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Letter from John S. Hill re AACMU Spring Meeting

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To: The Academic Senate
From: John S. Hill, faculty representative
Re: Spring meeting, AACMU

New and continuing programs, with budgets totaling $630,000, were approved fully or tentatively at the Spring meeting of the Academic Affairs Council of the Conference of Midwestern Universities which met at Southern Illinois University on April 25. Representing ISU were Arlan C. Helgeson, Dean of the University, and John S. Hill, faculty representative.

The Administrative Internship for Minorities program will be funded again by the Rockefeller Foundation with a grant of $292,000. Ten minority group persons will be selected to serve in internships; five will be from CMU institutions and five will be from colleges in the South. Currently, two interns are serving on our campus: Dr. Geraldine Darden, of Hampton Institute, and Dr. William E. Colvin, ISU Associate Professor of Art.

The Co-operative Education program, which currently receives $20,000 from the U.S. Office of Education, will be funded at $55,000 for the coming year.

The Council gave tentative approval to "Opportunities for Renewal," a program in Professional Development designed to aid academic personnel faced with re-assignment within their universities. The Lilly Foundation has asked that the proposal be submitted by April 30, for funding. The program will carry a $283,000 budget. ISU representatives who helped develop this program are Arlan Helgeson, Benjamin Keeley, Normand Madore, and Stan Rives.

The Johnson Foundation and the Agency for International Development will support a Re-Entry Workshop designed to develop re-entry programs for foreign students. The Workshop will be held at Wingspread, the Conference Center of the Johnson Foundation, in Racine, Wisconsin, this Fall.

A proposal for funding of the Laboratory Schools consortium is being submitted to the United States Office of Education. Currently this group is funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Dr. Vernon Replogle is the ISU representative. A proposal for funding of an Area Center for Educational Experiences is being submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Dr. Louise Dieterle and Dr. Thelbert Drake of ISU helped draw up this program.

John Hill, chairman of the AACMU, and Richard Burkhardt, vice-chairman, met with representatives of the Central States Universities consortium in Chicago on February 14 to discuss the possibilities of expanding the CMU. Mr. Hill will explore this topic further with the Board of Governors (the presidents of the CMU universities) at their Spring meeting.

Officers for 1974-75 were elected. They are:

- Chairman: Maurice K. Townsend, Indiana State U
- Vice-chairman: Howard Fletcher, Northern Illinois U
- Secretary-Treasurer: Arlan C. Helgeson, Illinois State U

The meeting closed with an expression of appreciation to Dr. Richard C. Bowers, the vice-chairman, for all the assistance and guidance he has provided the CMU during the past three years. Dr. Bowers will become president of the University of Montana on July 15.