

A few meetings ago this body approved candidates for honorary degrees. We have recently received a request from one of those degree recipients that the honorary degree bear the particular name, the maiden name and pen name, under which all of the work for which that recipient is being honored, was done. The Senate Council, on your behalf, and the Board of Trustees, have concurred in this change so that subsequent publicity and the actual degree, when awarded, will be under a slightly different name.

I would also like to report to you that the Academic Ombudsman's Search Committee has completed its work and has reported its recommendations to the President. He informs me that there will be appropriate announcements forthcoming shortly.

I noted in our recommendations and comments last time that all of the items contained in the Lowitt Report had been submitted to the President and that these had been, in large measure, accepted. I would report to you now that these have been codified in the Administrative Regulations. That codification was done by Dr. Paul Sears, reviewed by me, and accepted and approved by the President. These are now part of the Administrative Regulations effective July 1, 1974 and will be circulated to all appropriate people shortly.

At the last Senate meeting, in the course of discussion on the Krislov Report, considerable attention and debate were called to the possibility of separating the granting of tenure and promotion. At that time I indicated to you that if the material then on the floor was withdrawn, I would place the subject on the agenda for the next Council meeting. That was done, the Council considered the matter, and decided that since there was considerable interest in the area, it deserved appropriate detailed study, as Vice President Cochran had suggested it received. As a result of that, and with no suitable standing committee to deal with this subject existing, the Senate Council has appointed an ad hoc Committee to study the separation of promotion and tenure. The Committee will be chaired by Professor Dallas High and will consist of Vice President Cochran, Professors Goldman, Gesund, Rudnick, Krislov, and Yanarella. That Committee has been charged to begin its deliberations now, finish them early in the fall, and, hopefully, report to the Senate in time for action in October or November. Practically, that means that we may get done with it next year.

The elections of senators for the coming year have been completed by the student body and by the faculty. The President and the Senate Council office have been notified of these elections and if anybody is interested in which people were elected, vote counts, or other information, it is available in the Senate Council office.

I have taken the opportunity of reporting the activities of the Senate Council to you at each of these meetings. Since it has only been two weeks since the last Senate meeting, there has been relatively little activity, at least in terms of reportable material. Most of the activity has consisted of getting all of the items on the agenda, out to you. We also had a meeting with President Singletary in which he reviewed a number of items with us, one of which you may be interested in. The Governing Regulations and the Administrative Regulations require that faculties of colleges, community colleges, schools, departments, et cetera, be organized and have an appropriate

committee structure and that these bodies have provision for appropriate student input. The President has issued a memorandum to all Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors, and Department Chairmen, and others having authority over educational units, both in the University and the Community College Systems, requesting that they provide to his office and also to the appropriate repositories designated in the Governing Regulations, the Rules of the University Senate, and the Administrative Regulations, copies of their rules and their committee structure, no later than November 15, 1974. Those rules and structures will be reviewed by the President's Office and filed appropriately. In the rare event that some are found to be inconsistent or to have problems, then appropriate efforts will be taken. For those groups which do not have rules or structures, we have lists available of those bodies throughout the campus which do have appropriate rules, procedures, committee structures, et cetera, and you can consult them if you wish.

Finally, and essentially sort of a personal plea -- as a matter of taste, public relations, and perhaps Stan Smith's concession to traditional academe -- I would call your attention to the fact that graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 1974 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the Coliseum. We will be graduating several thousand students. Many of them will have parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, come to graduation. We will also, of course, be granting honorary degrees and recognizing other award recipients. Most of us don't go to graduation any more. After one has put on that hot bathrobe and hung the stuff around his or her neck and drug oneself out at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday for ten, or fifteen, or thirty years in a row, it gets a little grim. This is simply a plea that if you are not really hung up, why don't you try and come anyhow. There are very few shows that the academicians put on for the public. As a matter of fact, this is virtually the only show that the academicians put on for the public. The football team, the basketball team, everybody else puts on shows and sells the University to the public. This is the one place where we, the faculty, can sell the academic side of this institution. It has been embarrassing that an institution with some 1,500 faculty members has a straggly 100 or 150 in the academic procession which is written up in about five pages of the program describing us and our garb. Suffice to say, your attendance and participation in this one event for two hours out of the year, will be appreciated, particularly by the parents and graduates.

The Chairman stated that the first item on the agenda is a Rules change which was placed there so that it would be operative for the 1974 Spring Semester final examination week. He then called on Ms. Constance P. Wilson, Secretary of the Senate Council, who moved, on behalf of the standing Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards, and the Senate Council, that the Rules of the University Senate, Section V-9, 2.46 Final Examinations, be amended, effective immediately (not to be retroactive), as follows (This recommendation was circulated to the faculty under date of April 17, 1974.):

If a final examination is to be given, it will be administered during the examination period as scheduled by the Registrar for the semesters of the regular school year. These examination periods will utilize the last six days of each semester, and will be preceded by a study day or weekend on which no classes or examinations will be scheduled.