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MEMBERS PRESENT
1. Richard Bond 6. Dean Hage
2. Robert Bone 7. Charles Hicklin
5. Fred Fuess 10. Fred Kagy

MEMBERS ABSENT
1. Charles Gray
2. Barbara Hall
3. Warren Harden
4. Warren Perry
5. David Sweet

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the University Council was called to order by Mr. Shuman, chairman, at 12:15 p.m. in the ballroom of the University Union.

PARKING BOARD

Miss Gwen Smith, chairman of the Parking Board, distributed copies of a set of proposals to the Council members for their review and recommendations. The diminishing number of parking spaces and the ever increasing campus population were stated as the paramount problems facing the Board. Miss Smith reported that the proposals represented the thinking of a subcommittee as well as the entire Parking Board. She indicated that statistical information concerning the parking problem can be secured in Mr. Richard Smith's office.

Mr. Richard Smith, the administrative representative on the Parking Board, indicated that in the light of present conditions, that the proposals represent the best solution for the immediate future. He pointed out that decals, which are to be used for the next academic year, must be ordered from 90 to 120 days in advance so that he hoped that the Council would be able to act on the report at the regular May meeting.

Mr. Eric Johnson indicated that Mr. Jim Terry, of Lankton, Ziegele, Terry and Associates, has been retained by the Board of Governors to analyze the Town of Normal – Illinois State University Traffic and Parking Study and to assist with traffic problems of the University.

SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS DEALING WITH NEGOTIATION BETWEEN FACULTIES AND BOARDS

Mr. Hicklin announced that Senate Bill #452 has been recommended for passage by a Senate committee. He stated that this was the most stringent of the current legislation. Mr. Walter Stoneking, executive secretary of the Illinois Education Association was reported to have testified in favor of an amendment to the bill which would take public school teachers out of the bill and in favor of a separate no-strike bill applying to teachers only.

President Bone suggested that attendance at hearings and the writing of letters to legislators were the most effective ways of conveying the reactions of the faculty to the various bills.

Mr. Shuman read a resolution adopted by the History Department (14 to 1) on April 25, 1967:
"Resolved, That the Department of History at Illinois State University is opposed in principle to HB 289, HB 1165, SB 452, and SB 933 as applied to public higher education in the state of Illinois."

It was indicated that in writing to the legislators that it is wise to use personal stationery rather than that furnished by the University. President Bone pointed out that such letters should include reasons for opposing a particular piece of legislation in a forceful but diplomatic way. He also recommended that persons attending the hearings should be representatives from the general faculty as well as from the administration.

Mr. Hicklin reported that all the bills will have additional hearings.

The possibility of contacting the University of Illinois concerning this matter was discussed, but it was decided that because of the limited time, that it would not be feasible to work with them in any way.

Dean Bond suggested that the Illinois Education Association be made aware of the general reactions of our faculty to the current legislation.

The matter of the Council's taking a stand in opposition to the bills was discussed in contrast to the Council's pointing out that the bills were a vital issue and that faculty members should write to their legislators.

Mr. Shuman indicated that because of limited time, it would be impossible to poll the faculty in order to summarize their reactions to the various bills.

Dean Bond moved that the Council express its extreme concern that these bills may seriously affect the freedom of the University and the professional status of its faculty; that the Executive Committee analyze the issues, distribute such material to the faculty, and strongly encourage them to write to legislators. Mr. Kagy seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Voting "Yes"
1. Richard Bond
2. Robert Bone
3. George Drew
4. Dean Hage
5. Charles Hicklin
6. Richard Hulet
7. Eric Johnson
8. Fred Kagy
9. Walter Kohn
10. Carroll Peterson

The motion carried.

It was recommended by a number of the Council members that members of the group be sent to hearings in order to represent the faculty and not the Council itself.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bone moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kohn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Shuman, chairman

Mary Rozum, secretary