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February 15, 1921

1. The postponed regular monthly meeting of the Faculty was held at 4:10 P. M., President Sisson presiding.

2. The following members were present: Ames, Arnoldson, Baker, Bevan, Blee, Burgee, Burroughs, Carey, Coon, Corbin, Cox, Cron, Daum, Dean, Dexter, Fenska, Fisher, Gardner, Geyer, Graff, Haley, Howard, Jacobsen, Jesse, Lansing, Leaphart, Lennes, Leyda, Merriam, Merrill, Moliott, Phillips, Rapp, Rowe, Schaefer, Scheuch, Schwalm, Simes, Sisson, Skeels, F.O. Smith, Stone, Suchy, Underwood, Urey, A.H. Weisberg, Whitcomb.

The following members came into the meeting after it was called to order: Bozorth, Elrod, Neuman, Owen, DeLoss Smith.

3. The minutes of the meeting of January 11th were approved.

4. The following announcements were made:

(1) By the President:

(a) that regular class work would be suspended Friday, February 18th, for Charter Day;

(b) that regular classes would be held on February 22, Washington's birthday.

(2) By the Secretary:

(a) that reports of unsatisfactory scholarship are called for at 9 A.M., Monday, February 21st;

(b) that the Chancellor had formally approved, on January 8, 1921, the course in Public School Music, and stated that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction had recognized the course, as adopted by the Faculty at its meeting on March 9, 1920.

(c) That bills must be in the Business Office Wednesday, February 23, on account of close of the biennium on February 28th.

5. The following recommendation from the Committee on Admission and Registration was presented:

"Proposed amendment to grading system, as substitute for action of faculty relating to grades taken December 14.

1. Under delayed ("Condition") grade (p. 16, Edition Sept. 1920, Student Handbook), to read (the underscored portion is the amendment):

"When the work has been brought up to passing grade by the end of the specified time, the "E" is to be converted into "D" but into no high^{er} grade, except an "En" (restricted to Continuous Course) which may be raised to any passing grade or lowered to an "F".

*Amendment
"N" rule*

2. Also, under same section to read:

"6. Provisional credits. In continuous Courses only a grade A, B, D, C, E, preceding the letter "n" must be given or a grade F--not Fn--may be given in which case the student's connection with the course is severed. This carries no credit toward graduation until the remaining quarters of the course are completed. The grade of the last quarter of the course shall apply to the whole course.

~~The Committee requests members of the Faculty having suggestions for modifications in the above rule as proposed to discuss them with the Registrar prior to the next meeting of the Faculty."~~

Moved by Phillips and seconded to adopt the recommendation of the Committee. Motion unanimously adopted.

6. The following recommendation from the University Curriculum Committee was presented:

*B.A.
in
Law*

"Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Law as a major subject shall be required to comply with all requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences for this degree, including required and restricted elective courses, maximum and minimum credits in major subjects."

Moved by Phillips, seconded and unanimously adopted that the Faculty approve the recommendation.

7. A recommendation from the Curriculum Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences concerning residence requirements was, on motion of Rowe, seconded by F.O. Smith, referred back to the Committee with request for full report on residence requirements for graduation.

8. The following recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Work was presented:

"REGULATIONS GOVERNING RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND GRADUATE WORK
IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

A. RESEARCH WORK. It is recognized that even under the most optimistic view of the future, the development of extended research in a large number of departments is impossible. It is believed, however, that some research will be possible, and the following general policy for its development is suggested:

*Research
Publications*

1. The University should undertake research in those fields in which the work must be carried on in this vicinity. This would include geology, zoology, botany, history, economics and law, and forestry, as related particularly to this region.

2. Effort should be made to make it possible for any member of the staff in any department to continue researches which he may undertake on his own initiative. Special leaves and Sabbatical years should be granted more freely on account of researches in progress.

B. PUBLICATIONS. Publications in the form of separate pamphlets not a part of a regular series should be discouraged. Members of the staff should be encouraged to publish either in the form of monographs in standard journals, established serials, or in the form of books. In cases where the cost of publishing such journals is borne by one or several institutions, the University may be justified in bearing part of such expense. Technical scientific books, not in the form of texts for technical schools are seldom financially profitable publications. The University should make grants from time to time to make possible the publication of books, the scientific value of which shall have been properly ascertained.

*Graduate
Work*

C. GRADUATE WORK. Graduate work may be undertaken by any department or school in the University which in the opinion of its responsible head and the chairman of the Graduate Committee is properly equipped for such work. Special investigations with informal guidance and conferences will be possible in many cases where no regular work of distinctly graduate character is given.

It should be the policy of the University to develop regular class room work of graduate rank as rapidly as demand arises and resources permit. For the immediate present a start in this direction should be made by developing such class room work in the School of Education and the Department of English. For the present graduate work should be limited to work leading to the Masters Degree.

The elements determining the order of schools or departments in which such work is to be developed should be: first the demand for graduate work; second the equipment of the schools or departments."

Jesse moved to amend by adding "and the President of the University" as a member of the committee referred to in the first sentence of first paragraph of Section C. Motion unanimously adopted.

Skeels moved to amend by striking out the second sentence of second paragraph of Section C. Motion Unanimously adopted.

The recommendation as amended was then adopted.

9. The following recommendation from the Athletic Committee was presented:

"Changes in the Conference Eligibility Rules.

"1. The Service Man Rule by which Service men were to be declared eligible as to residence was rescinded. The rule to go into effect at the close of the present college year and does not apply to Service Men now in College.

*Proposed
Changes
in
Conference
Eligibility
Rules*

The Committee recommends its approval.

"2. The rule regarding the number of credits necessary for participation was changed from 20 to 24 semester hours and from 30 to 36 quarter hours.

The Committee recommends its approval.

"3. That the Summer Term shall not count for residence. This rule goes into effect at the close of the present college year and does not apply to men now in college.

The Committee recommends its approval.

"4. The rule on accumulated deficiencies shall read: "No student shall participate in inter collegiate athletics who has more than one fifth as many hours of deficiencies on his record as he has total hours of credit earned.

The Committee recommends its approval.

"5. A failure shall become a permanent delinquency.

The Committee recommends its approval.

"6. In the case of a student changing his general course of work and having delinquencies in his former course in a subject not required for graduation in the new course such delinquencies shall not affect his athletic eligibility provided he has done satisfactorily the work of one semester or quarter.

The Committee recommends that this be not approved."

Skeels moved to amend by striking out the phrase "and does not apply to men now in college" in Section 3. Motion adopted.

On motion of Jesse the recommendation as amended was adopted.

10. A report of a survey of Senior and Junior enrollments in Freshman courses was presented by Mr. Bevan in behalf of the Curriculum Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences with the understanding that the Committee would present a recommendation on this subject at the next meeting.

11. A letter from Professor M. J. Elrod, calling the attention of the Faculty to the fact that his term as faculty representative of the Student Council had expired was read.

A motion to elect such a representative at the next meeting of the Faculty was adopted.

12. The President stated that he had appointed Professor L. M. Bimes as the President's nominee as member of the service Committee. A motion that the representative elected by the Faculty should be selected at the next regular meeting was adopted.

Eligibility Rules for Glee Club Suspended by President

13. The President stated that on the request of the Dean of the School of Music he had suspended for this year the rule requiring fifteen entrance units as a condition of membership in the Glee Club, and requested reconsideration of this rule by the Scholarship Committee and the Faculty. Dean Jesse stated he desired to enter as a matter of record a protest against this action.

14. The President announced progress on collection and editing of material for the annual catalogue.

Scholarship Delinquency Reports

15. At the suggestion of the President Mr. Jesse made some remarks on scholarship delinquency reports. He made two suggestions. First, that students whose work was of passing grade and yet not satisfactory to the instructor be handled by the instructor without his making a delinquency report. Second, that delinquencies of such minor character that the student is likely to make them up before his adviser can see him be handled by the instructor without his making a delinquency report.

16. The President reminded the Faculty that the rules of the Faculty require that all absences should be reported without regard to cause, and that these rules should be carefully adhered to.

17. The President announced a meeting of all women students of the University on Tuesday, February 22, at 4 P.M. and stated that instructors having classes at that time might excuse women students.

Univ. Income

18. The President reviewed the fiscal situation of the University and stated that resources of the University for the four months beginning March 1st would probably be no larger than at present and during recent months and probably would not permit any expansion and development policies during that time; but, that after July 1st he hoped for larger income.

19. There being no further business before the Faculty the meeting adjourned.

J. S. Sperry
Secretary