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Monnet Hall, Room 205

The Senate met in special session with Vice-Chairman, J. F. Bender in the chair. The purpose of the special session was to continue with the several items of unfinished business carried over from the last regular session of the Senate which was held on April 28.

The minutes of the last regular session of the Senate were approved as published.

The following report of the Committee on Coordination was presented:

SUBJECT: "Proposal for Change from Semester to Quarter System."

The Committee on Coordination recommends:

(1) That no change be made at present from the semester to the quarter system.

(2) That any proposal for change in the future should be coupled with a vacation program; that is to say, on an annual salary with three months vacation, the administration and departments determining the order in which vacations shall be taken.

(3) To eliminate the confusion of eight and twelve week terms during the summer, the committee suggests a full quarter of twelve weeks, divided into two terms of six weeks each.

(4) The committee suggests that part of the disturbance due to the interruption at Christmas may be eliminated by giving all quizzes, term papers, and class reports before the Christmas vacation, leaving the students to concentrate on preparation for semester examinations in the weeks immediately following the conclusion of the vacation.

Signed by Committee on Coordination,
A. K. Christian, Chairman
J. B. Cheadle
J. H. Casey
E. F. Dawson
C. F. Dail

Senate action on the above report was as follows:

(1) An amendment to the above report was made and carried as follows:

"The Senate does not favor changing to the quarter system."

(2) A motion was made and carried that: "Action on the remainder of the report be postponed until a later date."

The Senate Committee on "Libraries and Laboratory Facilities" submitted the following report--which was approved.

(See the report on the following page.)

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Committee on Library
and
Laboratory Facilities

The Senate Committee on the Library met on Monday, April 14, at 4.p.m. with all members present. The main business was the consideration of recommendations in regard to three questions submitted to the Senate by President Cross as follows:

(1) should the University administration make specific allocations for purchase of books and periodicals, or should a lump sum current expense allocation be made from which the department may transfer the desired amount to a book fund?

(2) Is it possible to arrive at some formula which might serve as a guide in attempting to make equitable allocations to departments for books and periodicals? Should such a formula include such factors as total class enrollments, total credit hour load, number of faculty members on the staff of the department, number of books already available in the special field of a department, number of special periodicals which must be purchased regularly, and the general nature of the subject field (cultural, scientific, technical, etc.)?

(3) In general, should books and periodicals required by some departments be considered in the same light as equipment required by other departments?

In regard to these questions, the Committee recommended as follows:

(1) That the departmental appropriations should be in the form of a lump sum so that the departments can make their own allocations for library and other purposes.

(2) That no attempt be made to frame any sort or formula for equitable allocation of funds to the departments for books and periodicals. It was the feeling of the Committee that conditions and needs varied so from one department to another that no uniform rule could be devised which would work out with justice for all.

(3) That books and periodicals should be considered as equivalent for some departments to laboratory and other equipment for others, but without prejudice to the needs of laboratory fields for similar material also. The departments themselves should be responsible for the proper allocation of funds as between books and equipment.

In addition to the three questions submitted by President Cross, the Committee also recommends that provision be made for the accommodation of graduate students in the stacks. It was suggested, for instance, that temporary flooring be installed over the reserve room and the newspaper room so that material could be used in the stacks without being checked out.

The Committee also recommends that an inventory be held, both on the general library and on branch libraries, and that departments be informed in regard to books which are lost and which should be replaced.

The Committee also wishes to call attention to a very thorough-going study of the whole library problem which was made by a General University Library Committee some five or six years ago. Many of the recommendations of this committee are still pertinent, but have not been acted on.

H. F. Marsh W. K. Newton
J. H. Leek L. N. Morgan
J. Teague Self

Motion was made and carried that: "The Senate Committee on Libraries and Laboratory Facilities make a study and report on the further improvement of library facilities."

Professor L. N. Morgan made a report to the Senate on all of the course changes that have been approved since the recent new plan for making course changes has gone into effect. He also reported that any proposed changes in the fees for the various courses would not be approved by the administration to go into effect before next September 1, 1947.

The Senate considered a letter from Dr. J. E. Fellows, Dean of Admissions, to the effect that: "A certain date be set each semester beyond which date students could not withdraw from a course--with certain exceptions approved by their Dean." The letter was referred to the Senate Committee on Curriculum and University Standards for study and report.

Due to the lateness of the hour, motion was made and passed to adjourn until next Monday, May 12, at 4:10 p.m. At this time the Journal Committee is to submit their reports of progress on compiling the University Statutes on the following titles:

TITLE VI "Curricula and Scholarship Standards."

TITLE VII "Research."

TITLE X "Student Affairs."

TITLE XII "Utilities, Buildings, Grounds, and Auxiliary Functions."

The Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Hatfield, Secretary.