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Minutes of the Meeting of the University Council
(Not approved by the Council)

January 18, 1956

No. 9

The regular meeting of the University Council was called to order at 7:15 by the chairman, Mr. O'Connor.

Members Present

Harold DeWeese
Elinor Flagg
Arthur Larsen
Harry Lovelass
Clyde McCormick
Burton O'Connor
Elizabeth Russell
Clarence Sorensen
Herman Tiedeman
Bjarne Ullsvik
Leo Yedor
Ruth Zimmerman
Arthur Watterson

Members Absent

Margaret Peters

Non-members Present

Helen Chiles
Regina Connell
Chris De Young
Grace Hiler
Milford Jochums
Winifred Metzler
Harold Moore
Ruth Stroud
Sadie Udstuen
Dale Vetter
Esther Vinson
Lela Winegarner
Jennie Whitten

Mr. Tiedeman mentioned that Mr. McCormick's name had been omitted from the roll in the last minutes of the Council. With this addition Miss Flagg moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Miss Zimmerman and was carried.

The first item on the agenda was the selection of nominees for a vacancy on the Committee of Committees. The chairman explained that the procedure by precedent is that the executive committee recommends nominees and the President makes a selection from those recommended. Mr. Sorensen moved that this procedure be followed. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and was passed.

The second item on the agenda was a report of the January Board meeting by Mr. Larsen. Mr. Larsen distributed copies of the report which he presented to the Teachers College Board on January the sixteenth. This report shows the enrollment of our school by departments and counties since 1952, some enrollment predictions for 1961 and some figures regarding the class size for both the graduate and undergraduate schools. Mr. Larsen also reported that the joint salary committee for the state colleges made a report to the Board at this meeting. They made recommendations that:

- we be given a \$540 across the board raise,
- we be given a semester leave at full pay,
- we be given a \$360 across the board raise next year and,
- the administrative personnel be placed in five categories.

No action was taken by the Board on these proposals. Mr. Larsen further reported that the Teachers College Board had received a letter from Dr. William Grag, University of Chicago, proposing the establishment of a Claud Reevis fund in memory of Dr. Reevis. Each president was asked to present this proposal to the faculties and report back to the Board their desires. Mr. Larsen states that the graduates from Chicago might wish to take some action. Mr. DeWeese moved that the executive committee act as a nucleus in giving the faculty opportunity to participate in this recognition of Dr. Reevis. The motion was seconded by Miss Flagg and was carried. Mr. Larsen reported that the Board approved an addition to our laboratory school and the publication of the centennial history.

There was some discussion of the Salary Committee. Mr. Larsen said that this Committee was of the opinion that there should be some tie up of the activities of the Committee with the APT Committee and the Council and a rotation of membership for a specific period of service.

Mr. O'Connor read a communication from Dr. Claud Anthony, Terre Haute, Indiana, who wishes to meet with the Council members to obtain information about our Council. Mr. DeWeese moved that January the thirtieth be selected as the date for this meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Tiedeman and was passed. The chairman stated that he would notify the group regarding the hour and place of meeting.

The third item on the agenda was a report by Miss Stroud, chairman of the Committee to study the proposed Junior High School organization. Miss Stroud had previously distributed to members of the Council and other interested faculty members a detailed summary of the study made by this Committee. Miss Stroud stated the recommendations of the Committee and mentioned a few of the facts which led to the decision of the majority. Eight members of the Committee of ten voted to retain our four year high school. Seven voted to retain the eight year elementary school. Six members voted as a second choice the 6-6 plan with the upper six (7-12) under the administration of the high school principal. These are some of the facts that influenced the Committee in making these recommendations:

1. Seventy-five per cent of the seventh and eighth graders in Illinois are enrolled in the regular elementary school.
2. The majority of the schools in Illinois have the 8-4 plan. According to the 1955 report of the North Central Association 462 of the 521 high schools in Illinois belonging to the NCA are four year units.
3. Thirty-six per cent of the schools of the nation are now following the 6-6 plan of secondary education.
4. Of our total of 3059 students preparing to teach, 1916 students plan to teach in high schools.
5. The majority of the Committee members believe that the four-year high school offers greater educational opportunities for the adolescent.

The discussion which followed centered around some of the advantages and disadvantages of the plans which were presented in the report.

Miss Stroud and her committee were thanked for the excellent report and the procedure which they had used in arriving at these recommendations.

The chairman, Mr. O'Connor asked what disposition should be made of this report. Mr. McCormick moved that we, the University Council, accept this most excellent report and recommend it to the administration for consideration. The motion was seconded by Miss Russell and was passed. Mr. Larsen stated that he would like the minutes to indicate that he did not vote. Mr. DeWeese also refrained from voting.

The meeting adjourned at nine-thirty o'clock.

Burton O'Connor, Chairman

Elizabeth Russell, Secretary