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The Senate met in regular session at 4:10 p.m. in Room 101 of Monnet Hall with the Vice Chairman presiding.

The following new members of the Senate, elected by the College of Arts and Sciences to fill vacancies, were introduced by the Vice Chairman: Mr. Lloyd Stow, Miss Ima James.

Minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved without change.

The Vice Chairman read the following memorandum from President Brandt:

I would appreciate your conveying to the members of the Faculty Senate my disappointment at not being able to be present at the meeting on November 30th. There are three matters, however, which I would like to have brought up before the Senate for study and possible recommendation.

First, the number of absences this semester has been excessive. While all of us can understand the causes, I think all of us will be in agreement that it is a tremendous wastage of man power during these trying days to have these inexcusable absences. A number of universities in the country, as a war measure, have decided that even three absences, inexcused, subject the student to dismissal from the university. We have never had a comprehensive rule at the University regarding absences, and I believe the time has come when we should have a definite ruling by the faculty on these absences.

Second, a number of undergraduates have reported to me that faculty members have discouraged their continuance in school by remarks such as the University would toss out undergraduates and replace them by men in service, or even more discouraging remarks to the effect that there was no point in continuing in school at this time. I think all of us must recognize the fact that such remarks during this period of war are tantamount to sabotage, and I would like for the Faculty Senate to make a statement or a recommendation, or possible checks and punishment, for such ill-considered actions.

Third, while the faculty as a whole has risen to the challenge brought on by the war so far as inspired teaching, there are discouraging remarks that some members of the faculty have not sensed their obligation to the young men who are future members of the armed services. I would appreciate the faculty members considering quite seriously means by which the faculty as a whole could be made to appreciate the tremendous importance today of giving the future service men of the country an honest deal.

The Senate took action as follows with respect to each of the three points set forth in the President's memorandum:

First point: It was moved that the problem of excessive student absences be referred to the Committee on Curriculum and University Standards. Adopted.

Second point: It was moved that the question of sound faculty advice to undergraduates on educational preparation for war service be referred to President Brandt for executive action. Adopted.

Third point: It was moved that the problem of improvement in instructional quality be referred to the General Faculty for discussion at an early called meeting.

The Committee on Curriculum and University Standards submitted a detailed report on the question of whether courses in Metallurgy should be offered by the Department of Chemistry or the College of Engineering. The report stated that "after considerable investigation the committee finds that there is little if any duplication in

course content in the various courses dealing with Metallurgy offered by the Department of Chemistry and by the College of Engineering." The Committee presented several recommendations for the revision of course numbering and course description in order to eliminate misunderstanding concerning the courses in Metallurgy.

Lottinville reported that President Brandt had appointed a committee of two (Dangerfield and Lottinville) to make plans for a certificate which shall be awarded to students who leave the University to serve in the armed forces. Dangerfield reported briefly on the purpose and nature of this certificate. After extensive discussion it was moved that the Senate accept Dangerfield's report as a matter of information. Adopted.

The meeting was adjourned by the Vice Chairman at 5:40 p.m.

William H. Butterfield  
Secretary