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Discussion: THE JORDAN MILLER PROPOSAL. (Re: Campus violence and student demands.) Copy of memo prepared by ASC Pres. Steve Rayl, which was sent to all faculty, is included at end of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Oliva that we postpone any further action on the Jordan Miller proposal until after the Board of Regents has clarified its position. Motion seconded by Dr. Hamilton. Motion carried.

Discussion: ACADEMIC DISHONESTY. Committee on Cheating appointed Dec. 10, 1968 - Mr. Ginther, Chm., Mrs. Popp, Dr. Sackett, Dr. Thomas and 3 members of Stuco. Committee report is included at end of Minutes.

A "Statement on Professional Ethics", distributed to Senate members by Dr. Sackett, is included at end of Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, May 20, 1969, at 3:30 p. m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Ginther, Mr. Schroder, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Lojka, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Theis, Dr. Witten, Dr. Oliva, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Rayl and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Dr. Miller.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

THE JORDAN MILLER PROPOSAL. At the previous Senate meeting, the Senate discussed the Jordan Miller proposal and Senate members polled their Divisions regarding the proposal. (The Jordan Miller proposal as well as the Faculty Senate's recommendation are contained in the Faculty Senate Minutes of May 6, 1969.)

At the May 13 meeting of the Senate, it was the consensus of the Senate members that a memo prepared by Steve Rayl be distributed to the members of the various Divisions. A copy of the memo is included at the end of the Minutes.

Dr. Witten, who is the Fort Hays representative to the State Council of College and University Senates, received a second communication from Dr. Miller dated May 9, 1969. Dr. Witten read the following portion of the letter to the Senate members:

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"And now, concerning the possibilities of another meeting of our State Council. John Reed and I did not arrive at any decision, and I fear that all I can say about myself right now is that I am procrastinating and can't really make up my mind. The one most important topic of conversation at the May 2 meeting in Hays after we had done all the business outlined in the minutes was student unrest and violence, the one subject that is so uppermost in the minds of all educators and students, and, indeed, the nation as a whole. Although I have not heard from all of you in reply to my April 29th letter, the reaction I have received so far has been favorable. It is quite clear from our discussions at Hays that everyone--Regents, presidents, faculty, and students--is concerned about the future of student protest and the nature of campus violence. We arrived at no conclusions whatever, but we did get a lot of views expressed and I am quite confident that the general feeling is that some stand should be taken and that a repetition of anything resembling the total surrender on the Cornell campus must be avoided at all costs."

There was some further discussion relative to the Dr. Jordan Miller proposal.

Dr. Hamilton reported in the Division of Education, Philosophy and Psychology

27 responses were received. Only 4 of these were opposed to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Oliva that we postpone any further action on the Jordan Miller proposal until after the Board of Regents has clarified its position. Motion seconded by Dr. Hamilton. Motion carried.

Although the Senate did not endorse the Jordan Miller proposal at this time, nevertheless they were cognizant of the dangers on campus from student dissidents. Attorney General Mitchell's speech in Detroit on May 2 was cited as a description of what needs to be done. In this speech Attorney General Mitchell argued that a court injunction might be secured by university officials whose campus buildings are seized.

Dean Garwood read a portion of an article by Evans and Novak which appeared

in the Kansas City Times of May 2 entitled "Dangerous Precedent at Cornell."

Dr. Witten commented regarding the burning of a Student Union in Jefferson City, Missouri.

It seemed to be the consensus of the Senate that any administrator needs to have the backing of his faculty if he is to cope with student dissent. The disruption of the ROTC Review at KU was cited as a recent example of student dissent in Kansas. Attention was also drawn to the disruption of the meeting of the peace officers in Kansas.

Mr. Rayl commented that student government is attempting to set up a student court which would meet the problem of students who violate campus regulations. The question was raised as to how the court would enforce its action. Mr. Rayl replied if militant action were involved, the College would need to take disciplinary action to enforce the decision of the student court. Mr. Rayl seemed to think that 99% of the student body would be opposed to any dissident action on our campus.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY. On December 10, 1968, a committee of Mr. Ginther, Chairman, Mrs. Popp, Dr. Sackett, Dr. Thomas and three members of the Student Council was established to discuss what could be done to curb cheating on campus. The committee report is included at the end of the Minutes.

It was the thought of the committee that an enlarged statement on cheating could be placed in Student Handbooks and Faculty Handbooks so that the policy of the College could be set forth.

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Mr. Ginther, Chairman of the committee, said the purpose of this code is to clarify to the student the position of the College on cheating. In addition, it would clarify the responsibility of the faculty member as far as cheating is concerned.

A "Statement on Professional Ethics" was distributed to the members of the Senate by Dr. Sackett. This statement is enclosed at the end of the Senate Minutes.

Further discussion of procedures for handling cheating will be carried forward to the next Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder