner, the Agriculture librarian, as assistant librarian for technical processes, effective May 1st

the appointment of Miss Carolyn Hammer, former head of Acquisitions, as a full-time bibliographer

continued search for a library systems person

In this connection he stated that it is possible to receive a series of publications equipped with multiple-powered forms which will facilitate almost immediate placement of the publications on the shelves; that it will be possible to receive a given shipment of books, together with tape, which, when fed into a computer, will print out cards containing all cataloguing data; and that these services offer a major break-through in terms of time from the bookseller to the book-user.

continued search for seven administrative aides for which approval has been given

In reporting on building plans he stated that initial thinking had been in terms of an undergraduate library; that this was unrealistic for the University in its present situation, but that undergraduate students must be provided with better service than is now available to them. He stated that it is hoped the new building plans provide for better study spaces for undergraduates, a series of faculty studies which can be locked so that equipment may be left in them, and seminar rooms in which the faculty can meet with students and have at hand the books needed; that the new building which has not yet been programmed, must be related to the present library; that the library staff has been assured of top-notch architectural talent, and a building consultant has been hired; that it is hoped to move toward large divisional libraries, e.g., bio-medical, in order to reduce duplication and provide better service in terms of hours and quality of service personnel; to place a divisional fine arts library in the new building; and to relocate some of the present library departments in order to provide better general library administration.

Dr. Forth stated that the librarian must have communication with and support and respect of the faculty and administration, without alienating either, in order to build the kind of library needed for the students who will come in the future; that if he does not know what the faculty needs,

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thinks, and its problems, he cannot help them. He strongly urged the faculty to come to his office and talk with him. He stated that a stop at the Circulation Desk with request to be escorted to his office would facilitate finding him without difficulty.

The Vice Chairman thanked Dr. Forth for his report and the Senate was invited to ask questions, offer suggestions, engage in dispute, or challenge any part of the report.

Dr. Plucknett recommended adoption of the recommendation to change the membership of the Honors Committee. He stated that the recommended change, which was circulated to the entire faculty under date of March 4, 1966, has the approval of the University Senate Council.

The University Senate Rules Committee recommends adoption of the following amendment to the rules as recorded in the minutes of the University Faculty for July 13, 1959:

"The University Senate Honors Committee shall consist of eight members appointed by the President of the University after consultation with the Senate Council, two from each of the four major areas of interest: Biological and Medical Sciences, Humanities and the Arts, Physical and Engineering Sciences, and Social Sciences."

This paragraph shall take the place of that portion of the minutes cited above which reads, ". . . consisting of ten members representing the four divisions of the Arts and Sciences College and the following six undergraduate colleges: Agriculture and Home Economics, Education, Nursing, Commerce, Pharmacy, and Engineering", and that portion which reads ". . . include the Director of the Honors Program as an ex officio member and two at-large members selected without regard to their association with any college and department."

The Senate approved the recommendation as presented.

Dr. Zyzniewski suggested that before the April meeting, the Senate give some thought to Kentucky's acceptance of the NCAA ruling of the 1.6 standing; that to his knowledge, neither the Senate nor the Senate Council has been consulted on what appears to be Kentucky's acceptance of this ruling; that apparently an athletic organization has subscribed to this rule in the name of Kentucky, thus pre-empting the policy that is supposed to belong to the University faculty.

The Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Elbert W. Ockerman  
Secretary