

May 26, 1955

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

The Faculty Council will meet on Tuesday, May 31, 1955 at 3:30 p. m.  
in the Board of Trustees Room.

The following items are on the agenda:

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 1955.
- 2) Report of the Faculty Elections Committee.
- 3) Report of the Committee to Nominate Candidates for Secretary of the Faculty Council.
- 4) Report of the Calendar Committee. (Continued from meeting of May 17, 1955.)
- 5) Report of Special Committee to Recommend Rules for the Recognition of Student Organizations.
- 6) Report of Committee on Parking Regulations. (Continued from meeting of May 3, 1955.)
- 7) Report of the Graduate School.

Notes on the agenda:

- 4) Report attached to agenda notice for meeting of May 17, 1955.
- 5) Report attached.
- 6) Report attached to agenda notice for meeting of May 3, 1955.
- 7) Report attached to agenda notice for meeting of May 17, 1955.

Harry Sauvain  
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

May 31, 1955



The minutes are distributed to the Faculty subject to modification and approval at the next meeting of the Council.

The Faculty Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees' Room with President Wells presiding.

Members absent: Deans Van Nuys, Bain, and Hine.

Alternates present: Professor Pratter for Dean Wallace, Dean Pinnell for Dean Weimer, Dean Carmony for Dean Norman, Professor Merrill for Professor Anderson, Professor Kempf for Professor Stempel, Professor Ballinger for Professor Fox, and Professor Duncan for Professor Buhner.

Items of Business

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 1955.
- 2) Report of Faculty Elections Committee.
- 3) Election of Secretary of the Council for 1955-56.
- 4) Approval of Senior woman to receive Susan Butler Award.
- 5) Suspension of Council action to report in its minutes names of faculty members delinquent in payment of fines for traffic violations.
- 6) Proposal to prohibit possession of automobiles by Freshmen.
- 7) Report of the Calendar Committee.
- 8) Report of Special Committee to Recommend Rules for the Recognition of Student Organizations.

Action of the Council

1. The minutes of the meeting of May 17, 1955 were approved after the following corrections:
  - a. The list of alternates present is corrected to show Dean Briscoe instead of Dean Collins for President Wells, and Dean Collins for Dean Briscoe.
  - b. The sentence beginning at the top of page 2 is corrected to read, "In the discussion it was pointed out that the University has no rule that would prevent Seniors from cutting class for participation in Senior Day activities."
  - c. The first sentence in the second paragraph on page 4 is corrected by addition to the sentence of the words "but not earlier than September 10."

2. President Wells read the report of the Faculty Elections Committee on the election of officers of the Faculty for the academic year 1955-56 and members of the Faculty Council for the years 1955-56 and 1956-57. The persons elected are as follows:

Howard Batchelder  
Newell Long  
Taulman Miller  
Henry Remak  
Harry Sauvain  
Tracy Sonneborn  
Robert Turner  
James Work

3. President Wells read the report of the Committee to Nominate Candidates for Secretary of the Faculty Council. The Committee nominated Professor Henry Veatch, Jr. and Professor Howard Mann for Secretary of the Council for 1955-56. The Council voted on the nominees and Professor Veatch was elected.
4. It was moved (Wright, Stoner) that THE FACULTY COUNCIL APPROVE THE SENIOR WOMAN SELECTED BY THE SUSAN BUTLER AWARD COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE THE SUSAN BUTLER AWARD FOR 1955.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. It was moved (Sauvain, Batchelder) that THE COUNCIL SUSPEND ITS REQUEST TO THE SAFETY DIVISION TO REPORT MONTHLY THE NAMES OF FACULTY MEMBERS DELINQUENT IN FINES FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND ITS DIRECTION THAT SUCH LIST BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL UNTIL AFTER THE COUNCIL HAS ACTED ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARKING REGULATIONS.

In support of the motion Professor Sauvain said that it was impractical to continue this practice during the summer when the Council does not meet, and that action in the fall on the Report of the Committee on Parking Regulation might make the practice unnecessary. Several members felt that the listing of faculty violators delinquent in fines had been very helpful in securing better faculty observance of parking regulations. It was pointed out that there had been a number of errors in compiling the list.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Dean Shaffer proposed that possession of automobiles by freshmen be prohibited. He said that details of such a rule would have to be worked out, and any rule would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Purdue has already enacted such a restriction, he reported, and other Western Conference universities have done so or are contemplating doing so. He indicated that persons over twenty-one years of age, veterans of military service, commuters and disabled persons would not be subject to the proposed rule.

President Wells said he thought the prohibition was justified on the ground that it would promote the adjustment of freshmen to college life, would reduce the hazard of automobile accidents, and would relieve the pressure on parents to provide cars for children in college. He said that there is no need for automobiles for student transportation between places of

residence and classrooms. He thought that it would reduce "week-ending" away from the campus and that it would be entirely consistent with the University tradition of protecting Freshmen by special restrictions. He said that the proposal was not related to the parking problem.

Members of the Council raised a number of questions about the terms of the proposed rule and Dean Shaffer replied that there would obviously be difficulties involved in formulating and in applying such a rule and that they could be overcome only by further study and by experience in enforcement.

The question of penalties for violation of the proposed rule was discussed. Dean Shaffer said that he favored a severe penalty on first offense, such as suspension from the University, rather than a light penalty such as academic probation. He thought that a light penalty would make enforcement more difficult by encouraging a tendency to violate the rule and take a chance on being caught. Several members of the Council expressed the view that suspension on first offense was too severe. Professor Crawford thought that suspension for a couple of weeks with the duty of making up academic work for such a period would be a proper penalty for first offense. Dean Shaffer said that Purdue will impose a fine of \$25 on first offense. There was opposition to such a fine on the ground that the severity of the penalty would vary with the financial circumstances of the violators. It was suggested that Indiana University and Purdue should have a uniform rule and uniform penalties.

It was moved (Mann, Weatherwax) that THE COUNCIL APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF AUTOMOBILES BY FRESHMEN.

The motion carried by a divided vote. Professor Shrigley voted "No" and the other members of the Council present voted "Yes".

7. Mr. Harrell presented two more suggested calendars for 1956-57, identified as E and F. He said that Calendar E applies the established formula for the academic calendar, but provides for beginning the academic year one week earlier than is currently the practice. Calendar F would begin the year a week later than E, but would bring it to an end at the same date principally by reducing the period between semesters.

Several members thought that the period between semesters provided by calendar F would not be sufficient for reporting grades before second semester enrollment. In discussion of calendar E, it appeared that there was no objection to moving up the academic year by one week.

It was moved (Mann, Long) that THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE CALENDAR FOR 1956-57 SET FORTH IN SUGGESTED CALENDAR E.

The motion carried unanimously.

(The calendar for 1956-57 is appended to these minutes.)

8. Dean Shaffer said that, since time did not permit discussion of the Report of the Special Committee to Recommend Rules for the Recognition of Student Organizations, he would welcome oral or written communication by members of the Council on the rules proposed by this Committee.

The Council adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Correction of the  
MINUTES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL  
for May 31, 1955

Item 2 on page 2 of the minutes of the meeting of May 31, 1955  
should read as follows:

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Committee on the election of officers of the Faculty for the aca-  
demic year 1955-56 and members of the Faculty Council for the  
years 1955-56 and 1956-57. The persons elected are as follows:

Secretary of the Faculty - William H. Fox  
Parliamentarian - Frank E. Horack, Jr.

Members of the Faculty Council -  
Bloomington campus

Howard T. Batchelder  
Newell H. Long  
Taulman A. Miller  
Henry H. Remak  
Harry C. Sauvain  
Tracy M. Sonneborn  
Robert C. Turner  
James A. Work

Indianapolis campus

Violet E. Tennant

Adult Education

T. L. Engle

Harry Sauvain  
Secretary

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