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2. Richard Bond 8-2261 13. Frederick Kagy 8-2612
4. Scott Eatherly 8-2406 15. Thomas Martin 8-2452
5. Elwood Egelston 8-2406 16. Charles Morris 8-2476
6. John Ferrell 8-2194 17. Warren Perry 8-2377
7. Frederick Fuess 8-5328 18. Mary Rozum 8-2468
8. Charles Gray, Jr. 8-8437 19. Irwin Spector 8-2600
10. Charles Hicklin 8-2445  
11. Richard Hulet 8-2545  
12. Sandra Stevenson 8-7274  
Clerical Secretary
# MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

August 7, 1968

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

DATE: August 7, 1968

MEMBERS PRESENT


MEMBERS ABSENT


CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles Hicklin, Chairman of the University Council, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the third floor lounge of the University Union.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Kohn moved that the minutes of the July 17 meeting be approved as distributed. Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

Mr. Egelston pointed out that his name was misspelled on pages 2, 3, and 4.

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected carried unanimously by a voice vote.

CONSIDERATIONS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Bond moved to adopt the report and recommendations of the Academic Standards Committee regarding the Pass/Fail Program. Mr. Perry seconded the motion.

Dean Bond reported that the General Education Council had held a retreat at which time the pass/fail system was discussed with students. Dean Bond indicated that the pass/fail proposal had been taken to the students for their reaction and that Jim Peterson, President of the Student Senate was prepared to give a report.
Mr. Peterson stated that the Senators favored the maximum of five hours of pass/fail courses per semester and the proposal to indicate students taking a course under the pass/fail system on the class roll. He also pointed out that the Student Senate had gone on record as favoring a pass/fail system at an earlier date, but that the specifics of the program had not been developed.

Members of the Council voice concern regarding the term 'fail'. One member asked if a "D-" would be considered a passing grade. The opinion of the Council seemed to be that this was a problem which each instructor would have to face. It was, however, emphasized that this should not imply that a "C" grade would be necessary to receive a 'Pass'.

Several members of the Council indicated that the proposal did not specify the method of indicating a course which was taken under the pass/fail system and for which the student did not receive a "pass". Several members of the Council were concerned that all courses attempted would not appear on a transcript.

Mr. Eatherly moved to amend the recommendations by striking the last sentence of #5 (Undergraduate recommendation) and adding: However, the grade of "pass or fail" will be entered on the student's record. Mr. Egelston seconded the motion.

Concern was voiced regarding the implications of the word "fail" on the student's record. It was felt that some confusion could result and this might be interpreted as an "F". If the latter were the case, this program could lose much of its flexibility.

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The motion to amend was defeated.

Mr. Eatherly moved to amend the recommendation by striking #5 (undergraduate recommendation and adding: However, an entry of "credit" or "non-credit" will be entered on the students record. Mr. Spector seconded the motion.

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The motion to amend carried.

The Council then voted on the original motion (Bond-Perry) to adopt the pass/fail system.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. A copy of the report and amended recommendation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Perry moved to accept the recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee regarding Proficiency Examination Policy. Mr. Egelston seconded the motion.

Mr. Eatherly moved to amend the recommendation by substituting the grade "B" for the grade "C" in item 2. (2) of the recommendation. Mr. Kohn seconded the motion.

Mr. Eatherly pointed out that the proficiency indicated something more than average ability. Mr. Jones returned indicated that he favored the "C" grade and felt that the students were of the same opinion. He stated that the present passing grade or proficiency examination is unrealistic in that very few students pass the proficiency examinations.

The roll call vote on the amendment was as follows:

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The motion to amend was defeated.

The Council then voted on the "C" originally noted (Perry-Egelston) and to approve the proficiency examination policy as recommended by the Academic Standards Committee. (See Appendix)

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

A copy of the report and recommendations is attached to the minutes.

Miss Rozum moved to postpone consideration of the Academic Standards Committee recommendation regarding repetition of courses. Mr. Egelston seconded the motion.
Dean Bond indicated that his recommendation could not be implemented until the next catalog is printed and therefore did not require immediate action.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

A copy of the recommendations are included in the minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR 1969-70

Mr. Bond moved that the calendar be adopted except that all references to student teaching be removed from the calendar and inserted in the appropriate place in the catalog. Mr. Spector seconded the motion.

Several Council members indicated that the registration of Student Teachers was a concern of the Department of Professional Laboratory Experiences and should not appear on the University Calendar. It was also noted that there was no date listed when the student teachers complete their assignments, however, this problem was not deemed to be a Council matter.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. A copy of the amended calendar is attached.

PROGRESS REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Fuess, Chairman of the Constitution Committee stated that the committee, consisting of Mr. C. A. White, Mr. M. Waimon, Mr. S. Rives, and Miss H. Cavanagh had been meeting weekly since mid-April. The committee has solicited suggestions from the faculty, the College Councils, the Council of Deans, the Student Senate, the University Council and the President.

Presently the committee is working on the structure of faculty governance within the framework of the proposal Governing Policy for the Regency Universities. Mr. Fuess stated that the committee could not finalize any portion of the local document until the Board of Regents approves the Governing Policy. Two areas in the Board’s Policy are of concern to the faculty of Illinois State University: the definition of auxiliary faculty and the non-voting status of administrators on Councils. Mr. Hicklin pointed out that items dealing with the proposed policy statement of the Board of Regents should go to the Board of Regents at the open-hearing on October 4 and 5.

Mr. Fuess indicated that any local policy statement would be brought to the faculty for approval before being presented to the Board of Regents. It is hoped that the Constitution Committee will be able to present such a document to the faculty before the end of the next school year (1968-69).

Mr. Fuess moved that an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed by the University Council Chairman to study the current policies and By-Laws of the Council and send suggestions to the Constitution Committee. Mr. Kohn seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

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Mr. Hicklin appointed the following committee:

Mr. Eatherly, Chairman
Mr. Kohn
Miss Rozum

SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE DEAN AND DEPARTMENT HEAD SELECTION COMMITTEE POOL

Mr. Hicklin reminded the Council that in action on June 19 (page 12), the Council had approved the formation of a pool of persons who will be potential Chairmen of dean and department head selection committees.

Dean Bond presented a list of nominations. The names presented were submitted at the request of Dean Bond by current and past Chairmen of selection committees.

Mr. Hage moved that we accept the names presented by Dean Bond as the pool of potential Chairmen of dean and department head selection committees. Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with Mr. Bond abstaining.

The list of the names is attached to the minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF MR. SPECTOR'S RESIGNATION FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Fuess moved that we accept Mr. Spector's resignation with regret and thanks for his service on the Council and that the next eligible candidate be seated at the September meeting of the Council. Mr. Eatherly seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resignation of Mr. Drew from the Committee on Committees.

A letter was read from Mr. Drew in which he submitted his resignation as Council representative on the Committee on Committees. The Chairman ruled that action would be deferred until the September meeting.

Selection Committee for the Department of Sociology.

A memo was read from Dean Bond naming the members of the committee.

Mr. Poe Chairman
Mr. Shaw Administrative Representative
Mr. Pohlman Department Representative
Mr. Pocs Department Representative
Mr. Grupp Department Representative

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Mr. Bond moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Zeller seconded the motion.

Mr. Hicklin adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Shuman, Chairman
Frederick Fuess, Secretary
PASS/FAIL RECOMMENDATION FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Academic Standards Committee is recommending a pass/fail program for the following reasons:

1. A pass/fail system would allow greater course selection for the student. It would encourage students to enroll in courses they otherwise would not take. For example, a student majoring in sociology might be reluctant to take a course in mathematics because he would have to compete with mathematics majors. But under a pass/fail program, he could take such a course without fear of the competition from mathematics majors. Hopefully, then the student would explore new fields and broaden the base of his education.

2. The pass/fail possibility may help students to see that educational growth may be measured by their own growth in knowledge, attitudes, and appreciations rather than a single letter grade. The constant pressure on grades would be reduced by this system.

3. Laboratory or skill level courses are sometimes difficult to grade on an A, B, C, grade level. For the same reason, research and thesis work would be well suited to a pass/fail system.

4. A pass/fail system would allow another possibility for removing deficiencies for graduate entrance requirements since such courses might be taken on a pass/fail basis.

5. The pass/fail program has been successfully instituted at several universities: Millikin University, the University of Iowa, Yale University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Ohio State University, Stanford University, Tufts University, University of California (Berkeley), Syracuse University, Pennsylvania State University, Pomona College and Grinnell College.

Recommendations for Pass/Fail Program:

Undergraduate

1. A maximum of 25 semester hours may be taken for Pass/Fail credit and be accepted for graduation.

2. A maximum of five semester hours may be taken per semester.

3. No courses used in completing a student's major or minor may be taken on a Pass/Fail basis.

4. Students registered in courses on the Pass/Fail basis should be so identified on the regular class enrollment lists.

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5. Pass/Fail courses will not affect the grade-point average of the student. However, an entry of "credit" or "non-credit" will be entered on the student's record.

6. All undergraduate students (excluding first semester Freshmen) in good standing may enroll for Pass/Fail credit.

7. The option of changing from Grade-Credit to Pass/Fail or vice versa is available until the end of the usual registration period only.

Graduate

1. No recommendation as to the number of graduate hours is being made by this committee. This should be determined by each department with the approval of the Graduate Council.

2. The courses recommended for Pass/Fail credit should be designated by each department with Graduate Council approval.

Evaluation

An evaluation study is recommended at both undergraduate and graduate levels after one year, but not later than two years, after the Pass/Fail program has been inaugurated. The successes and failures of the program should be ascertained, and any recommendations for strengthening the program should be forwarded to the Dean of the Faculty.
Expansion of the present program of demonstrated proficiency at the undergraduate level is considered a desirable goal. The main concern is that a person demonstrate a level of achievement consonant with that expected in a particular course or courses and not with the manner in which this level was achieved. It follows logically that there should be no limit to the number of demonstrated proficiencies.

The Academic Standards Committee, therefore, recommends the following:

1. Expansion of the program of demonstrated proficiencies at all of the following levels:
   a. for satisfying course prerequisites,
   b. for obtaining course credit in curriculum requirements or electives,
   c. for diagnostic purposes in placing students at an appropriate level of course work.

2. Departments shall establish (1) the appropriate qualification of applicants and (2) the level of proficiency which shall be equivalent to a grade of "C" in the course.

3. If a student has been admitted to a course without the necessary prerequisites, he may obtain credit for such prerequisite courses by satisfying proficiency requirements. This must be accomplished by the mid-term of the course for which the course is prerequisite.

4. The Dean of the appropriate college will review departmental procedures and approve those which insure the spirit* underlying the proficiency examination privilege.

5. No letter grade will be recorded for credit earned by proficiency examination, and such credit, therefore, will not affect the grade point average.

6. Persons who have completed the requirements for a bachelors degree, except those graduate students who are removing deficiencies or prerequisites assessed by their major department, may not avail themselves of the proficiency privilege.

7. The examinee is responsible for any monetary fees that are or that may become necessary within the program.

*The spirit of the proficiency exam program is that undergraduate students who have attained knowledge by independent study, or through experiences not necessarily related to official college class work, might have this knowledge recognized by the university. It is not intended to be used or abused as just an easy way to obtain credit hours on transcripts.
REPETITION OF COURSES RECOMMENDATION
FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

For two or more years the Academic Standards Committee has been concerned that the grading system at ISU assesses no long range penalty on students who make poor grades. Students may repeat the courses, with only the better of the two grades being used in the grade point average. As one faculty member said, a student could fail all courses one semester, take them again the second semester, receive "A's", and graduate as a top honors student. This the committee feels does not encourage the most serious and responsible efforts on the part of students, and is also an unjustifiable waste of tax money in a state supported institution.

The committee sent a questionnair study to eighteen somewhat comparative institutions. The results showed ISU's policy to be more lenient than those of most of these institutions. The committee discussed at great length a variety of policies before making its recommendation. If felt that almost any of them would be a substantial advance toward the concept of student responsibility for the quality of all work done at taxpayer expense. That being the case, the Committee also considered feasibility of implementation under a computerized grading machinery, though this obviously should not be the primary consideration for the policy accepted.

On November 6, 1967, the Committee passed the following recommendation, which at the suggestion of Dean Bond has been held for "package" inclusion with our final report for 1967-68:

"A course may not be repeated for grade point improvement if the grade already received is D or higher, unless prior approval has been granted by the Academic Dean of the Faculties."

Discussion:

The intent of this policy is that prior approval for exemption from the rule would rarely be granted, and then only on clear evidence of extenuating circumstances. Since such exemption is available for most University policy, it is possible that the last exemption phrase of the recommendation should not be printed. It is the further intent of the recommendation that students receiving D or better grades may repeat courses in order to strengthen their background for further study in a field, but that this repetition would not effect the computation of the grade point average.

The alternate proposal to the one we recommended, which received the next greatest enthusiasm from the Committee was that of permitting unlimited repetition of courses with all grades being averaged in the grade point average. This method is used in many institutions of high repute.

The Committee will appreciate your consideration of this recommendation, and your effort toward implementing a less permissive policy toward repetition of courses.

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ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR, 1969-70

First Semester, 1969-70

Monday, September 8    Registration for late afternoon, evening and Saturday classes
Tuesday, September 9 - Thursday, September 11 - Registration
Friday, September 12   Classes begin
Saturday, September 20  Last day for late registration and course changes
Monday, September 22   Last day for refunds
Saturday, October 18   Homecoming (Tentative)
Wednesday, November 26  Thanksgiving vacation begins, 11 a.m.
Monday, December 1     Classes resume
Friday, December 12    Last day to withdraw from classes
Friday, December 19    Christmas vacation begins after scheduled classes
Monday, January 5      Classes resume
Wednesday, January 14  Reading Day
Thursday, January 15 - Wednesday, January 21 - Final examination
Wednesday, January 21  Last day to file theses in Milner Library for graduate degrees to be awarded at end of first semester
Saturday, January 24   First semester ends

Second Semester, 1969-70

Monday, January 26     Registration for late afternoon, evening, and Saturday classes
Tuesday, January 27 - Thursday, January 29 - Registration
Friday, January 30     Classes begin
Saturday, February 7   Last day for late registration and course changes
Monday, February 9     Last day for refunds
Friday, March 20       Spring vacation begins after scheduled classes
Tuesday, March 31      Classes resume
Friday, May 8          Last day to withdraw from classes
Tuesday, May 26        Reading Day
Wednesday, May 27 - Friday, May 29 - Final examinations
Saturday, May 30       Memorial Day holiday
Monday, June 1 - Wednesday, June 3 - Final examinations
Wednesday, June 3      Last day to file theses in Milner Library for graduate degrees to be awarded on June 6
Saturday, June 6       One-hundred-eleventh Annual Commencement
                        Second Semester ends

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### Summer Session, 1970

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Pool of Potential Chairmen of Dean and Department Head Selection Committees

Current and Past Chairmen:

Thomas Comfort
Robert Cramer
George Drew
Robert Duty
John Ferrell
Henry Hermanowicz
Howard Hetzel
Benjamin Keeley

Mark Plummer
Charles Porter
Earl Reitan
Ione Rhymer
Dave Sweet
Joe Talkington
Dale Vetter

Nominations made by the above:

Richard Allen
George Barford
Claude Bell
Stephen Bennett
Martha Bickley
Dean Blomgren
John Boaz
Tom Brigham
Roger Champagne
John Crew
Leven Dowdall
Scott Eatherley
Elwood Egelston
John Frehnl
Fred Fuess
Hal Gilmore
William Gnagey
Dean Hage
Barbara Hall
Warren Harden
Alan Hickrod
John Hill
Ben Hubbard
Henry Johnson
John Johnston
Kenneth Kennard

John Kirchner
Homer Knight
Arthur Larsen
Normand Madore
Thomas Martin
Paul Mattingly
Robert Moore
Charles Morris
James Palmer
James Patterson
Vernon Pohlmans
Stanley Rives
Edward Schapsmeier
Kyle Sessions
Robert Singer
Ralph Smith
Christopher Spencer
Clayton Thomas
Morton Waimon
David Wheeler
Charles White
Joseph Wilson
Thomas Wilson
Ruth Yates
Harvey Zeiderstein
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