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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
(Not approved by the Council)



DATE: October 20, 1965

Members Present

Ferman Bishop
Claude Dillinger
Arley Gillett
Warren Harden
Eric Johnson
Kenneth Ledbetter
Lewis Legg

Don Prince
Stanley Shuman
Ralph Smith
Eunice Speer
David Sweet
John Trotter
Charles White

Members Absent

Robert Bone

Visitors

Francis Belshe
Helen Cavanaugh
Alice Ebel
John Esbin
Charles Hicklin
Robert Neeves

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Miss Speer moved the approval of the minutes of the meetings of July 21, 1965, August 10, 1965, and September 13, 1965 as distributed to the faculty. Mr. Trotter seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL AWARDS

Mr. Bishop reported on the progress of the committee on the University Council Awards. After some discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be brought before the Council again at the next meeting.

ALLERTON PARK CONFERENCE

Mr. Prince reported for the Committee on the Allerton Park retreat.

PROGRAM EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Dean Belshe reported for the Committee to Study Program Expansion. A summary of his report will be distributed with the Council minutes.

JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

Miss Ebel reported on the last meeting of the Joint Policy Committee. At this meeting the main issues considered were those of retirement for the faculty and of procedures for termination of faculty appointments.

COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF A DEAN OF THE FACULTY

Mr. Vetter reported for the Dean Selection Committee. The substance of his report was sent to the faculty in a separate letter.

ELECTION PRODECURES COMMITTEE

Mr. Gillett reported for the Election Procedures Committee. After his report, an election was held for the one-year vacancy on the Election Procedures Committee. Mr. Sweet was elected.

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Mr. Smith reported for the Committee on Institutional Policy for Educational Television.

UNITED FUND

Mr. Sweet moved:

Whereas,

The 19 agencies which make up the United Community Services of McLean County are fruitfully engaged in providing necessary assistance to thousands of children, men and women, and

Whereas,

These agencies depend for a substantial part of their financial support on the United Fund, and

Whereas,

The faculty and staff of this University accept among their responsibilities providing community leadership and furthering community progress.

The University Council recommends that the members of the faculty and staff generously support the 1965 United Fund.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillinger moved and Miss Speer seconded adjournment, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Harden, Chairman

Ferman Bishop, Secretary

REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL - - October 20, 1965

1. The Committee to Study Program Expansion at the University has undertaken steps pursuant to its establishment by the University Council in the summer of 1964. The first step, seeking approval for non-teaching degree programs, has been taken. The Board of Higher Education at its October meeting approved the idea of offering liberal arts and sciences degree programs without the requirements for teacher certification. The second step is to suggest an academic structure which will proceed to develop still other programs which go beyond those recently approved.
2. Some reorganization of the academic structure is needed to serve two major purposes.
 - a. Greater administrative efficiency. Within recent years, several persons and groups, including the North Central Association visitors and the NCATE team, raised questions concerning the large number of persons reporting directly to the Dean of the Faculty.
 - b. The development and offering of new educational programs. A grouping together of departments with common academic interests and concerns should give rise to program refinement and the offering of inter-disciplinary programs.

At this time, the Committee has not come to agreement on a specific academic structure which will achieve the goals noted above.

3. In its deliberations, the Committee has stated several assumptions, including the following:
 - a. Although any kind of structure can likely be made to work, some academic structures have advantages over others. The Committee has been particularly concerned to see that any structure builds in opportunities for program growth as the University grows.
 - b. Academic structure and academic functions are related. As a consequence, it seems significant to group together departments and areas of the University which have common concerns.
 - c. The Committee has tried to avoid arguments about terminology and, therefore, has avoided lengthy discussions involving the meanings of the terms "schools," "colleges," and "divisions."

4. The issues which have been the focus of discussions in the Committee recently are these:
 - a. What kind of University are we likely to be ten or fifteen years from now?
 - b. Can we promote unified educational programs and at the same time decentralize some administrative responsibilities into schools, colleges, or divisions?
 - c. How can we provide for systematic program expansion as enrollments continue to grow?
 - d. Should we go to a large number of schools, colleges, or divisions immediately, or should we set a "phasing-in" goal?
5. To this date, proposals made concerning the academic structure are of two kinds:
 - a. Those which would group educationally-related departments into larger divisions, from three to seven in number.
 - b. A proposal that the basic educational program be in a college of liberal arts and sciences and that specialized and professional programs be established in other colleges as the need arises.

In the spring of 1965, departments were asked to respond to several patterns of organization. In some cases, departments responded and in other cases, individuals responded, but there were no patterns of preferred organization which emerged.

6. The Committee has reached several points of agreement.
 - a. Teacher education is, and ought to remain, an overall university responsibility.
 - b. The University should have a council for the development of teacher education programs as well as a council for the development of other programs, including interdisciplinary offerings.
 - c. Every attempt should be made to provide for growth of programs commensurate with the needs of the growing student population.
7. The Committee hopes to achieve its goal of proposing a new administrative structure before the end of December, 1965.