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#### MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

October 14, 1947

The Faculty Council met in the Board of Trustees Room at 3:30 on Tuesday, October 14, 1947, with President Wells presiding. The first part of the meeting was given over to problems of organization. President Wells called for the election of a secretary for the current academic year. Professors Collins and Yellen were nominated. Professor Yellen was elected.

The secretary asked for instructions as to how detailed the minutes of the Faculty Council ought to be.

A motion was made by Dean Gavit, and seconded, that the secretary keep in his minutes a record only of proposals made, matters discussed, and action taken. Passed unanimously.

The roll was called. The members present were President Wells, Deans Briscoe, Ashton, Gavit, VanNuys, Wright, Hall, Patty, Sikes, and Shoemaker, Dr. Miller, Professors Breneman, Franzen, W. H. Fox, Harmon, Long, Weatherwax, Winther, Yellen, Benns, Buehrig, Collins, Horack, Lundin, Lusk, and Seeber. Mr. Cookson was represented by Mr. Harrell, Assistant Registrar. Those absent were Deans Weimer Bain, and Hine, Mr. Franklin, and Professor Christenson.

A motion was made by Professor Buehrig, and seconded, that the secretary report in his minutes the absences at Faculty Council meetings and also make a note of alternates present. Passed unanimously.

The secretary was directed to communicate with Professor Christenson to inquire if he wishes to select an alternate to serve during his absence this semester.

Dean Wright inquired whether regular meeting dates could be set for the Council.

A motion was made by Professor Lusk, and seconded, that the Council meet regularly at 3:30 on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, with the understanding that, whenever necessary, additional meetings might be held or regular meetings canceled. Passed unanimously.

President Wells spoke of the many problems that ought to come up for the consideration of the Council. In addition to the problems and recommendations in the report of the Post-War Planning Committee, he listed the following: the calendar, the question of priorities as to housing for the next academic year, the provision of travel expenses for faculty members attending scholarly



meetings, revision of the pension plan, broadening the scope of the hospitalization insurance program, making the grading system uniform, providing programs of study for women, the establishment of a literary quarterly and press, the celebration of the James Whitcomb Riley Centennial, means of integrating the Faculty Council with the off-campus divisions of the University, setting a policy on absences before and after vacations, and stimulating proper extra-curricular reading in the dormitories and student houses. Of these, three were stressed by President Wells as demanding the immediate attention of the Council: the calendar, the question of priorities as to housing for the next academic year, and the setting of a policy on absences before and after vacations. Professor Franzen suggested that members of the Council turn in to the secretary further topics that might be considered.

A motion was made by Professor Benns, and seconded, that the Council proceed to consider the calendar.  
Passed unanimously.

In the absence of Mr. Cookson, Mr. Harrell presented the proposed calendar for the academic year 1948-1949. A copy of the proposed calendar is attached to these minutes.

Professor Harmon asked whether the proposed calendar does not provide fewer class or instruction days than was true before the War. Mr. Harrell replied that the usual first semester before the War provided 76 or 77 class days, as compared with 74 class days provided in the proposed calendar; and he pointed out that 76 or 77 class days was a longer instruction period than most other schools have.

Professor Breneman pointed out that the proposed calendar raises a difficulty for laboratory courses with multiple sections. Since such laboratory sections meet either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, to begin classes on a Thursday, as provided for in the proposed calendar, would put the Tuesday-Thursday sections ahead of the Monday-Wednesday sections. It would be convenient for the teacher, he concluded, if the two groups could be synchronized and kept together throughout the semester. Dean Ashton suggested that classes might begin on Wednesday, September 22, instead of Thursday, September 23, to permit the Wednesday laboratory sections to match the Thursday sections. President Wells suggested that since classes, under Dean Ashton's proposal, would begin one day earlier, it might be wise to end the Holiday recess on Tuesday, January 4, instead of Monday, January 3, and thus give students more time for their return trip to the University after New Year's Day.

A motion was made by Dean Wright, and seconded, that the proposed calendar be revised to have new students begin on Wednesday, September 15; registration on Thursday and Friday, September 16 and 17; enrollment on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, September 18, 20, and 21; classes begin on Wednesday, September 22; and the Holiday recess end on Tuesday, January 4; and that the revised calendar be adopted.

Dean Gavit moved to amend Dean Wright's motion to provide further that the Spring recess begin on Wednesday, April 13,



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at 5:20 p.m. and end on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 a.m.  
Motion to amend seconded, and passed unanimously. Dean  
Wright's motion as amended passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the question of priorities as to housing for  
the next academic year be considered at the next meeting of the  
Council.

Adjournment at 5:40.

S. Yellen, secretary



The next meeting of the Faculty Council will be held in the Board of Trustees Room on Tuesday, October 21, at 3:30. The other regular meetings of the Council during this semester will be held on November 4 and 18, December 2 and 16, and January 6 and 20.

At the suggestion of President Wells, I enclose a copy of the minutes of the Council meeting on October 14, so that each member may see if any corrections or additions need be made.

S. Yellen, secretary