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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Dr. L. A. Holmes who was excused.

The President reported that at that time 802 civilian students had registered. He also reported that the Navy enrollment for March 1 would probably be between 125 and 140. Probably no new Navy students will be registered. (Note: present civilian enrollment 804.)

The President next discussed the external and internal development of Illinois State Normal University. The history of the development of a public relations program, with special reference to publicity procedures and materials, was traced by the President who commented that although considerable had been done along such lines, it would be necessary to do even more to keep pace with such activities of other colleges and universities. Mention was made of a more intensive county contact program, the visitation of an increasingly larger number of high schools (special invitation and college days) by Dr. L. A. Holmes, Dr. De Wees, Mrs. Hall and others, the probable publication of a pictorial bulletin, and the display of a prepared exhibit of materials at division meetings of the Illinois Education Association and similar meetings. Attention was called to the exhibit now located in the windows of the Illinois Power Company in Bloomington. He pointed out that from a publicity and public relations point of view the University had done much more in the last eleven years than has been done with reference to the internal development.

He suggested that more should be done with reference to developing a professional point of view in our students during their four-year stay on the campus, that consideration should be given to developing such a point of view through the general assemblies, that the organization of a chapter of Future Teachers of America should be considered, and that the improvement of instruction should not be overlooked either by administrative officers or through departmental organization. The President indicated that a meeting of heads of departments would be called in the near future, at which time further consideration would be given to this matter.

President Fairchild called attention to a very recent blue print of the campus including proposed postwar building plans and reported that a cut of these plans will probably be available for use in the summer session bulletin and the general catalog.

The President called attention to the meeting of heads of departments to be held on February 7 at 4:00 p. m. in M-104 to consider the changes that will need to be made with reference to special methods courses.

The next item presented for consideration was a suggested calendar beginning with the intersession of 1945 and continuing through the summer of 1946. The President asked heads of departments whether they felt it more desirable to present the calendar to faculty members for consideration at a regular faculty meeting or whether it might be considered through departmental meetings. It was agreed that it might well be considered and voted upon at departmental meetings. The portion of the calendar concerning which there was considerable discussion was the summer of 1946 in that it was agreed that there were advantages to the intersession plan and other advantages for the postsession plan. It was finally agreed that departmental action should be obtained on the calendar through the second semester of 1945-1946, that heads of departments secure reactions as to whether a tentative plan for the summer of 1946 be printed or whether merely a statement concerning an opening date of some form of summer session would be sufficient, and that if it is advisable to print a tentative plan, which of the alternate plans would be more desirable. It

was agreed that the matter should be studied, that reactions should be secured from those attending the summer sessions of 1945, and that published dates for the summer sessions of 1946 be left subject to change. The President asked that the votes by departments on the suggested calendar through the second semester of next year and the reactions concerning the other items reach his office before the next regular faculty meeting on Tuesday, February 13.

Dean De Young announced that because of the number enrolled in Typewriting 116, four additional typewriters are needed and asked that any faculty members having University typewriters in their offices who might be able to spare them for this semester should notify him. The Dean also requested for the Business Office that department heads announce to their staff members the importance of conserving electricity at all times and that special care be taken with reference to the use of lights in the Auditorium. The Dean asked that department heads have their proposed offerings for the Navy semester beginning March 1 in his office not later than Friday, February 9.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman, Secretary