Central Board Minutes
January 22, 1957

The meeting was called to order by President Fowler and the minutes were read and approved after being corrected to read, "It now has a board of directors composed of 5 students and 2 faculty members" under U. Bookstore.

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE:
Morris McCollum, bookstore manager, presented to Central Board floor plans for the new store which will be located on the second floor of the Lodge addition. In answer to questions from members of Central Board McCollum stated that although Store Board has not met yet this year, any major changes or purchase of major equipment have always been approved by Store Board; faculty members of the board have never dominated - they have, in fact, more or less gone along with student opinion. He said that de-incorporation of the board will probably effect no major changes. The board of directors will, upon de-incorporation, be replaced by a student-faculty committee composed of 5 faculty members appointed by the administration and 5 student members selected by Central Board. The administration will then have legal control and will decide how any profit made is to be spent; the bookstore under the new plan will then function as a branch of the University. In the past the 5 students and 2 faculty members of Store Board have legally composed the board of directors and all profits from the store have been returned to ASMSU for allocation. McCollum said that under the new system all profits made in approximately the next 15 years will probably be used to pay for the Lodge addition. Store Board voted to de-incorporate last spring but final steps have not as yet been taken. He definitely felt that student representation on the new committee would be of importance; although the administration will have control legally student opinion will be needed. When asked the necessity of having students with special talents on the committee McCollum replied that qualifications should only be limited to good, responsible, level-headed students, however a student in business administration might be desirable. When asked about operation of the store he said that text books comprise about 70% of the total sales and that only about 10% profit is made on each $10 text book sale. Besides this, extra text books ordered by the store cannot be returned for full price. Profit is slight higher on small items such as pencils, but even considering these small items total profit is small.

Discussion then followed concerning whether students should be appointed to this committee. MacPherson felt that students on the committee might be useless and have nothing to say, particularly if all profit for 15 years is to be used to pay for the building. Shope said that since we have been asked to appoint a committee we should do it. Perrior added that students in the future may want to have some say about the bookstore and we should therefore keep student representation on it be starting now. MacPherson said that such a committee might lie dormant for years. McCollum again expressed his opinion that the committee will not be useless, that student opinion would be asked. Shope moved that Central Board appoint 5 students to the student-faculty Store committee. Petitit seconded.
Cook amended the motion to read that the students which Central Board will appoint to this committee shall be the present student members of Store Board. Shope seconded the amendment.
MacPherson suggested that students submit applications since it will be a new committee and a larger selection of student opinion would be voiced. Scriven agreed. Powell reminded Central Board that only 4 applications were submitted last year - not enough to hold a student election. MacPherson felt that it could be publicized this year and Shope added that more persons would be likely to volunteer or submit applications than would run in an election.
Cook’s amendment was defeated 3-8. (Perrior, Cook, Cogswell in favor; Brown abstaining).
Shohe’s motion was passed 11-0. (Perrior abstaining.)
Members of the old Store Board committee may also submit applications if they so desire.

PUBLICITY-TRAVEL:
Scriven announced that since only 200 persons have signed up for the train on Butte booster night, the MSU-MSG game, it will be cancelled. Interviews for College and Career Days will be held this Saturday morning.

LETTER FROM NSA:
Fowler read a letter from NSA saying that there had been such an increase in requests to the Student Government Information Service that there would be a delay in answering all of the requests. Information will be sent as soon as possible, however.
The Student Government Bulletin and NSA News Bulletin have been received and are available at the ASMSU office.

LEADERSHIP CAMP COMMITTEE:
Fowler said that last year’s Leadership Camp co-chairmen have suggested 3 co-chairmen for this year’s committee. They are: Sheila Lacy, Larry Pettit, and Stan Nicholson. Steinbrenner moved that these 3 persons be appointed co-chairmen for Leadership Camp. Hacker seconded. Passed 11-0. (Scriven abstaining.)

STUDENT DORM FEES:
Cook reported that on Dec. 6th a letter was sent to all dorm residents telling of a 10% raise in dorm rates. Bills had been issued on Nov. 15th, and 288 students paid some or all of their bills before receiving notice of the increase. It was felt that the new rates should not effect those who had already paid their bills since they had in a sense entered into a contract with the University upon payment. Cook cited 3 possible courses of action: 1) Central Board, the students involved, or both could meet with President McFarland to discuss the matter; 2) Central Board could have an open hearing with each side having lawyers draw up briefs and presenting the arguments; 3) An individual, financially backed by someone, could file suit against the University. Cook pointed out that in the two latter cases a fair sum of money would be needed. Shope stated that she had informally discussed the matter with a lawyer and he personally felt that any case presented against the University would be weak in court. Cogswell pointed out that the University reserves the right to raise rates at any time and therefore felt that the students would have no case against the University. He said that the students had entered into no such contract with the University since they could move out and have their money refunded if they so desired. Cogswell admitted that he was partially at fault for not sending the notices sooner but went on to say that they had waited as long as possible in hope that the increase could be avoided or the raise amount to less that 10%. After some discussion, Pettit moved that Central Board adopt the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED:
That Central Board is not opposed to the increase in dormitory rates as such recognizing that the administration retains the right to regulate rates relative to operating costs; that Central Board believes that the manner in which the raise was announced is obviously the cause of the controversy, disregarding whether or not the manner was correct; that Central Board suggests that every effort be made in the future to announce the increases before bills have been issued and/or pre-payments have been made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted:
Peterson, Marvin, Cook, Gilbert, Shope, Steinbrenner, Pettit, Beiswanger, Jackson, MacPherson, Brown, Cogswell, Barney, Roxie Perrior, ASMSU & Powell, Spenser, McCollum, Fowler, Scriven Nacker Perrior.