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The meeting was called to order with all members present except Miss Knudson and Dean Schroeder who were excused. Mr. Peithman attended in the place of Miss Knudson

President Fairchild called attention to the sudden death of President Adams. The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, at the First Methodist Church of DeKalb. At least one car load, and possibly two, will attend the funeral. Any members of the Senate wishing to go were asked to see the President after the meeting. Dean R. N. Zulauf has been appointed acting President.

The President raised a question concerning suggestions or recommendations with reference to the determining or approving of second teaching fields. Mr. Mills suggested that the Head of the First Teaching Field notify the Head of the Second Teaching Field as soon as it is chosen so as to make it possible for that Head to approve or disapprove the choice. Mr. Horton suggested that the matter is one which needs study before action is taken, and moved that it be referred for study to a committee of three appointed by the President, and that a report be made to the Senate at its next meeting. Miss French seconded the motion, and it was carried. (President Fairchild has appointed Mr. Hoover, Dean De Young, and Miss Whitten, chairman.)

Copies of the tentative calendar for 1949-50 was presented. President Fairchild explained that it was comparable to the calendar of this year except that the Christmas Vacation would begin and end in the middle of the week rather than to include three weekends. He also pointed out that one day of registration for the summer session might not be enough, but that he did not believe we could afford to take two days out of the forty days for registration purposes. He believed that faculty members would prefer to work through a long registration day rather than to begin it on the previous Saturday. Mr. F. L. D. Holmes moved that the Senate recommend to the faculty the adoption of the proposed calendar. The motion was seconded. Mr. Browne reported for the Social Science Department that a year ago at a staff meeting, it was agreed that it would be desirable to shorten the school year by one week taking off that amount of time from one or more vacation periods. Mrs. Hall requested consideration of her suggestion made on previous occasions to have Commencement on Saturday, or at least during the weekend instead of waiting until Monday. She believes that the alumni activities and the Commencement would be much better attended under such an arrangement. Mrs. Malmberg called attention to the fact that it is going to be very difficult to secure housing for those who attend the three-weeks session if registration for the two sessions is held on the same day since householders want to wait until after registration for the eight weeks before they will promise rooms for three weeks only. A vote was taken on the motion made by Mr. Holmes, and it was carried. Mr. Houston pointed out that registration for the University High School was not held on Monday along with registration for the University since that was done in advance. He suggested that the University High School should be holding classes on that day. Miss Brenneman called attention to the fact that the calendar a year ago had been approved for opening classes in the University High School and Metcalf Elementary School on Tuesday, but that those schools had actually opened on Monday which caused considerable confusion. (After talking with Mr. Carrington following the Senate Meeting, he reported that arrangements would be made for the Training Schools to open on Tuesday rather than Monday, and that the training school staffs would be available to help with the registration on Monday. Mr. Houston asked that registration for the University High School be printed in the calendar for Monday since there will be some registration taking place on that day.)

The remainder of the meeting was given over to a report by the Curriculum Committee. At the request of the chairman President Fairchild opened the discussion calling attention to the desirability of making a complete study of curricula without feeling the necessity of emphasizing revision. He stressed the desirability of flexibility and of having the curriculum be applicable. He believes progress should be

an emerging and evolving development. The end product should definitely be considered. He believes that those working on the program should have a knowledge of public schools in action. He recognizes that there will be difficulties and hopes that vested interests and jealousies may be avoided. An entire informed and interested faculty should participate. This activity presents a real challenge to the leadership of Heads of Departments in their understanding and cooperation as the work develops.

Miss Flagg reported the activities of the Administrative Council and the Curriculum Committee in this connection. She pointed out that a steering committee consisting of Mr. Larsen, Miss Royce, Miss Leppert, Dean De Young, and Miss Flagg as Chairman will attempt to make the study of the curriculum a complete and profitable one for the entire faculty.

Dean De Young suggested that the work in this connection has four dimensions: 1. depth, 2. width, 3. length, and 4. height.

Mr. Larsen distributed copies of a report of a sub-committee of the Administrative Council which had been asked to make recommendations for procedures in studying the University Curriculum. He indicated that the first two sentences of the second paragraph should be taken out, and the third sentence edited. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes in the Secretary's Office. He believes that the following should be kept in mind in working on the problem: 1. There should be a whole curriculum point of view, 2. It should be determined in which areas work is to be done, and

3. Consideration should be given to who might best work in the different areas, and 4. It is an all faculty proposition. Mr. Larsen believes there are three ways in which this problem might be approached as follows: 1. A small committee of the faculty might do it, 2. It might be an all-out approach of the entire faculty, or 3. It might be a step at a time procedure in which problems as they present themselves might be attacked. Mr. Larsen indicated that the second was probably the wisest of the three approaches.

Miss Flagg indicated that the committee would feel free to call on any members of the faculty in working on the problem, especially on matters in particular areas.

Mr. F. L. D. Holmes announced that there will be a Faculty Forum on Wednesday evening, December 9, at which time Dr. Robert C. Pooley of the Department of Liberal Studies of the University of Wisconsin will discuss new ideas in general education. At a second Forum to be held in February, it is planned to have a presentation of an exposition of the present general education program at Illinois State Normal University. At a third Forum, the needs of the students will be discussed as well as whether or not our general education program meets those needs.

Miss Flagg pointed out that the Curriculum Committee is not starting from scratch, that the work which has been done in the High School and the Metcalf Elementary School will not be overlooked, that a bibliography will be made available to members of the Senate, and that copies of Mrs. Henderson's paper presented at a Curriculum Committee meeting last May will be made available to all members of the faculty.

In closing the discussion concerning the study of the curricula, President Fairchild pointed out that members of the Senate are key individuals, and he hopes that an even keel will be apparent, that leadership will be exercised, that some problems will be recognized as immediate while others are long range, and that progress will not be pushed too fast, but should not drag.

Dean De Young called attention of Heads of Departments to the fact that it is hoped that the program for the second semester will be ready next week so that at least part of the student teachers may be programmed before the Christmas holidays. He also pointed out that it will be difficult to work on a summer session program during the holidays unless Heads of Departments can turn in materials to him by Friday, December 17. He expressed the hope that faculty members would make up their minds concerning summer school teaching and adhere to their decisions. It was suggested that Departments might work out plans at Department Meetings this week so that materials can be turned into the Dean before the holidays.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman
Secretary