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## SENATE MEETING

March 7, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Dean Larsen with all members present except Miss Brenneman, Mr. Carrington, Miss Davis, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Kinneman, Miss Kirchhoefer, Mr. Lichty, Mr. Replogle, Mr. Ullsvik, Mr. Wade, and Miss Welch. Miss Conkey attended to represent the Home Economics Department. Others attending were Mr. Jochums and Mr. Helgeson.

Dean Larsen made three announcements:

1. Materials have been distributed concerning budget preparation for the year beginning July 1, 1956. Detailed work with the Budget Committee will start soon and these materials will be needed. Dean Larsen cautioned that too much purchasing should not be left for the last few months of the biennium. He also indicated that it is not too early to begin budget planning for the 1957-1959 biennium in order that requests for this biennium may come as a result of careful thinking.
2. D-F reports are due on Friday, March 23, the last day before spring vacation.
3. Final class lists will soon be distributed. Heads of departments were asked to urge all instructors to check these lists carefully, and call attention to corrections.

Mr. Watterson announced that April 9, the first Monday following spring vacation, is College Day. A shortened registration procedure will take place between 9:00 and 9:40, in the South Reserve Room at Milner Library. Guides will be in the North Reserve Room. Heads of departments and directors of divisions should be available in the Main Reading Room from 9:15 to 10:30. Mr. Hoover asked if there would be time for visitation in the various departments. Mr. Watterson indicated that there was no time for such visitation in the plans for this year.

Materials regarding "Basic Problems to Be Solved in Reorganizing the Curriculum of Teacher Education" were distributed. A copy is on file with the minutes in the secretary's office. Dean Larsen indicated that he regretted that Mr. Belshe could not be present to discuss these materials. He indicated that he hoped that departments and divisions would take the initiative in inviting Mr. Belshe to sit down with them and discuss curriculum procedures.

Mr. Hiatt presented materials regarding the "Distribution of Junior Test Scores on Basis of National Norms," including recommendations to the Senate from the English Department. A copy is on file with the minutes in the secretary's office. After discussion, including questioning of the twenty-fifth percentile or higher for eligibility for student teaching, administering the test at an earlier period in the student's college work, practices in other colleges of Illinois, the possibility of low correlation between success in student teaching and a score in the lowest quarter in the English test, Mr. Hiatt moved that the Senate adopt the recommendations of the English Department. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. Mr. Horton made a substitute motion that the proposal be delayed until further studies have been made and further reports presented to the Senate. Motion

seconded by Mr. Lamkey. The substitute motion was passed by a vote of 20 to 4. Mr. Hiett requested that the Senate instruct the English Department as to what study is to be made.

Mimeographed material regarding a "Proposal to Change the Present Assembly Plan" was presented by Mr. Helgeson, Chairman of the Assembly Board, and Miss Terrill, Chairman of the Entertainment Board. A copy is on file with the minutes in the secretary's office. After some discussion, it was suggested that this proposal should be taken to members of the departments, and brought before the Senate again for action at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Dorothy King  
Acting Secretary