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

DATE: March 5, 1967

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT
1. John Ferrell 2. Charles White

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the University Council was called to order by Mr. Harden, chairman, at 3:30 p.m. in room 307 of Hovey Hall.

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Mr. Harden introduced the topic for discussion, the recent proposal of Senator John A. Gilbert of Carbondale and David Davis, former senator from Bloomington, to include Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University under a single board with Southern Illinois University. He reviewed the fact that the University Council had accepted at a special meeting on September 27, 1966, the proposal of Committee "N" to place Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University under a Regency System as outlined in Phase II of the Master Plan. It was further stated by the chairman that Dr. Lyman Glenny had requested President Bone's reaction to Senator Gilbert's proposal by Tuesday, March 7, 1967.

Dr. Johnson stated that if Illinois State University were placed under Southern's present board that there actually would be four institutions involved - Southern, Edwardsville, Illinois State, and Northern. He reported that modifications in the statutes would be necessary for bonding purposes and that two persons would be added to the present appointed board of seven members. He added that the terms of two of the current board members will expire soon.

In a reply to a question concerning the makeup of Southern's present board, President Bone indicated that it consists for the most part of men from the southern part of the state with one member from Cook County, an area from which Southern draws many of its students.

In reviewing the purpose of the special meeting of the Council, President Bone asked the University Council to react to a preliminary statement that he had prepared to present at a hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 1967, in Springfield and to select a member of the Council to accompany Dr. Johnson and him to the Springfield meeting.

President Bone expressed the fear that Senator Gilbert's proposal might upset the whole Master Plan, Phase II. He commented that Illinois State University might become a pawn or could on the other hand, become the balance of power. He stated that it would disturb the balance of enrollment in such a way that the three universities involved would have more students than the University of Illinois.

Leam Bond stated that such a plan would not make allowance for the governance of additional new universities. He felt that it would be better for Illinois State University to be placed under the proposed Board of Recency Universities than Southern's present board.
Dr. Johnson suggested that we attach a condition to President Bone's statement that Edwardsville become a university and not be included in the proposal as a branch of Southern Illinois University. He felt that no branches should be included in the plan.

In reviewing the possible reactions of Southern and Northern Universities to Senator Gilbert's proposal, it was stated that Southern has not fared well lately in terms of the legislature and, therefore, would probably be in favor of the plan. It was thought that Northern would oppose the plan. However, it was brought out that the general philosophies of the two universities are similar in many ways.

Dr. Johnson pointed out that Northern and Southern are both against Illinois State University's admission policies. He commented that if we were under a single board that we might influence their policies or on the other hand, they might have a neutralizing effect on ours.

Mr. Bishop stated that the library and press at Southern have surpassed ours, which he felt was a significant point in terms of his department. He commented that Southern might want us to outshine the University of Illinois at some future date.

Mr. Fitch stated that putting the three schools under one board would put Illinois State University in a strategic position on a north-south axis. He felt that it would give us a greater opportunity to expand our program.

In answer to a question as to whether the function of Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University would change under a Board of Regency Universities, Dr. Johnson replied in the affirmative. He went on to say that he felt that the axis of the future would include Edwardsville, Illinois State, Northern, and the institution which will be built in the western suburbs of Chicago.

Several Council members expressed the opinion that it would be wise to get the Regency Board established as outlined in the Master Plan - Phase II.

Dr. Johnson stated that under the Gilbert proposal that Eastern, Western, Chicago Teachers, and Northeastern State College would be weakened although Southern, Northern, and Illinois State could have additional power by the alliance.

Mr. Sweet suggested that the President's statement not close any doors. Dr. Johnson agreed and suggested that more diversionary material be included in the statement.

Mr. Harden formulated the concensus of the Council to include the following four points:
1. The establishment of a Regency Board of Universities as outlined in the Master Plan - Phase II.
2. The opposition of Illinois State University, Northern and Southern being placed under the present board of Southern Illinois University.
3. The recommendation that Edwardsville be separated from Southern and become an independent university.
4. The investigation of Southern's being brought into the system in Phase III.

Mr. Perry moved that the University Council send Warren Harden as its representative to the hearing on March 8 in Springfield. Mr. Shuman seconded the motion. The motion carried by means of a voice vote.
Miss Speer asked about the tenure of faculty members if Illinois State University were placed under another board. Dr. Johnson's response was that a new board would take on the obligations of the prior board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman, Mr. Harden, at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Harden, Chairman

Mary Rozum, Secretary

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