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MINUTES OF THE UNIVER

December 17, 1969

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1. Samuel Braden President	8-2241	12. Richard Hulet Dean of Student Services	8-2545
2. Richard Bond Dean of Faculties	8-2261	13. Eric Johnson Dean of Administrative Services	8-2143
3. George Drew Elementary Education	8-2168	14. Frederick Kagy Industrial Technology	8-2621
4. Scott Eatherly English	8-2279	15. Benjamin Keeley Social Science	8-2245
5. Elwood Egelston Educational Administration	8-2549	16. Walter Kohn Political Science	8-8063
6. John Ferrell Music	8-2194	17. Thomas Martin Business Education	8-2620
7. Frederick Fuess Agriculture	8-5328	18. Charles Morris Mathematics	8-7674
8. Charles Gray, Jr. University High School	8-8437	19. Warren Perry Business Education	8-2297
9. Dean Hage Special Education	8-2274	20. Joseph Wilson Music	8-2194
10. Barbara Hall Hlth. & P. E. - Women	8-8461	21. William Zeller Education	6-7250
11. Charles Hicklin Education	8-2445		

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: December 17, 1969

MEMBERS PRESENT

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Richard Bond | 6. Frederick Fuess | 11. Richard Hulet | 16. Charles Morris |
| 2. Samuel Braden | 7. Charles Gray | 12. Frederick Kagy | 17. Warren Perry |
| 3. George Drew | 8. Dean Hage | 13. Benjamin Keeley | 18. Joseph Wilson |
| 4. Scott Eatherly | 9. Barbara Hall | 14. Walter Kohn | 19. William Zeller |
| 5. John Ferrell | 10. Charles Hicklin | 15. Thomas Martin | |

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles Hicklin, Chairman of the University Council, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in Room 401 of Stevenson Hall.

Mr. Kohn moved that the minutes of the December 3, 1969 meeting be approved as distributed. Mr. Drew seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Mr. Gray moved to adopt the recommendations of the Council on General Education dated December 13, 1969. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Mr. Rives, Chairman of the Council on General Education distributed copies of the proposal. A copy is attached to the minutes.

During the lengthy discussion which followed, some members of the Council questioned the complexity of the new program especially in light of the fact that starting in the fall of 1971 it is likely that three programs will be available to the students. Some Council members also expressed the opinion that a more structured program would be advantageous.

Another major point was the need for student advisement in the General Education program. Council members expressed the opinion that in order that students receive proper advisement, the University must recognize the faculty time required.

Mr. Rives pointed out that any General Education program was only as good as the courses in the program. He indicated that the Council on General Education would continue to study the program and the courses which are included.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

<u>Voting "YES"</u>		<u>Voting "NO"</u>	<u>Voting "Present"</u>
Richard Bond	Charles Hicklin	Dean Hage	Scott Eatherly
Samuel Braden	Richard Hulet	Benjamin Keeley	William Zeller
George Drew	Eric Johnson	Walter Kohn	
John Ferrell	Frederick Kagy	Thomas Martin	
Frederick Fuess	Charles Morris		
Charles Gray	Warren Perry		
Barbara Hall	Joseph Wilson		

The motion carried.

POLICY ON REPETITION OF COURSES

Mr. Hulet moved the approval of the Policy on Repetition of Courses, which was approved by the Academic Standards Committee and submitted by Dean Bond, dated November 26, 1969. Mr. Perry Seconded the motion.

The Policy is as follows:

POLICY ON REPETITION OF COURSES

(To apply only to students who enter the University in September 1969, or thereafter.)

A student may repeat a course in which he wishes to improve his grade. In such cases the cumulative grade point average will be computed by using both the original and the repeated grades. A student must secure permission from the Dean of Faculties to repeat a course more than once.

A student who has received a "D" or an "F" in a course may petition the Dean of Faculties to waive the above rule applying to grade point average computation, providing he has not subsequently taken a more advanced course in the same discipline. In such cases, upon the approval of the Dean of Faculties, the higher grade only will be counted in computing the grade point average. A student may not use a credit earned under the pass/fail option to replace a regular grade previously received in the same course.

If a student wishes to remove a failing grade or to raise his grade point average, he must repeat the course at this university. He cannot use the grades earned at other colleges to replace grades earned at this university.

There was some discussion with regard to the method of waiving the general rule (paragraph one). It was emphasized that there should be some control and that permission should not be automatic. Dean Bond indicated that he would delegate the responsibility to the College Deans.

Mr. Kohn moved to amend the motion by adding the following sentence between the next to last, and last sentence of the second paragraph:

"Approval by the Dean of Faculties shall not be automatic and will not be given more than four (4) times during a student's undergraduate career at Illinois State University."

Mr. Zeller seconded the motion.

The vote on the amendment to the motion was:

Voting "YES"

Voting "NO"

Scott Eatherly
Walter Kohn
William Zeller

Richard Bond
Samuel Braden
George Drew
John Ferrell
Frederick Fuess
Charles Gray
Dean Hage
Barbara Hall
Charles Hicklin

Richard Hulet
Eric Johnson
Frederick Kagy
Benjamin Keeley
Thomas Martin
Charles Morris
Warren Perry
Joseph Wilson

The motion to amend was defeated.

The vote on the original motion (Hulet-Perry) was as follows:

Voting "YES"

Voting "NO"

Richard Bond
Samuel Braden
George Drew
John Ferrell
Frederick Fuess
Charles Gray
Barbara Hall
Charles Hicklin
Richard Hulet

Eric Johnson
Frederick Kagy
Benjamin Keeley
Thomas Martin
Charles Morris
Warren Perry
Joseph Wilson
William Zeller.

Scott Eatherly
Dean Hage
Walter Kohn

The motion carried.

Mr. Keeley moved that the policy on repetition of Courses which was effective prior to February 19, 1962 be approved. Mr. Hage seconded the motion.

It was explained that this was the policy which appears in the 1969-70 catalog on page 46 with the deletion of the last paragraph.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "YES"

Dean Hage
Benjamin Keeley
Warren Perry

Voting "NO"

Richard Bond	Richard Hulet
Samuel Braden	Eric Johnson
George Drew	Frederick Kagy
Scott Eatherly	Walter Kohn
John Ferrell	Thomas Martin
Frederick Fuess	Charles Morris
Charles Gray	Joseph Wilson
Barbara Hall	William Zeller
Charles Hicklin	

Motion was defeated.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Chairman Hicklin explained that the Constitution provided that the University Council would be responsible for the election of faculty members to the Academic Senate. He reminded the Council that one of the recommendations of the University Council Retreat was that the new Academic Senate be seated in March.

Mr. Hicklin offered the following resolution:

In anticipation that the new Constitution will be approved by the Board of Regents, be it resolved that College Councils immediately proceed to determine membership requirements and eligibility for the interim Academic Senate and forward these decisions to the University Council by February 2, 1970. And further be it resolved that the University Council Election Committee formulate election procedures for the interim Academic Senate and forward these to the Council by January 21, 1970.

Mr. Fuess moved adoption of the above resolution. Mr. Kagy seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond moved that the number of representatives from a college on the interim Academic Senate will be the nearest whole proportional number of full time equivalent faculty members as of January 1, 1970 who hold the rank in that college of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or lecturer. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Parliamentary Procedure

Mr. Hicklin reported that he had received a memo from Mr. Barber regarding the meaning of accepting, approving and receiving reports from committees. Mr. Barber also pointed out that Chairman Hicklin should not have ruled Mr. Kohn's motion of November 19 a substitute motion. (The ruling did not determine outcome of the vote.)

Library APT Matters

Mr. Hicklin reported that Mr. Kraus, Director of the Libraries had asked for a minor exception to FSC procedures with respect of the evaluation of members of the teaching and professional library staff. This exception has already been approved by the Faculty Status Committee.

Student Senate Action

Mr. Eatherly reported that the Student Senate had passed a resolution requesting an examination of the policy of naming campus buildings. Mr. Hicklin reported that the Task Force on Inner Group Relations was scheduled to meet January 6, 1969 to discuss the problem. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the agenda of the University Council in January.

Department of Library Science

Mr. Bond reported that Mr. Kraus had requested he be relieved of the position of Head of the Department of Library Sciences so that he could give his full attention to the position of Director of Libraries. Mr. Bond announced the following Selection Committee:

Mr. J. Hill, Chairman
Mr. S. Shuman, Administrative Representative
Miss H. Anderson
Miss E. Speer
Miss V. Wilford

Academic Grades

A letter, signed by several faculty members was circulated to the Council. The letter requested that a re-examination of the traditional modes of evaluating students be undertaken. It was reported that the Academic Standards Committee had already discussed this area and that the item would be placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Hicklin, Chairman
Frederick Fuess, Secretary

CH/FF: es

December 13, 1969

The Council on General Education recommends the following:

1. The present General Education program (as described on pp. 64-65 of the 1969-70 catalog) should be continued as a first option available to all students.
2. A second optional General Education program for all students should be introduced in the fall of 1971 consisting of 42 hours of course work, exclusive of hours taken in the student's major department, in five areas with a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 hours in each area. While colleges and departments would be involved in the process of determining specific offerings available in each area, the following is illustrative of the possible offerings:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Possible Offerings</u>
A Communication and Fine Arts	6-12	English and Foreign languages, language and composition courses, Speech, Art, Music, and Theatre courses, and specific courses from other departments with a communication focus (e. g., computer and logic courses) or fine arts focus (e.g., dance courses).
B Humanities	6-12	English and Foreign Languages, literature courses, courses in History and Philosophy, and literature or humanities oriented courses from other departments.
C Natural Science and Mathematics	6-12	Courses in Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, and Physics
D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6-12	Courses in Anthropology, Economics, Georgraphy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.
E General Education Electives	6-12	Multidisciplinary courses which cross areas (other multidisciplinary courses within areas would be included in the appropriate area), problem-oriented courses, and courses in Agriculture, Business, Education (for non-teacher students), Health and Physical Education, Home Economics, Industrial Technology, and Library Science, including multi-disciplinary courses within these areas.

The following understandings are included as a part of this proposal:

- a. A student may count only courses taken outside his major department toward his 42 hours of General Education.
- b. Within each area, a student would be limited to either two courses or a total of

six hours (whichever is greater) from a single department toward fulfilling General Education requirements.

c. Specific courses will be approved for General Education after consultation with departments and colleges. They will be asked to recommend: (1) present courses which should be included in the program, (2) new courses which should be developed to include in the program, and (3) appropriate areas (A, B, C, D, E above) into which existing or new courses should be placed. The assumption is that each department will contribute to the program and that a department is not necessarily limited to offering courses in a single area (e.g., Music might offer courses in areas A and B and participate in a multidisciplinary offering under E).

d. Availability of both lower and upper division courses would allow a student to spread his General Education program over his entire undergraduate experience.

e. The program assumes that no specific courses or courses from specific departments would be required.

3. A third option General Education program should be introduced in the fall of 1970 allowing a student in consultation with his faculty advisor to structure an individualized General Education program. The following guidelines would facilitate implementation of the program:

a. Students would apply for acceptance into the program, which would initially be limited to 50 participants in order to gain experience with the program before opening it to larger numbers of students.

b. Each college and the General Students Office would designate advisors for the program.

c. The student and his advisor shall structure a General Education program which meets the criteria set forth in the "Statement on General Education."

d. Existing general education distribution requirements, course prerequisites, and independent study hour limitations may be waived. The total hour requirement would be 42, exclusive of hours taken in the student's major department.

e. Approval of the student's individualized program will rest with the advisor.

f. When a student has satisfactorily completed his individualized program, and upon recommendation of his faculty advisor, the Council or its designated representative will certify that the student has met the University requirements in General Education.

4. The character of any general education program hinges ultimately upon the quality of instruction. Evaluation and improvement of general education, therefore, must relate to evaluation and improvement of instruction in general education courses. The Council intends to devote increased attention to these matters during the remainder of the year, and invites suggestions toward that end.

5. The Council retains "On General Education" as its statement of philosophy on general education, but recommends that Plan B (group sponsored general education program option) as outlined in its proposal of September, 1969, be dropped from further consideration. It is also recommended that the experimental feature of the present General Education program be retained as a mechanism for innovation (see University Council minutes of October 18, 1967, for explanation).