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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Mr. Goodier, who was excused.

The President indicated that the meeting would be a report of plans, for the most part. The matters discussed were as follows:

1. The President will be in Springfield on Wednesday, April 4, to see what may be done concerning the including of the special education building in the post-war planning program for this biennium. He will also take up certain matters with Springfield authorities with reference to a teacher's salary schedule at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School. It will probably be necessary for him to be in Springfield once a week for some time. The President has found that teacher education in general and Illinois State Normal University in particular have many friends at Springfield. This is especially true of the four legislators from this district who are very interested and keep us informed.
2. The next meeting of the Teachers College Board will be held on Monday, April 9, at Springfield, at which time consideration will probably be given to (a) increases in salaries, (b) eating facilities, and (c) houses for teachers college presidents. Enough has been provided in the budget for certain increases in salaries to meet, in part at least, the higher cost of living. It is hoped that some adjustments in salaries that should be made can be made for the next biennium, but just what form adjustments or increases will take has not been definitely determined. With reference to the eating situation, it now seems imperative that Illinois State Normal University go into the eating business, at least by next fall and possibly in the summer session. Three of the teachers college presidents now seem to have difficulty in finding places to live, and a fourth one may be faced with that problem. The president at Charleston owns his own home.
3. In the very near future it will be necessary for certain members of the faculty to go to Chicago for an all-day meeting with Mr. Booton of the State Architect's Office at which time definite plans will be made for the new Auditorium-Music-Speech-Administration building. We are fortunate in that Mr. Booton will personally have charge of the planning of this building at a time when it is being found necessary that some of the other projects will be farmed out to other architects. The status of the special education building is still uncertain, as indicated in item 1.
4. A folder concerning the summer session has been printed and is ready for distribution. Another one to be sent to high school graduates and a pictorial bulletin to be used in interesting young people in teacher education are being prepared and will be available at a later date. Folders and the bulletin were prepared in the Publicity Office. Posters to be sent to high school principals are now ready for distribution and were prepared by Mr. Ensign and Mr. L. A. Holmes. The summer session bulletin came off the press February 28 and copies of the new general catalog should be available by the end of the week. Appreciation was expressed for the cooperation given by heads of departments and others concerned with reference to material for these bulletins. A bulletin on Workshops is in the process of preparation and will be available at a later date. (A supply of the general catalogs was delivered to the University Thursday morning, April 5.)
5. Plans are under way for the establishment of a health center at Illinois State Normal University this summer. The federal government is providing scholarships to from sixty to seventy-five students who may be selected by city and county super-

intendents and other authorities to take work with us in the health center. The scholarships pay for room, board, and all school fees. This will probably be the only such center in the state this summer. Students may earn six semester hours of credit in this program and may take three additional hours if they wish. It is required that they eat and live together and it has been found that facilities are available at Illinois Wesleyan University where the students will be housed in three halls and will receive their morning and evening meals at Kemp Hall. Illinois State Normal University will provide transportation to and from the Wesleyan halls. Affiliations of this type will mean a great deal in developing a form of teacher education on this campus not found in many places. The federal government will send Dr. Ruth Sumner of the United States Department of Public Health, who will be here for the full time, and fifteen to twenty others who may be here for shorter periods of time.

6. The State department in charge of the mental hospitals in Illinois has asked that Illinois State Normal University consider an affiliation in which advanced students may work in State mental hospitals for a three-month period to receive credit for such work. This possible affiliation will be given further consideration on Monday, May 7, when Dr. Phyllis Whitman, State psychologist, who would have charge of such practicum programs, will meet with the President and members of our Psychology staff.

7. Affiliations with at least one and possibly more local hospitals will help us in our program of special education and the possible future program of the preparation of school nurses.

8. Reports of the Illinois Post-War Planning Commission and the Commission to Survey Higher Educational Facilities in Illinois are now available for reference and may be checked out for a limited time from Mrs. King in the President's office. It is preferred that they not be taken out for more than overnight so that others may have access to them.

9. The next meeting of the heads of departments with the Administrative Council will be held on Monday, April 23, from 4:00 to 5:30 p. m. in M-104. At this meeting further consideration will be given to the improvement of instruction.

10. Dr. Bartlett of the Veterans Administration at Hines, Illinois, was on the campus Monday, April 2, to look over our facilities for setting up a testing program for veterans. Such a testing service will probably be started July 1 in the building now being used as the infirmary by the Navy. The building will be retained for use as an infirmary but offices for the testing service will be maintained there on the first floor. The federal government will have three people on the staff here and will be assisted by members of our Psychology staff.

There will be no regular May meeting of the University Senate. If it is found necessary to have a special meeting, it will be subject to call.

Mr. Larson reported that we have been asked to assist in establishing norms for a great many courses for which examinations will be conducted by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. This request has come from Mr. Tyler of the University of Chicago who has charge of this service. Mr. Larson will talk with heads of departments about what tests can be given in the various subject-matter fields.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Bronneman, Secretary