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FACULTY MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 1957

REPORT ON MEETING ATTENDED:

Dr. W. Clement Wood reported on the Governor's Conference on Education that he, Dr. Coder and Dr. McCartney attended in Topeka recently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(1) Dr. Cunningham was called upon to make announcements. He explained to the faculty how the five state institutions of higher learning are financed and what we have to do in order to get the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds for the state colleges. He reported what had just been announced in Topeka concerning the Governor's disapproval of salary increases for faculty members, and his recommendations to reduce our proposed budget.

(2) He mentioned that this would be a good time, before students go home for the holidays, to have a visit with all advisees and see if there is any help that can be given to these students about planning for next semester.

(3) FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE ABANDONED. The president announced that careful consideration has been given by the Administrative Council and the Faculty Senate on the subject of final examinations and that, starting with this semester, we are doing away with the examination schedule and that classes will be conducted through January 23, 1958. It will be the responsibility of the Division Chairmen and Department Heads to see that classes meet through January 23.

He explained that the instructors may give examinations at any of the regular class periods they choose but that no special time will be set aside for 2-hour examinations as has been done in past years. A statement about these changes will appear in the next faculty bulletin.

Discussion: Several faculty members expressed protests to the new policy, saying that the examinations could pile up in a few days and make a hardship on some students who might have five examinations in one day. Mr. Toalson said it would be difficult for the people in science. Mr. Moss asked what per cent of faculty do not give examinations now. There is no specific answer but many do not. Miss Willard asked if it would be possible to use a 2-hour period in the evening for examinations. The answer was "No." Dr. Parish felt that it could work, if the class and the teacher work together, but that some additional planning might be necessary.

Dr. Ed. Martin challenged the "propriety of the Administration" in setting the policy rather than letting the faculty vote on the question. Dr. Cunningham said that this is an administrative decision and that it was made only after reviewing the discussions by the Faculty Senate and by the Administrative Council.

Dollie B. Thomas
Secretary