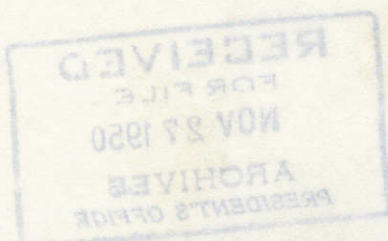


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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

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The Faculty Council convened in the Board of Trustees Room at 3:30 P.M., Dean Briscoe presiding in the absence of President Wells. Other members absent were Professors Anderson, Browning, Feik, Krueger; Dean Bain, Harger, Hine, Van Nuys, Witham; Mr. Miller and Mr. Franklin. Alternates present were Professor Long for Dean Bain, Professor Harmon for Professor Harger, Mr. Byrd for Mr. Miller. Dean Collins attended to represent Dean Briscoe who was presiding. Mr. Allman and Mr. Bucher were also present.

Items of Business:

1. Approval of minutes.
  2. Form of minutes.
  3. Summer rental of houses of Faculty members.
  4. Grants for scholars in cancer research.
  5. February commencement.
  6. October graduates.
  7. University calendar.
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1. The minutes of the Faculty Council for November 7 were approved.
  2. Professor Benms suggested that the form of the Council minutes be changed so that motions will stand out from summaries of discussion. Second, he hoped that summaries of discussion would include names of members of the Council so that Faculty members could be informed by the minutes who supports what. The Secretary demurred from reporting all comment of all members on the basis of time and space required for the preparation of such minutes; Dean Weimer pointed out that there is a difference between minutes and verbatim reports and Professor Lundin commented on the burden on the Secretary, and asked if he could have the assistance of a stenographer. Dean Briscoe appeared to feel there might be funds available.
  3. Dean Briscoe asked that any Faculty member who expects to be away during the Summer and who wishes to rent his house contact the Dean of Faculties' office so that persons, particularly those away from Bloomington and coming here for a short time, could be put in contact with potential renters. It was the intention to facilitate bringing together those wanting housing and those wishing to provide housing.
  4. Dean Briscoe described an announcement which had been conveyed to him by Professor Allan Mitchell concerning grants by the American Cancer Society to institutions for training scientific scholars. The Society invites institutions each through its executive officer to make application up to \$18,000 to be used over a three year period to pay salary and/or to support research programs to help newly trained scholars establish themselves in the field of cancer research. An institution wishing to make application is to select a newly trained scholar to add to its staff, but not one who has already demonstrated



his competence as an independent investigator, set forth plans for his permanent work, and have the scholar also write a supporting letter and forward the application to the Committee on Growth, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 2, D. C. before January 1, 1951.

5. The Commencement Committee, by a letter from Claude Rich, Chairman, recommended that a commencement be held February 11, 1951 at 2:00 P. M. at which diplomas be given and that, with exception to the elimination of Baccalaureate services, ceremonies be as elaborate as possible in order to give February graduates and their parents equal recognition to those graduating in June. A further recommendation was that attendance of February graduates at this commencement be made optional.

Mr. Harrell commented on the recommendation. It was possible to give diplomas by setting the dates long enough after the close of examinations for his office to certify graduates. Optional participation was suggested in deference to those who preferred the June exercises. He moved that:

THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT  
COMMITTEE FOR A FEBRUARY COMMENCEMENT  
(TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 11) BE APPROVED  
AND BE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Second by Professor Fuchs.

The discussion that followed was concerned with the following points: the size of the February and June commencements, whether participation in the February commencement should be optional, the mechanics of handing out diplomas, and a comparison of the quality of February and June commencements.

Professor Cleland asked how many students were expected to participate in a February commencement. Mr. Harrell expected the number to be about 300, and as it later developed, in a response to Professor Frenz's hope that the June commencement might be smaller, he thought that number would not be much different regardless of whether attendance at it was optional or not.

Dean Weimer thought that an optional participation in the February commencement would clutter up the records and Professor Benms raised the question as to why it should be optional. Mr. Harrell explained that the committee had insisted on making it so out of deference to the minority and their desire to participate in the June event because it is a great show. Discussion on the optional character of the February commencement largely turned on whether if participation in February were made compulsory ways could be found for students to evade the requirement and participate in the June ceremonies if they so desired. Dean Ashton's inquiry as to whether failure to pay the fee would excuse from attendance was answered in the negative (Harrell). The student would be graduated but also be put on the check list so that his graduation could not be officially certified. Various suggestions were made: arrange for the student to take an incomplete



or announce the February commencement without any reference to participation in it being voluntary (Weimer); require participation of all except those who secure approval of the Dean of Student's office, and finally it was suggested that many means of avoiding participation in the February commencement might be found. (Harrell)

The question of the mechanics of handling diplomas was concerned with whether optional attendance at the February commencement made it possible to issue signed diplomas to each of the persons for whom they were intended. The response (Collins, Harrell, Briscoe) was in the affirmative if the recommendation as made was adopted.

The desirability of attending the February commencement was suggested by Professor Fuchs inasmuch as its quality could be as good or better than the June exercises. The February commencement should be made as impressive as in June, failure to consider it so is a cultural lag, a neglect to realize that there are two commencements (Ashton); the President desires it to be as dignified as possible (Harrell). The way to develop a tradition for the February commencement is to treat it as equally important therefore it should be made compulsory (Benns). Professor Benns moved to amend Mr. Harrell's motion to:

ABROGATE THE PROVISION IN REGARD TO VOLUNTARY ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY COMMENCEMENT AND THAT INSTEAD THE SAME RULE BE FOLLOWED IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY THAT IS REGULARLY FOLLOWED IN JUNE COMMENCEMENTS.

This amendment after being seconded was put to a vote; all members voting voted aye except Mr. Harrell who voted no.

The original motion as perfected by the amendment was:

THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A FEBRUARY COMMENCEMENT (TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 11) EXCEPT THAT THE SAME RULE BE FOLLOWED IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY THAT IS REGULARLY FOLLOWED IN JUNE COMMENCEMENTS BE APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE MOTION WAS THEN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Mr. Harrell proposed the adoption of some kind of rule as to the date for determining October graduates. There is much delay under the present system between the various times when students end their work in the late summer or fall and the time when they receive their diplomas. Dean Gavit supported this view by recalling that many Law School graduates have been forced to take bar examinations before they had documentary evidence of their graduation even though graduation from law school is a prerequisite to the examination. In order to set a definite time, there being none now except that the Graduate School requires a certain lapse of time between the completion of the thesis and graduation, Mr. Harrell suggested that



the date for October graduates be set at the fourth Friday following the last day of the regular Summer Session. Professor Weatherwax said that under the system of the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees the old reason for the late fall graduation was no longer existent because the Trustees could approve lists of graduates in any month. Dean Weimer pointed out that since the Faculty recommends lists of candidates subject to the record a meeting could be held at such time when a requisite member of the Faculty or the Faculty Council could pass the necessary resolution. Professor Cleland pointed out the advantage of students having their diplomas when they go to jobs. Dean Gavit said the Law School could certify candidates for graduation within a day or two after the end of the Summer Session. Dean Ashton was of the opinion that there was agreement on the principle, the only matter involved was fixing the exact date. Professor Cleland thought that four weeks after the close of the summer school was too long and Dean Gavit moved that:

THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE TO  
DRAFT A RULE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL.

The motion was seconded by Dean Ashton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Mr. Harrell began a discussion of proposed calendars (see Minutes, November 7). The students had expressed a preference for one of the proposed calendars. Director of Athletics, Paul Harrell was opposed to this one particularly because two football games would be held when students were away. The long discussion that followed as pointed out by Dean Briscoe revolved about:

1. Attempts to make a calendar which fits into the present organization of the University.
2. Attempts to change present organization, such as questioning the period for counselling, enrolling, registration (Harmon), long period for graduate students between appearance on the campus and the beginning of instruction (Patty). Each suggestion for a calendar was open to a criticism and each criticism appeared to be balanced by an answer. Eventually Dean Weimer asked Mr. Harrell which of the calendars proposed was the best. When it developed that there was no categorical answer Dean Weimer moved that:

A COMMITTEE OF THREE, WITH MR. HARRELL AS  
CHAIRMAN, BE APPOINTED WITH POWER TO ACT ON  
THE SCHEDULE FOR 1951-52 AND THAT THE FACULTY  
COUNCIL ENDORSE SUCH ACTION AS IS TAKEN BY THE  
COMMITTEE.

After a second the MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
The Faculty Council adjourned at 5:05 P. M.

John E. Stoner, Secretary



The next meeting of the Faculty Council will be held in the  
Board of Trustees Room on Tuesday, December 5, at 3:30 P.M.  
A copy of the minutes of the November 21 meeting is enclosed.