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Dean Larsen

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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Miss Clemans and Mr. Goodier who had not returned to the campus.

The President urged members of the Senate who live in Normal to exercise their privilege of voting at the city election March 6.

The President called attention to the fact that there will be a faculty meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 9:30 a. m. in Capen Auditorium and that classes will resume on Wednesday, March 8.

The President reported that the Teachers College Board will meet on our campus on Sunday and Monday, March 26 and 27, at which time it is reported consideration will be given to how the work which has been missed will be made up. This word came through the press just before the Senate meeting. President Fairchild reported to the press that it is his personal feeling that students and faculty should not be called upon to make up time missed for reasons beyond their control. He indicated that he believes that all we should be asked to do is to make up five days during spring vacation and one day on Memorial Day. He indicated also that faculty members should do the best they can in covering the remainder of the courses for the semester without expecting too much of the students. He believes, too, that activities which have been scheduled, such as the trip of the Men's Glee Club and the baseball trip south should be carried out in accordance with the plans. He thinks it may be possible to streamline the activity program on the campus and asked that faculty members be away from the campus as little as possible. He thinks it may be necessary to curtail the activity of the cooperative public school program. He thinks it is not desirable to have too much substitute teaching.

Dean Larsen announced that "D" and "F" reports will be due not later than April 14, and that the situation with reference to off-campus student teaching and nine-week courses will be taken care of as a separate matter.

The President reported that Mr. John Dale Russell will begin a study at the request of Governor Stevenson concerning the general structure and control of the Illinois System of State-supported Higher Education in the last week of March. This study will cover the six state-supported schools.

The next regular faculty meeting will be held on Tuesday morning, March 7, at 9:30 a. m. in Capen Auditorium instead of the regular time on March 14.

The President called attention to the importance of satisfactory faculty-student relationships, especially with reference to classroom work. He believes that students should know as early as possible if their class work is not satisfactory. No doubt some of the responsibility in this connection falls upon students, but faculty members should also assume their portion of the responsibility. Faculty members should be available for conferences with students and should have an understanding attitude.

Copies of the tentative calendar as approved by the Administrative Council to be presented to the Senate were distributed for consideration. Dean Larsen moved that the tentative calendar be presented to the faculty as the calendar for the next school year and summer session. Mr. Gooding seconded the motion, and it was carried. A copy of the tentative calendar is filed with the minutes in the Secretary's office.

Miss Brenneman presented a proposed change in the statement prospective freshmen making application to the University are asked to sign. Several constructive suggestions were made and are incorporated in the following statement which will be used for the entering class of 1950 on a trial basis:

I understand that Illinois State Normal University is a professional school devoted exclusively to the education of teachers. Whether or not I have reached a definite decision to enter the teaching profession, I am seriously considering that possibility and wish the opportunity of following a teacher education curriculum for a year. During the second semester of my freshman year, prior to having a schedule of classes approved for the third semester, I shall reach a definite decision. At that time, unless I have decided definitely to enter the teaching profession, I will not re-register in the University. (Students transferring from other colleges and universities should not apply for admission unless they have definitely decided to prepare for the teaching profession.)

I understand and agree that if for any reason I change my plans and go into a program other than that of teacher education in some other college or university, I will pay twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for any semester represented by such credits and a proportionate amount for summer sessions or other units of the school year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If this statement does not seem to be satisfactory a change can be made next year. It was indicated that the proposed change in the statement to be signed is not a change in policy but a change in wording, which it is believed is more accurate in compliance with recent practice. Illinois State Normal University will definitely continue as a professional school only and will not admit any special tuition students except the nurses of the hospitals with which the University is affiliated. There seemed to be general agreement that this change in the wording of the statement would be desirable. Miss Brenneman also asked for a reaction as to another change in connection with the application blank in which the information concerning the rank in class, etc., would appear on Part III of the form rather than Part IV where it has been in the past. There was general agreement that there would be no objection to this change, which it was pointed out would be helpful to the Recorder's Office.

President Fairchild asked for reactions of the group concerning the return to the quota basis. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that this not be done for another year except as worked out by the individual departments concerned, the Dean of the University, and the Director of Admissions. It was believed that considerable might also be done through a guidance and orientation program.

Dean Larsen announced that a meeting of the Graduate Council will be held on Tuesday, March 28.

Miss Welch announced that the library may enlarge its use of the microfilm and the microcard. She hopes that heads of departments will discuss this extended use with members of their departments and talk with her concerning the possibilities.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman  
Secretary

Agenda:

1. Study of break-down of faculty services.
2. Report of the committee to consider ways and means of securing faculty reaction with reference to faculty representation on the University Senate and/or Administrative Council.