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Report to Faculty on:

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FACULTY MEETING

April 11, 1951

President Cunningham discussed briefly the plan now under consideration for deferment of college students, as outlined in the recent issue of the Faculty Bulletin. He suggested that no one could tell at this time just what the final plans might be, and that we should urge students to go right ahead with their plans to attend college until they were actually called to service.

The president then told of the meeting which the Business Managers had with the Secretary of the Board of Regents and the State Auditor concerning Social Security. The faculty were told that at the meeting on April 20 a final decision would be made as to whether the state colleges would go under Social Security, and that the presidents of the colleges were to meet on April 19 and to advise the Board of the wishes of the faculties. He said that if the decision was to go under Social Security that it would be retroactive to January 1, and six months payments, or 9% of the May salary check would be deducted to cover the contribution up to that time. Other considerations, the possibility that in 1954 the cost would be increased from 1½% to 2%, in 1960 to 2½%, in 1965 to 3% and in 1970 to 3½%, which was to be the maximum.

Dr. Cunningham expressed faith that the Board would work out some plan to take care of staff members now on retirement, those now ready for retirement, and those who would not have 2½ years in which to qualify. There was also a possibility that the Board would supplement the benefits of Social Security to bring the retirement pay up to the present plan of the Board. He asked that the faculty vote upon two questions: "Do you want to go under Social Security"? and "Do you want to go under Social Security with the possibility that the Board will supplement the benefits to bring them up to the present plan?" At the close of the meeting the vote was taken. On the first question the vote was 48 for, 7 against. On the second question there was one negative vote.

(Dr. Thompson stated that the committee had recommended to the Board that the Board supplement the Social Security benefits.)

Dean McCartney presented the following recommendations from the Undergraduate Committee:

1. "Whether or not a student is permitted to earn college credit in a beginning course in language (in residence or by correspondence) for which he has high school credit, be left to the discretion of the chairman of the Humanities Division, and the instructor of the particular language involved."

The faculty discussed this recommendation at some length, and a motion was made by Dr. Reed that we approve the recommendation of the Undergraduate Committee. The motion was seconded, voted upon by a show of hands, and carried.

2. "Recommended that the opportunity to take the examinations for exemptions from general education courses be held within the first four weeks of the semester in which the student matriculates, and that these tests be given by a stated time."

Again the faculty discussed that recommendation, particularly as to the length of time allowed, and it was agreed that if possible the examinations should be given in the first week of the term.

Motion was made by Mr. Start to amend the recommendation by striking out the word "four" and substituting the word "two". The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Schmutz that the word "term" be substituted for the word "semester". Motion seconded and carried.

The recommendation as amended was then voted upon and carried.

3. "Recommended that the freshman orientation program as carried out in the fall semester of 1950 be discontinued, and that a program to be covered in the first week of the semester be approved. Attendance to be voluntary on the part of the students." Mr. Dalton read the proposed program, recommended by the Undergraduate committee, copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Stopher moved that we adopt the recommendation of the Undergraduate Committee for the Freshman Orientation program. Motion was seconded and carried.

4. "Recommended that when a student is absent from class twice in succession for which the instructor has received no satisfactory statement explaining the absence, from either the student or from one of the administration offices, or if the student is habitually irregular in attendance, the instructor should report such cases to the Registrar's office."

Motion was made by Dr. Stopher that this recommendation be approved. Motion seconded and carried.

5. Recommended that an index of at least 1.00 be required for all courses which are included in the student's signed major or minor filed in the Registrar's Office."

Motion was made by Dr. Stopher that the amended recommendation be approved. Seconded and carried.

6. "Recommended that the word "unclassified" be substituted for the word "special" in the classification of students in the general catalogue."

Motion was made by Dr. Stopher that we accept the recommendation of the Undergraduate Committee. Motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. McCartney explained that the examination schedule as set up for the deferment of college students conflicted with the college semester finals on May 26, and recommended that we change the college schedule and hold the examinations on Thursday, May 24, Friday May 25, Monday May 28, and Tuesday May 29.

Motion was made by Mr. Start that the examination schedule be moved back to start on Thursday, omitting Saturday, if the government schedule remains as it is now set up. Motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. McCartney called attention to the problem of recording "incompletes" and asked that when an instructor sends in such a record for a student in his classes that the indicate what is required to complete the work in that class, so that if he is not on the campus at the time the student wishes to make up the incomplete there will be information as to what he must do.

Metting adjourned.

Cora Bibens, Secretary