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SENATE MEETING

April 3, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Dean Larsen with all members present except Miss Brenneman, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Lamkey, and Mr. Wade.

Dean Larsen announced that, as he presumed everyone knew, at a special meeting of the Teachers College Board on Saturday afternoon, March 31, Dr. Robert G. Bone, Assistant Provost at the University of Illinois, was appointed President of the University, effective September 1, or earlier.

Mr. Watterson called attention to College Day next Monday, April 9. He reminded heads of departments that they and/or as many representatives of their departments as they thought necessary should be available for consultation in the Main Reading Room in Milner Library from 9:15 to 10:30 that morning. Large placards will be used to indicate the various areas. In connection with College Day, too, it was suggested that heads of departments urge persons in their departments to leave their cars at home that day if possible in order to make parking areas available for visitors.

Mr. Watterson, as Chairman of the Centennial Committee, gave a brief preview of plans for the Centennial. The history, "Greatest of Enterprises," will be off the press in December. The Centennial movie is almost finished. The Town Meeting of the Air is scheduled for the ISNU campus during the Centennial year, as are many national and state conventions. Co-operation from departments was suggested in the form of department exhibits, department historical sketches, department folders, etc. The Agriculture Department is assembling an historical exhibit of farm implements of the mid-west. The Department of Health and Physical Education for Men is working on an historical exhibit of athletic uniforms. The Centennial budget contains only \$25.00 for each department for such projects. A meeting of heads of departments with the Centennial Committee will be called early in May. Posters, a project of the Art Department, were exhibited in the room and area heads were requested to take one at the end of the meeting for display in the various buildings.

With regard to the Junior English test, Mr. Hiatt stated that the committee from the Department of English had talked with Mr. Tiedeman and Dean Larsen, and it had been decided that a larger and more representative committee would do a better job of investigating further possibilities than could be done by the department itself. Mr. Hiatt moved that Dean Larsen appoint a committee to make any further research needed relative to an upper-class examination in the mechanics of English, and to advise the Senate as to appropriate action on the findings of the committee and on the recommendations of the Department of English. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gooding, and carried.

Dean Larsen asked heads of departments for reactions from their departments regarding the proposed change in the present assembly plan. There were reports from several departments following which the Dean stated that the consensus seemed to be that assembly programs should be continued at least for the present, that we should think through the real purposes which would help determine what the nature of the program should be, with some guidance from some source for the Assembly Committee. The following suggestions and ideas were given:

Departments take responsibility for certain programs.

Use material that has been included in the Orientation course.

Use demonstrations, --basketball, football, etc.

Make the assemblies a field of usefulness in getting information to students,

particularly freshmen. An opportunity for each head of department to put forth what could be expected from his department.

Use talents of faculty and students.

Use some periods for departmental meetings of students and faculty.

Use at least one assembly period a semester for administrative and guidance purposes. All freshmen required to go to respective departments.

Community or group singing in assemblies.

Flexibility, --entertainment, orientation, etc. Some assemblies voluntary and open to all students.

As a result of the discussion the group was asked to answer the following questions: Do you think we should have assemblies next fall for freshmen only? Yes, 17. Do you think we should continue assemblies for freshmen and sophomores? Yes, 10.

In summary, Dean Larsen indicated that he believed it was the judgment of the group that we should continue to have assemblies, and that the group was so evenly divided that probably we would continue for another year with assemblies for both freshmen and sophomores, with the introduction of programs different than in the past and the development of some programs concerned with the University itself, and with perhaps two assembly periods each semester open for department meetings, one during the first six weeks and the other later in the semester. After further discussion, Dean Larsen indicated that he would give further thought to the matter of whether or not assemblies should be for freshmen only.

The meeting adjourned.

Dorothy King

Acting Secretary