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SENATE MEETING
May 6, 1947

The meeting was called to order with all members present except Mr. Browne, Dean De Young, and Dr. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Orr announced that a state meeting of Directors of Extension Services will be held on this campus on Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17. He indicated that members of the faculty might be interested in some of these meetings.

President Fairchild called attention to one item which had been mentioned at two previous meetings concerning which no action had been taken. This item concerns a possible policy regarding cuts or absences before or after vacation periods. The President reported that in a study his secretary had made of twenty catalogs of the best known teachers colleges, it was found that only two schools print any such regulations in their catalogs involving any penalties for absences before or after vacations. Dr. Houston moved that Illinois State Normal University adopt a policy that each unexcused absence immediately preceding a vacation carry a negative hour of credit for each course missed and except where students were excused by the Dean of the University, the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women, or the University Physician. Mr. F. L. D. Holmes seconded the motion, and after considerable discussion it lost. President Fairchild suggested that the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women, and the Dean of the University as chairman study the situation early next fall to see if anything further should be done. A question was raised as to how the administration would react to a possible student petition to make up the two days preceding Christmas vacation through Saturday classes. It was indicated that there might be as much absence on such Saturdays because of employment. It was also indicated that some faculty members already have Saturday classes, and that it might be difficult to make such an arrangement.

The Faculty Forum scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, has been changed to Wednesday, May 14, since it will be impossible for Mr. Browne to participate on the seventh because of the death of Mrs. Browne's father.

President Fairchild asked for a reaction concerning the restoration of the President's reception for seniors which had been discontinued during the war due to Fell Hall being in use by the Navy. The President suggested that there might be an outdoor tea following Baccalaureate and Mr. Hoover suggested there might be an evening formal affair preceding commencement by a week or so. It seemed to be the general agreement that it would be well to try an outdoor tea after Baccalaureate.

The President reported that consideration is being given to installing lights on the athletic field. The Municipal Baseball League is willing to finance the installation for the use of the lights. Time did not permit getting the reaction of the Senate at this meeting as to the administrative desirability of night athletic events at I. S. N. U.

President Fairchild reported that the general catalogs and summer session bulletins are now off the press. A new graduate bulletin will be printed this summer. Summer session preliminary folders are now going out and the preliminary folders for high school graduates will be available soon.

The sum of \$250.00 has been given to the University by the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers to be awarded to some student to be selected locally from the Division of Special Education. This award was made possible through the generosity of Dr. MacFarland, one of the speakers at the Peoria meeting April 26, 1947, who wanted his refunded fee to be used for some worthy educational cause.

The meeting of the State Board for Vocational Agriculture has been called for 1:00 p. m. Wednesday, May 14. The President and others from the campus will be present at the meeting to present claims for the Division of Agriculture Education of the University to be included in the new Five-Year Plan for Vocational Education in Illinois.

Senate Bill No. 366 has now been introduced. The bill provides for \$2,534,199 from the general revenue fund. This amount, slightly in excess of the original request, is aside from the income fund.

Of our original \$3,115,171 of the state Post War Buildings Bill of two years ago, a new Bill has been prepared reappropriating what has not been used for the acquisition of land, architects' fees, etc., distributed, so far as Illinois State Normal University is concerned, as follows: Special Education Building, \$1,970,000; Administration Building, \$645,567; enlargement of the mechanical and electrical system, \$205,000; and for the completion of the acquisition of land now under consideration, \$66,623.

The last of the meeting was given over to Mr. Larsen, who distributed materials and discussed the program for the first semester of next year.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman
Secretary