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Minutes of meeting of the Faculty of the State University held Tuesday, January 22, 1918, 4:40 P.M.

Members absent: Professors Bangs, Burleigh, Buckhous, Casey, Rowe, DeLoss Smith, H. E. Smith, Swenson, Thompson, Gittings.

Minutes of meeting of January 15th were read and approved.

The President asked for a meeting of the Deans and Chairmen of Departments Wednesday, January 23, 4:30 P.M.

The proposals made by the students concerning the Student Council, which matter was deferred at the last meeting of the faculty, was again presented. Dean Whitlock's motion that these proposals be approved was renewed. An amendment to this motion was made by Mr. F. O. Smith that the phrase "Sneak Day" be stricken out, which was voted upon and lost. The original motion by Lean Whitlock was carried.

Student
Council

Capt. McCormick, as Chairman of the Committee on War Organization, made the following recommendation:

"The Committee on War Organization recommend that there be organized, to have general supervision over the actions of the various special committees herein specified and in a larger sense over all war activities of the university, a body to be known as the Council of Defense, composed of nine members of which three members shall be appointed from the faculty by the President, and of which six members shall be designated by the Executive Committee of the A.S.U.M. The President shall appoint a chairman of said Council of Defense from among the members of the faculty chosen by him to said body, and the Executive Committee of the A.S.U.M. shall choose an equal number of men and women from the student body to constitute the student representation on said Council of Defense. It shall be the duty of said Council of Defense to meet at regular intervals to consider matters coming within its jurisdiction and it is hereby empowered to formulate such rules of procedure governing its deliberations as to it shall seem reasonable and proper."

Committee
on
War
Organization

On motion by Capt. McCormick, the recommendation was adopted.

Dr. Kirkwood, as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, presented a recommendation regarding a new grading system to be used at the University.

Motion was made by Dr. Kirkwood that the rules as recommended, be adopted.

At the suggestion of the President, the report was referred back to the committee with request that they designate certain parts to be acted upon by legislation and other parts as advisory.

A recommendation was presented by Mr. H. M. Jones of the English Department with regard to "Students' Use of English".

Motion was made by Mr. Jones that the recommendations as presented be approved.

On motion by Mr. Laughters, the matter was laid on the table until the next meeting of the faculty.

On recommendation of Dean Stone (the student's adviser) the following petition was granted:

"The undersigned respectfully petitions the faculty to be allowed to continue as editor of the Sentinel, the University year book. The bulk of the work has been completed and a resignation at this time would be to no effect except to stop the publication of the annual. The undersigned attributes his delinquency of last quarter to late enrollment and not to the duties of the Sentinel editorship.
(Signed) Rox Reynolds."

The President then announced that certain matters would be referred to the Curriculum Committee, the appointment of which committee was authorized at the last faculty meeting. In this connection, the President also announced that the duties of this committee would include those of a committee authorized by the faculty several weeks ago on "Vocational Relations", which committee has not been appointed.

Meeting adjourned.

Stella Stillwell
Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of the Faculty of the State University held Wednesday, January 30, 1918, 4:40 P.M.

Members absent: Professors Burleigh, Buckhous, Corbin, Haxo, Pope, Stone, Swenson, Woods, Swain, McCormick and Coleman.

The proposed grading system recommended by the Scholarship Committee at the last meeting was again presented. The report as amended and adopted by the faculty follows:

THE GRADING SYSTEM OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Rules to go into effect Fall Quarter, 1918-19)

I. The Grades. Definitions.

- A. Work of the best grade, "Excellent".
- B. Work better than the average but not as good as A, "Good". Both these grades denote superior work. In order to make the Honor Roll all the grades must be in this division.
- C. Average work.
- D. Work below the average but still passing, "Fair".
- E. Failure. Work so poor that the work must be repeated. No credit is given for this grade.

D and E denote inferior work.

II. Methods of grading.

- A. Each instructor should base his grades upon the median group in each class. This group receives the grade "C".
- B. From 45-55% of all students should receive the median grade of "C".
- C. From 22-27% of all students should receive superior grades.
- D. From 22-27% of all students should receive inferior grades.

New Grading System