

May

FACULTY MINUTES
OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

May 15, 1974

The May faculty meeting was held in the University Union. A served dinner was held at six o'clock, p.m. President Armacost called on Charles Anderson, who gave a prayer of thanks before the meal. All members were present except for the following: Bill Ballinger, Stephen Biddle, Bill Boucek, Cliff Burke, Laurel Diaz, Ruth Hummel, Bill Kloster, Alice Joy Lewis, Ed Morrissey, Jack Patty, Lora Reiter, Barbara Richards, Marion Rioth, Dale Watts, Bence Williams, and Connie Zook.

President Armacost called the business meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. He called for action on the minutes of April 17, 1974. Keith Shumway submitted a suggested rewrite of the minutes on page 4, designed to clarify several points concerning the report which he had made on behalf of the Task Force on the Off Campus Center. The revisions are as follows:

An administrative and communications center will be established in the future, although no classroom or instructional space is considered essential. The center is being described as Ottawa University's "College Without Campus" and public relations materials are now being developed, he said.

Mr. Shumway reported that the Task Force is working on four functions of the Center, as follows:

- a) design of an external degree program and continuing education opportunities for adults by means of Ottawa University's educational planning services.
- b) educational programs and classes for groups, firms, agencies, etc., which might have built-in educational needs, e.g., the Serviceman's Opportunity College.
- c) a workshop/training capability for assisting advisor-teachers who will work with non-traditional students.
- d) consulting services and instructional assistance based upon our planning model for groups who can identify needs that Ottawa can meet; a program is presently in operation through the Kansas Baptist Convention to assist in professional development for Kansas Baptist pastors as a pilot stage of a project for the whole convention; O.U. has also contracted for planning and staffing a continuing education conference at Green Lake.

Elmer Roth then moved, Carl Bobbish seconding, that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried.

The President then called for announcements, and the following were made:

- 1) Bill Myers announced that the Black Studies Committee has purchased copies of the book Confessions of a White Racist, by Larry King, which will be distributed to departmental chairmen for use. He asked that all faculty read this book.
- 2) Mike Fowler announced that he will be on sabbatical leave during the coming year. He plans to use his time for a combined study in psychology and art.
- 3) Harold Germer made two announcements, as follows:
 - a) Shirley M. Swayne will be coming to the faculty next fall as a member of the Department of Art.
 - b) He said that the schedule of student UPS attendance is complete except for the twelfth event, and reports will be sent to advisors soon. He urged advisors to confer with their advisees soon, especially with those who are seniors. In response to a question from Mike Sancho, Dean Germer affirmed that students will not be allowed to walk in graduation ceremonies without having completed their requirements.
- 4) Carl Bobbish announced a number of UPS special events already arranged for next year, as follows: Dick Gregory, the Center Stage Acting Company (half week residence), Jack Thomas as Mark Twain, Dizzy Gillespie and Clark Terry and the Newport Jazz Festival (half-week residence), and a Suzuki Talent Education Concert and workshop.
- 5) Annabelle Pence said that there are forty seniors whose comprehensive grades have not yet been recorded, and asked that senior comprehensive grades be submitted ahead of other grades. She also asked that faculty turn in grades for "Incomplete" and "Extra Time" courses of seniors. All senior grades are due on Monday, May 27, with others due Friday, May 31. Class lists will be sent out on Friday, May 17, she said.

President Armacost then called for reports, and the following were forthcoming:

- 1) Jim Billick reported on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee. He distributed a handout containing a motion concerning "evaluation by students of faculty teaching." The motion is being made for action at a faculty meeting at the beginning of the fall term, he explained. He said that the source of the motion was the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Senate. They asked for faculty members to assist with work on this project, and Leonard Meyers, Jim Billick, and Tom Maher were appointed to do so. This committee produced a document which was sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee and has now been approved by that committee and the Academic Council.

David Kroll, Don Davis, Bruce Underwood are the students who helped produce the document in question, he said. The Student Instructional Report, which is mentioned in the motion is available for faculty viewing in the office of Tom Maher, he said. Also, faculty members may contact any of the individuals mentioned above for discussion of the proposal.

Ronnie Averyt asked who assigned the faculty members, and it was stated that the students had requested Meyers and Billick and that the Dean of the College had appointed them. Dr. Averyt asked whether all courses would be evaluated under the proposal and the answer was "yes." Dr. Averyt then complimented the Faculty Affairs Committee for dealing with this "important issue" with such alacrity, and expressed the hope that they would move in similar fashion on the questions of faculty load and tenure. (See attached a copy of the recommendation.)

- 2) George Chaney reported on behalf of the Faculty Athletic Committee. He distributed a handout containing a report from the committee to the faculty, and commented on it. He made special reference to the item on women's sports, saying that part of what is reported is what the conference recommends and not all of it has been considered by the committee. There has been an attempt to find out what the students' interests are, he said. Some discussion followed on this item. Mike Fowler, speaking as the husband of a member of the National Organization for Women, complimented the committee for its work on women's sports, but suggested that it has not gone far enough, into the concept of "persons' sports." Further discussion ensued. Dr. Armacost said that there are certain issues to be faced here, such as the interpretations of conference regulations and also that of women's rights.

Dr. Averyt asked a question concerning item I(b) of the report (the December 20 basketball game), whether students will be in or out of classes. Dr. Chaney said that students are obligated to be in classes. In reference to the item of women's sports, Dr. Averyt asked whether the conference presidents make all decisions. The answer was given that the conference board of directors (faculty member representatives) does a lot of acting, but that the presidents have the power of final decision. Dr. Averyt noted that a lot of added expense will be involved in connection with women's sports events, and wondered what the total impact will be upon our educational program, since a number of departments are already experiencing retrenchment. President Armacost added that we must respond to needs on our own campus, rather than being dictated to by the conference. Neil Harris asked about equitable expenditures of funds in the sports budget relative to men's and women's sports. The President responded that we wish to be equitable in this area. (See appended report.)

After this discussion, President Armacost asked for items of old business, but none were introduced.

Dean Germer then distributed handouts which had been prepared by the registrar containing the names of degree candidates for graduation on June 2, 1974. He said that the Committee on Academic Review had acted just this morning to add one name which is not present on the printed list. Explanation for the lateness of this action was that the student's contract had not been finalized earlier. Wayne Angell asked that the Academic Council investigate the issue of finalization of student contracts. Dean Germer, on behalf of the Committee of Academic Review, moved as follows: "the following students are presented for your approval to become recipients of an Ottawa University degree on June 2, 1974, provided graduation requirements have been completed prior to that date." (See list of candidates appended). There are a total of one hundred thirty-seven candidates. In response to a question from Stanley DeFries about the single candidate for the degree of B.S., President Armacost said that this candidate is one who was in a program of studies prior to the faculty action taken to do away with this degree. The motion carried, no dissents being heard.

The President then presented candidates for honorary degrees, as follows:

- 1) Gene E. Bartlett, to be speaker at the baccalaureate service. The Rev. Dr. Gene E. Bartlett is minister of First Baptist Church, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, and the immediate past President of the American Baptist Churches. A graduate of Denison University and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, he has served pastorates in New York, Missouri, Illinois, and California. A renowned speaker, Dr. Bartlett has lectured or taught in such divinity schools as Garrett, Vanderbilt, Andover Newton, Yale, and Southern California School of Theology. Dr. Bartlett served Colgate Rochester as President from 1960 to 1970, and during that period gave leadership to the establishment of the ecumenical Rochester Center for Theological Studies. Pastor, educator, and author, Dr. Bartlett also has provided significant community leadership.

Dean Germer moved, Carl Bobbish seconding, that Gene E. Bartlett be approved to receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.). The motion carried.

- 2) Virginia B. Smith, to be speaker at the commencement service. Dr. Smith, nationally respected educator, economist, and lawyer, is currently Director of the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. Before coming to the Fund, she served as Associate Director of the Carnegie Commission of Higher Education, and earlier held both faculty and administrative posts at the University of California at Berkeley and Seattle Pacific College. Dr. Smith holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees in labor economics from the University of Washington in Seattle, the J.D. degree from the School of Law, University of Washington, and did post-graduate study in economics and law at Columbia University. She is a member of the Washington and California State Bar Associations.

Dear Germer then moved, Fred Zook seconding, that Virginia B. Smith be approved to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.). The motion carried.

- 3) Edna Mowbray, graduate of Ottawa University in 1916. Mrs. Mowbray is noted as a leading citizen in the community of Pratt, Kansas, and for her activities on behalf of the church, as follows: she has been a state director of Christian Education in Kansas (1923-), a national vice president and life service secretary of the BYPU in Chicago, where she helped to pioneer a plan for organizing youth groups (1920's). In 1964 she received from Ottawa University a Distinguished Service Award for Christian Leadership. She has been an active church laywoman, both locally and nationally.

Dean Germer then moved, Evelyn Kinney seconding, that Edna Mowbray be approved to receive the degree of Doctor of Human Letters (L.H.D.). The motion carried.

The President then expressed the regret of the faculty that some members would be leaving at the end of this year and expressed best wishes for their future. The Faculty Affairs Committee had asked certain faculty members to present formal recognition gifts to these ones who were leaving. Gifts were presented as follows: Mercile Lee to Donald Nease, who is leaving to become a school principal at Hillsboro, Kansas; Evelyn Kinney to Gary Collins, who is leaving to become a member of the Physical Education Department at Graceland College; and Helen Winter to Janet Eichner, who is leaving to teach in the public school at Williamsburg, Kansas

President Armacost had earlier in the meeting acknowledged the presence at the meeting of faculty members-*emerti*, as follows: Andrew Martin, former president; B. Smith Haworth, former professor of history and dean of men; Roy Browning, former professor of education and placement; and Robert Bundy, former business manager. They were greeted with a round of applause. At the close of the meeting, Dr. Martin expressed his appreciation at being here, and his amazement at how little faculty meetings change. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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