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SENATE MEETING
May 3, 1949

The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Mr. Houston, Mr. Norton, and Miss Parker, who were excused.

The President called attention to absences from the campus of a considerable number of faculty people during recent weeks, and, although he appreciates the professional interest and work which makes such absences necessary, he stated he would expect a one hundred per cent attendance at the last faculty meeting of the year to be held on Tuesday, May 10.

Senior skip day is planned for Thursday, May 12. It will be well for heads of departments to notify their staff members, so that tests or other important class activities will not be planned for that day.

Mr. Goodier announced that a third Conference on Religion and Life is being planned from December 4 through the forenoon of December 8, 1949. The Religious Life Committee had hoped to have this conference earlier in the fall, but the above dates seemed to be the best which could be obtained.

President Fairchild reported that the minutes of the last faculty meeting have been delayed as the result of detail involved in his comments on faculty qualifications but should be out soon.

The President made the following requests and announcements:

1. A number of alumni meetings have been planned for the near future. In some cases it may not be possible to take additional faculty members on such trips, but those interested should see Mrs. Hall.
2. The 1949-1950 annual catalog is now available. There are some copies of the 1948-1949 issue available. Those wishing such copies should inquire in the Office of the Registrar.
3. About 13,000 summer school folders have been mailed. Approximately 2000 more are still to go out. Envelopes are being addressed for mailing 25,000 folders to high school graduates. These will be sent within the next two weeks.
4. Our appropriation bill is known as Senate Bill 441. The building program is covered in House Bills 517 and 518. Funds for increases for non-academic employees are not covered in the present bill but probably an appeal for such funds will be made at a hearing which has been set for Wednesday, May 11. The administration expects to make possible very desirable increases in salary for next year. Probably the lowest paid faculty member will receive a salary higher than that which was received by department heads fifteen years ago.
5. Although a number of new faculty members have been employed, there are still quite a number to be obtained. The help given by department heads in connection with qualifications for the position of Director of Audio-Visual Education was very much appreciated. Further suggestions may be made. Heads of departments, in considering applications, should keep in mind the importance of quality of candidates in their preparation, experience, and personality. In obtaining faculty members for leave-of-absence positions, this is also true since such individuals may remain as permanent members of the faculty. Heads of departments having unfilled positions should keep Saturday, May 14, open if possible, since a number of applicants will come to the campus that day.

Miss Welch asked faculty members to be sure that members of their departments are notified when new books are received. Slips with this information are issued on Wednesday of each week. Some teachers have indicated that heads of departments do not post the slips or make the information available.

Dean De Young announced that summer session tallies will be asked for some time this month, that it is not possible for students to take work during both the three-weeks and eight-weeks summer session, and that the fall program has gone to the printer and it should be possible to do programming for the first semester of next year during the last half of May. He thanked members of the Senate for the cooperation which had been given him in his work as Dean and expressed the hope that the same cooperation will be given to his successor, Mr. Larsen.

President Fairchild expressed appreciation for the work done by Dean De Young, the hope that he will continue to be interested in the administrative work of the school and give his counsel in such matters.

The President also expressed appreciation to the library staff for making it possible to improve the program of the University through the use of the library for registration days, College Day, and classroom purposes.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman
Secretary