

President Brandt submitted the following letter and recommendations by the Advisory Committee of the University College, consisting of the vice-chairmen of the divisions, as amendments to the charter of the University College:

November 16, 1943

President Joseph A. Brandt
Faculty Exchange

Dear President Brandt:

The University College advisory committee, since its meeting with the Board of Regents on November 12, 1943, has discussed at great length the questions and problems raised at that time. It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the advisory committee that the future of the University College should be decided solely on the basis of whether or not the University College principle is sound educational policy. It is also our unanimous opinion that, judged on this basis, the University College should be continued as now constituted in terms of its amended charter. We believe that the University College plan is sound educational policy because we believe that the primary objective of the University is to produce liberally educated men and women. A program of liberal education demands that each student be given a balanced program of studies which emphasize the fundamental principles, concepts, and facts in the main areas of human knowledge, as represented by the four divisions of the University College.

From an administrative point of view it is desirable that some agency effect for the entire University what the lower division has done for the College of Arts and Sciences. Because many students come to the University ill prepared for college study, it is necessary to process these students and prepare them to take up effectively their chosen fields of study, and we believe that this can be achieved only through an administrative organization such as the University College.

To repeat, the advisory committee strongly recommends the continuance of the University College as chartered, because of what it can contribute to the education and mental maturity of the students in the University of Oklahoma. We are convinced that, as a result of the University College, the professional schools and colleges will be able to produce more mature and intellectually integrated young men and women. We are convinced that an advisory and guidance program can function more effectively with the University College than would otherwise be possible. It is, therefore, with the sincere belief that the University College represents a step forward in Oklahoma's system of higher education that we recommend its continuance.

We wish to commend the action taken by the Board of Regents at its meeting of October 13, 1943, which abolished the Board of Delegates and created the faculty of the University College. By placing the responsibility

for curriculum planning directly in the hands of the faculty, this action removes many valid objections to the University College. In order to supplement this recent amendment to the charter, the advisory committee wishes to submit the following recommendations:

1. The dean of the University College shall establish during the academic year 1943-44 an adequate advisory system and guidance program. Members of the faculty who act as advisors in this program shall be compensated for this work by a suitable reduction in their teaching schedules, the amount of reduction to be determined by the president.

2. The curricula of the University College shall remain in status quo until September 1, 1944.

3. The faculty of the University College shall be solely responsible for the determination of the courses to be offered in the University College. The faculty is hereby instructed to prepare curricula which will be in accord with the objectives of the University College as set forth in the charter, the freshman program to become effective by September 1, 1944..

4. The dean of the University College and the chairman of the divisions shall make budgetary recommendations. Recommendations for advancement shall bear the endorsement of the dean and of the chairman of the division concerned.

5. A chairman of a division of the University College shall hold office by virtue of having been elected by his respective division. The term of office for a divisional chairman shall be three years, and a divisional chairman may not hold office for two successive terms.

We feel that, in the final analysis, the success of the University College will depend largely upon the vigorous and generally recognized support of the Board of Regents.

Respectfully submitted,

William Baxter,
Charles Bumstead,
Milton Hopkins,
Eugene Springer, Chairman.

Following a discussion, Dean Blickensderfer was invited to appear before the Board. He reviewed step by step the functions of the University College, its effects upon the students, its principles and aims. He explained the giving of placement tests, entrance requirements, admission procedure, contacts with parents, enrolment, the advisory system, and the effect of the operation of the University College on the University, with a view to maintaining the civilian structure in the face of disintegrating factors of

war and the accelerated program. He stated further that the divisions are working on plans for divisional requirements that will make a strong bond of common knowledge and purpose.

The Board recessed at 6:00 p. m. for supper at the University Hospital and met again in the Medical School building at 7:00 p. m. to resume discussions.

After brief additional remarks by Dean Blickensderfer, he retired from the meeting.

The Board took up the discussion on the items of the recommendations and item number one (1) was amended by adding after the word "program" of the first sentence "acceptable to the president."

Item number four (4) was amended by inserting the word "advisory" between "make" and "budgetary" in the first sentence. The second sentence as stated was eliminated and the following inserted: "Recommendations for advancements shall be made by the chairman of the respective division with the advice of the dean."

Item number five (5) was amended by eliminating the words "elected by his respective division" and substituting therefor the words "appointed by the president."

The statements as amended appear below:

1. The dean of the University College shall establish during the academic year 1943-44 an adequate advisory system and guidance program acceptable to the president. Members of the faculty who act as advisors in this program shall be compensated for this work by a suitable reduction in their teaching schedules, the amount of reduction to be determined by the president.
2. The curricula of the University College shall remain in status quo until September 1, 1944.
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Regent Hopper moved, and it was unanimously voted, to approve the recommendations as amended.

President Brandt recommended that the four vice-chairmen who have been acting chairmen of the divisions hold over until September 1, 1944.

The recommendation was unanimously approved.

It was the sense of the Board that the president of the University report at least every two months on the progress of the University College.

President Brandt discussed a proposed project to be sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation on the Cultural Exploration of the Southwest, including the area of Oklahoma, New Mexico, North and West Texas, Colorado, and Missouri, stating that this matter had been under consideration for some time and that a grant of approximately \$ 50,000.00 would be made by the Rockefeller Foundation. He stated that his leaving the University and this area had changed the picture somewhat and that officials of the Rockefeller Foundation had indicated they would like to have him continue in the project in an advisory capacity.

A motion was made by Regent Wallace, and unanimously adopted, that President Brandt be asked to continue the negotiations and proceed in an advisory capacity.

Regent Wallace moved, and the motion was unanimously adopted, that "we establish the office of Vice-President in Charge of Finances."

At this point President Brandt and the Secretary of the Board were excused and the Board continued their deliberations in executive session.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.