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SENATE MEETING
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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Miss Dirks, Mr. Nielt, and Miss Knudson.

The President introduced new members of the Senate as follows: Mr. Kinneman, Head of the Department of Social Science; Mr. Watterson, Head of the Department of Geography and Geology; Dr. Moulton, Assistant Director of the University Health Service; and Dr. Purcell, Director of the University Health Service.

Dean Larsen asked that department heads consult their staff members in planning the program for the next semester indicating special requests so that such requests may be granted as much as possible in the building of the program. Dean Larsen also pointed out that a problem is arising with reference to prerequisites for student teaching. It was agreed that all definite prerequisites for student teaching should be listed in the catalog, but that unless programming is done very carefully student teaching assignments, especially in the second teaching fields, will pile up in the last semester of the senior year. It was suggested that this might be a problem which would concern the curriculum committee also. After some discussion, Dr. Lankey moved that further consideration be given to the item at the next meeting of the University Senate. Dr. Gooding seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miss Kirchhoefer made a report with reference to enrollments indicating that the enrollment for this semester at present is 2213 as compared with the final figure of 2449 a year ago. There may be a few more late registrations. There are 1007 men and 1206 women. Nine hundred fifty seven students hold state scholarships as compared with 909 a year ago. There are 137 in the Graduate School as compared with 144 a year ago.

President Fairchild pointed out that there is an increased enrollment in pupils in the Special Education Building, in the Metcalf School, and in the University High School. Dr. Miller reported that there are 638 enrolled in extension courses at present as compared with a final figure of 432 a year ago.

President Fairchild discussed briefly the functions of department heads, directors of divisions, and those heading other areas in the University and representing those areas in the University Senate. He called attention to the fact that some of these functions are outlined in the Faculty Handbook. He also indicated that:

1. It is important to secure and keep good staff members. Departments, divisions, and areas have a definite responsibility in this connection.
2. Assistance through supervision is very important in helping individual staff members grow in their work. Every faculty member should be encouraged to attend some professional conferences and conventions even though there are limitations as to travel expense, missing classes, etc.
3. Faculty members should work very closely with students in classroom situations, in individual conferences, and in social activities.
4. All faculty members should exert leadership by making professional contributions.
5. Business leadership is important especially in making the best use of available departmental and area funds.

President Fairchild reported that in 1951 there were only fifteen applications which were not approved by some one department. In view of this fact, he raised the question as to the advisability of continuing our so-called policy of selective admission and suggested that it might be better to take all high school graduates who are interested in preparing for the teaching profession. He suggested that if this were done, it would be important to have a very definite and workable program of selective retention which would involve close follow-up and good counseling. After considerable discussion, Mr. Hudelson moved that further consideration be given to a possible change in the admissions policy at the next meeting of the University Senate. Mr. Kinneman seconded the motion and it was carried. It was suggested that this matter might be a desirable item for discussion at a faculty forum and that if a change of policy were to be contemplated, it should finally be given consideration by the University Council.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman
Secretary

Agenda:

1. Departmental prerequisites for student teaching.
2. Admissions policy.
3. Should students be permitted to use more than one scholarship and/or award?
4. Centralized services for duplicating materials and for audio-visual aids.
5. Improvement of amplifying system.
6. Development of greater interest on the part of faculty in assemblies, concerts and entertainments, athletic events, conferences, special events, etc.

(Note: the last four of the above items are hold-over considerations from previous meetings.)