

## FACULTY COUNCIL

To members of the Faculty Council:

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held in the Board Room at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 1, 1953. The following items are on the agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes.
2. Recommendation of the Committee on Uniform Practices.
3. Discussion of the President's address on the State of the University.
4. Report of the Committee on International Relations.

### Notes on the Agenda

Item 2:-- Mr. Harrell presents the following recommendations of the Committee on Uniform Practices concerning changes in regulations:

1. In those cases where students discontinue attendance without officially withdrawing, the instructor shall report the grade of "WF." Where non-attendance occurs late in the semester, however, a grade of Incomplete may be used if the instructor has reason to believe the cause of absence was beyond the control of the student.
2. The removal of the grade of "E" from the official grade code of the University.
3. Change in item (b) in the last paragraph of the new regulation regarding Incomplete grades. This item deals with the way in which the grade of Incomplete can be changed to a grade of "W" and the suggested change is:  
(b) "By the dean of the student's school authorizing the change of Incomplete to "W."

Items 3 and 4:-- Please bring with you to the meeting your copies of the President's address and the report of the Committee on International Relations.

Paul Weatherwax,  
Secretary, Faculty Council.

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## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

December 1, 1953

These minutes are distributed to the Faculty subject to modification and approval by the Faculty Council at its next meeting.

Council convened in the Board Room at 3:30 P.M.

Presiding: President Wells.

Absent: Deans Van Nuys, Weimer, and Hine, Mr. Franklin, Professors Houk and Feik.

Alternates present: Dean Collins for Dean Briscoe, Prof. Webb for Prof. Shrigley, Prof. Harold E. Burns for Mrs. Hicks.

### Items of Business

1. Approval of minutes.
2. Announcement by Dean Cleland concerning exhibit of materials by the Graduate School.
3. Report of Committee on Uniform Practices.
4. Discussion of the President's address on the State of the University.

### Action of the Council

1. At the suggestion of Professors Breneman and Fuchs, and with the consent of the Council, the following was substituted as a clarification and expansion of Paragraph 7 under Item 5 of the minutes of the meeting of November 17:

The athletics program is an integral part of the program of the University as a whole. It is financed from gate receipts, radio and television contracts, and small revenues collected from concession and program contracts. The expenses of intercollegiate athletic events are paid from these revenues. These expenses include maintenance costs for the field house, stadium, baseball field, tennis courts, and the like. They also include coaches' salaries, cost of equipment, travel expenses, uniforms, and medical services.

Revenues from athletic events are collected and administered by the office of the Vice-President and Treasurer of the University. Expenses are budgeted and controlled by the Vice-President and Treasurer in the same manner as for other operating divisions of the University.

Rumors of large deficits or surpluses resulting from intercollegiate athletics are found to be without foundation when the fluctuations over a period of years are taken into consideration. As a matter of fact, the funds of the Athletics Department are at present in balance, after a period of years in which the gate receipts and incidental revenues have supported the intercollegiate program without subsidy from the University's other funds. In addition, they have made recreational facilities available to students and faculty at hours when there are no conflicts with scheduled athletic events.

As thus amended, the minutes were approved.

2. Dean Cleland announced that, in connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Graduate School, exhibits of books, research projects, etc., would soon be placed in the lounge of the Union Building. Suggestions from Faculty members as to appropriate materials for such exhibits are invited.



3. The following recommendations of the Committee on Uniform Practices were read:

1. In those cases where students discontinue attendance without officially withdrawing, the instructor shall report the grade of "WF." Where non-attendance occurs late in the semester, however, a grade of Incomplete may be used if the instructor has reason to believe the cause of absence was beyond the control of the student.
2. The removal of the grade of "E" from the official grade code of the University.
3. Change in item (b) in the last paragraph of the new regulation regarding Incomplete grades. This item deals with the way in which the grade of Incomplete can be changed to a grade of "W" and the suggested change is: (b) "By the dean of the student's school authorizing the change of Incomplete to "W."

The first of these recommendations was explained as applying to certain rare cases in which the instructor knows the circumstances and believes that there is some very good reason for the student's failure to withdraw officially. If the student takes no further action, the end result will be the same anyhow because the Incomplete will be automatically changed to "F."

Mr. Harrell's motion, seconded by Mr. Norman, THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED TO GO INTO EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO COURSES TAKEN DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

In explanation of the second recommendation, Mr. Harrell stated that the grade "E" is seldom used and that an Incomplete is a satisfactory substitute.

His motion, seconded by Mr. Stempel, THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED WITH THE SAME EFFECTIVE DATE AS THE PRECEDING, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The third recommendation, requiring the approval of both the instructor and the dean, was explained as a means of tightening a procedure which now leaves it possible for a student to evade the intent of the regulation in certain cases.

Mr. Harrell's motion, seconded by Mr. Fuchs, THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED WITH THE SAME EFFECTIVE DATE AS THE TWO PRECEDING RECOMMENDATIONS, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Consideration of the President's address on the State of the University was opened by a discussion of the section on enrollment. The following comments were made by members of the Council in connection with the interpretation of the data on enrollment for the current semester.

President Wells: The most recent figures for the country as a whole indicate that Indiana ranks below most of the surrounding states in the relative number of its inhabitants enrolled in college anywhere. This seems to indicate a lower than average motivation toward college attendance. Indiana colleges draw more students from outside the state than they lose to colleges outside the state. We have just passed the lowest level of high school enrollments, and college attendance should soon swing upward.

Dean Sikes, in answer to a question from Prof. Stoner: The special visits made last spring to high schools which have not been sending graduates to the University did not bring about any significant increase in enrollment from that source. There were, however, other benefits from the visits.



Dean Cleland: We fared very well in graduate enrollment under the GI program but have lost proportionately since then. More subsidies in the form of more and better fellowships are needed.

Prof. Day: The draft and competition with industry are partly responsible for decreased graduate enrollments. This is especially noticeable in chemistry.

President Wells: There is a general lessening of motivation for advanced work, as shown, for example, in dentistry and medicine.

Dear Bain: Graduate work meets strong competition which is well advertised.

Prof. Stoner: It is important that we get college news into home town newspapers, especially news of scholastic accomplishment.

Prof. Pratt: Recent studies show that there will be a greatly increased need for college teachers in the near future. We should now be emphasizing the importance of preparing to meet this demand.

Prof. Breneman: The financial rewards of the teaching profession are still not sufficiently attractive when it competes with industry.

Dean Patty: Any consideration of long range views and values is difficult now because of the uncertainty of times and conditions.

Prof. Burns: There is evidence that business realizes that, in tempting high school graduates to go to work immediately, it may be contributing to a scarcity of trained personnel later.

Dean Norman: An annual report on the percentage of graduates of each high school who enter college might spur the low ones to action.

Dean Wright and President Wells spoke of the great value of bringing high school students to the campus before graduation for workshops, contests, and other scholastic activities and pointed out that such groups include relatively large representations of the better students.

No action was taken on this section of the report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P. M.

Paul Weatherwax  
Secretary, Faculty Council