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MEMORIAL UNION COMMITTEE

January 30, 1958

1:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Moreland, chairman, Miss Beesley, Mr. R. Burnett, Dr. Cunningham, Connie Eaton, Jack Feiden, Mr. Horton, Mr. Keating, Mr. Malmberg, Miss Stouffer.

Members absent: Mr. Ross Beach, Jr., Al Billinger, Vernon Meckel, and Marilyn Ginther.

Also present: Mr. Vander Kolk and Mr. Bill Asher of Kansas City.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue plans for the furniture and furnishings to be used in the Memorial Union Building. Mr. Vander Kolk and Mr. Ashed discussed each area of the building and explained what they suggest for use in the different rooms. They showed samples of draperies, rugs, paints, upholstery materials and pictures of furniture and sample rooms using many of these items.

LOUNGE AREA

The wheat pattern for the draperies in this area was shown again to the committee and several questions were raised concerning this drapery. It is made of fiberglass and its wearability was questioned. Mr. Vander Kolk assured the committee that this fiberglass material would give extremely good wear, would not split as the early fiberglass materials did, it would not fade, and it is easily cleaned.

No rugs had been planned for this area but the decorators suggested what they would like to see used. They described an acrilon carpet, a Firth product, which would be easily cleaned, wear exceptionally well and fit nicely in this area. They also described a "carving" process that would provide a very attractive border on the rug; they suggested that it have a 6" border of "carving" set in about 6" from the edge of the rug. This would add about 10 to 12 per cent to the cost but it would be very beautiful and add so much to the room. Rugs would be used only in certain furniture groupings.

All colors and materials to be recommended in this area were displayed. Mr. Malmberg suggested "some warmer colors" for some of the materials. The decorators showed the other shades and pointed out why they had selected the colors they did. Florescent lights, stone that is used in the area, the amount of space the different colors would cover, etc. He said that he could set up the specifications so that the rugs could be included and a separate item for the "carving," since this will add about 10 or 12 per cent to the cost of the rugs.

It was moved by Miss Stouffer, and seconded by Mr. Horton, that the committee approve the recommendations of Mr. Vander Kolk on the Lounge Area. The motion carried.

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#### MEADOW LARK ROOM

Draperies on two walls, pinch pleated ceiling to floor, two sofas, walnut tables. There was some discussion about the drapery pattern, pictures of famous composers, as the committee had some difficulty in visualizing how these draperies would look. Mr. Vander Kolk assured them that there were no draperies with the picture of a meadow lark, and he assured the committee that these would be beautiful.

It was moved by Mr. Malmberg and seconded by Jack Feiden that we approve the recommendations for the music room. The motion carried.

#### SNACK BAR

Antique white and cinnamon would be the colors used for the booths, chairs would be bucket type, formica tops on tables and counters. Dr. Cunningham asked if they had considered wood for the booths. Mr. Vander Kolk said that wood was being used less and less because of the habit people have of marking on it, especially with ball point pens, and that wooden furniture is more often damaged than upholstery. Mr. Vander Kolk assured the committee that the fiberglass, bucket-type chairs were very stable and would stand up under heavy use. There are no draperies in this area. Bone white for the walls was discussed. Mr. Malmberg thought this would be too light. It was pointed out that this is an inside room and that light would be needed.

It was moved by Miss Stouffer and seconded by Miss Beesley that we approve the plans as they were presented. The motion carried.

#### GAME ROOM

The colors of walls and drapes to be used in this room were shown. These draperies will be cotton and rayon. Neutral tans and light green were used. During the discussion, Mr. Vander Kolk suggested that it should never be necessary to open a window anywhere in this building--air conditioning and proper ventilation provided by the building construction should be adequate.

It was moved by Jack Feiden and seconded by Richard Burnett that we accept the recommendations for the Game Room. The motion carried.

#### CARD ROOM

The tables and chairs, and other items to be used here were shown and discussed. Everything appeared to be satisfactory and Miss Beesley moved that we accept these plans as presented. Mr. Malmberg seconded the motion and it carried.

#### LOUNGE

In the small lounge off the women's rest room, a bolster type lounge with no chairs was suggested. This is a small area and would not accommodate much furniture.

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#### CODY ROOM

The folding doors will be antique white; samples of draperies were shown. Mr. Malmberg said that, since we have so much white that we might use a brighter color. Other samples of color were studied. Miss Beesley moved that the color of the paint for the walls should be just a little bit darker--possible two shadings darker in the basic background. Miss Stouffer seconded the motion, Mr. Vander Kolk said that would be satisfactory and the motion carried.

#### FACULTY ROOM

The furniture and furnishings to be used here were shown and discussed; there were no suggested changes. Mr. Burnett moved that we adopt the plans for this room. Miss Stouffer seconded the motion and it carried.

#### FRAIRIE ROOM

This room is to have a soft gold carpet. The sample of drapery material he showed had large pillars, or columns, which did not meet complete approval of the committee. The colors were satisfactory but the design was not. Mr. Vander Kolk described another pattern that he had seen; it had a scenic design with a wide border at the bottom and plain at the top. He said he would send this sample for approval.

This room is to have a 10-foot, reversible solid-top table, Formica; the chairs are to have low arms so that they would be suitable for dining chairs and at the conference table. They will be of walnut frame upholstered in sandlewood to match draperies. It was suggested that a mural might some time be painted in this room.

Miss Beesley moved that we accept the plans, with the exception of the draperies; a drapery sample will be sent out for examination. Mr. Burnett seconded it and the motion carried.

#### TRAILS ROOMS (Santa Fe and Smoky Hill)

These would be treated as one room. The floor is tile. Drapery across the fronts of both rooms. We would need 50 chairs (Stackmore folding chairs were suggested). Mr. Vander Kolk explained that this is the most substantial folding chair made and that it does not look like a folding chair. They would be suitable for moving into many of the other rooms. He will send one out for examination.

Jack Feiden moved that we approve the plans for this room, subject to the examination of the chair when it has been sent out. Mr. Burnett seconded the motion and it carried.

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BALL ROOM (Black and Gold Room)

Drapes would be lined and innerlined, for black-out purposes. A sample of the chairs suggested for this room was examined by the committee. It was a folding chair, bronze frame with upholstered, foam rubber seats, Phillips screws on the bottom side of the seats to add stability to the chair.

It was moved by Jack Feiden and seconded by Mr. Keating that this chair, (bronze frame with black upholstery) and the other furnishings described by Mr. Vander Kolk, be approved for the Ball Room. The motion carried.

The dining tables are to be 6 feet by 3 feet. Seventy tables will be needed to seat 416 people. This will leave enough room around the wall for serving carts to pass.

The size of the elevator was considered in this planning. A check on the dimensions of the elevator showed that a truck loaded with 6-foot tables could be rolled into the elevator and taken to the basement for storage. (The elevator is 6' by 7' with the door being 7' wide).

Jack Feiden moved and Mr. Keating seconded the motion that 70 tables be included in the specifications; 10 tables with Formica tops and 60 with Masonite tops.

Trucks to be used in moving and storing the tables would hold 10 each. It was moved by M. C. Cunningham and seconded by Jack Feiden that 7 such trucks be included in the specification. The motion carried.

Trucks for moving and storing the chairs would also be needed; each truck would hold 30 chairs. Mr. Keating moved and Jack Feiden seconded the motion, that 14 trucks for chairs be included in the specifications. The motion carried.

Walter E. Keating, Secretary