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February 14, 1947

1. Meeting of the faculty was held at 4:00 P.M. on call of President James A. McCain, Dr. R. H. Jesse presided.

Present: Alcorn, Ames, Arnold, Arnoldson, Atkinson, Bennett, Berg, Bischoff, Bowland, Brunson, Bue, Campbell, Castle, W. P. Clark, Coad, Coe, Cogswell, Coleman, Crow, Crowder, Davis, Davison, Diettert, DeMaris, Dugan, Ely, Fenton, Fessenden, Fetter, Fisher, Ford, Freeman, Frost, Gedickian, Gillespie, Gleason, Goelitz, Golden, Gulbrandson, Hall, D.M. Hetler, Hoffman, Hook, Jeppesen, Jesse, Kuehlke, Lester, Line, Lory, Lowell, McCain, McGinnis, Martell, Marvin, Mason, Maucker, Meadows, Merriam, Merrill, Meyer, Miller, Mirrieles, Moe, Moore, Morris, Noble, Patten, Peterson, Phillips, Platt, Rinehart, Sappenfield, Severy, Shallenberger, Sherman, Shoemaker, L. Smith, T. Smith, Sorenson, Stiffler, Struckman, Suchy, Sullenberger, Tascher, Teel, Thomas, Turner, Van Duser, Varneck, Walbridge, Waters, Webb, Wendt, V. Wilson, Wolfard, Wren, Wright and Briggs. Present January 31, Crow.

Accounted for: Albright, Armsby, Badgley, Blaesser, Brody, Carleton, Chinske, Clapp, Clow, Dahlberg, Flint, Fritz, Garlington, Heiss, Hertler, Howard, Karlin, Leaphart, Lommasson, MacArthur, Mollett, Nelson, G. Smith, R. Smith, Stewart, M. Swearingen, T. Swearingen, Szakash, Toelle, M. White, MC White, Williams and Mrs. Harvey.

2. The minutes of the meeting of January 31, 1947 were approved.
3. As unfinished business Dr. Jesse asked Dr. Merriam to continue the discussion on the recommendations of the Special Curriculum Committee. Dr. Merriam presented the recommendations of the Committee as a seconded motion with the request that the recommendations be voted upon without discussion since the copy had been in the hands of the faculty for some time. Dr. J. E. Miller moved that voting be by secret ballot. Dr. Browman seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of 47 Yes, 39 No, after a call for division of the house. Following is the seconded motion:

"The Special Curriculum Committee presents to the faculty, after consultation with President McCain, its report as a seconded motion. It moves:

- R8 That each student in the University be required to study in each of five fields of knowledge and values, namely, physical sciences, biological sciences, the social sciences, the humanities and psychology-philosophy-history of religion (perhaps entitled "The Mind and Nature of Man");
- R9 that 4 integrated courses and a "major" be required of all students in the University, the study in the "major" substituting for one of the 5 general courses recommended;
- R6 that these 4 general courses be offered for 4 credits a quarter for 3 quarters;
- R5 that offerings in the 4 general courses now given (the physical sciences, the biological sciences, the social sciences, the humanities) be modified as may be wise for as full attainment as possible of the objectives of basic education;
- R7 that a new course in psychology, philosophy, history of religion (perhaps entitled "The Mind and Nature of Man") be set up and required of all students for 3 credits a quarter for 3 quarters;
- R10 that each school and department determine for itself at what time and how its students shall take these 5 general courses;
- R4 that Communication (reading, speaking, writing) be required of all freshmen for 3 credits a quarter for 3 quarters;
- R13 that opportunity to take a comprehensive examination over the subject-matter contained in any of the 5 general courses be offered to any students, and that success in that comprehensive examination exempt the student from further requirements in that general course;
- R11 that each school and department shall determine whether it shall or shall not require study of a foreign language or foreign languages of its students;

- R2 that work in health education, public and personal, to a minimum of three credits be required of all students;
- R3 that the present requirement in physical education stand for the present, but that some committee give it study;
- R1 that a permanent committee be appointed for current study of the curriculum;
- R12 that instructors who judge work periods helpful be encouraged to establish them."

The motion was lost by a vote of 69 No - 28 Yes.

4. Dean James L. C. Ford moved that:

- "1. Every student in the University be required to take three out of four general courses in the biological and physical sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities for three quarters each, at four credits each per quarter; and that, possible departmental exemptions to the three required courses be set up through a committee consisting of:
- a) Two representatives, on a rotating basis, from the School or Division involved; these representatives to be appointed by the president;
 - b) Two members from the present Special Curriculum Committee, to be appointed by the president;
 - c) The chairman of the regular Curriculum Committee, who also will serve as chairman of this committee on exemptions."

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jesse. Dr. Miller and Dr. Browman spoke against the motion and Dr. Browman moved that the motion be amended as follows: "That every study in the University be required to study in the 4 fields of knowledge, the biological sciences, the physical sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, not less than 3 quarters each with the "major" counting as the fourth field and that departmental exemptions be set up as provided in Mr. Ford's original motion". The motion to amend Mr. Ford's motion was seconded.

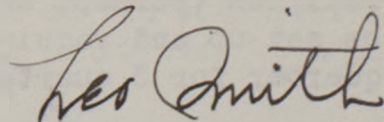
Dr. Atkinson then moved that all motions and amendments before the house be postponed until the next faculty meeting or at the convenience of President McCain. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phillips and passed.

5. Dr. W. P. Clark asked that motions to be presented to the faculty be mimeographed hereafter and distributed for prior consideration in order that it might be possible to vote intelligently on the issue involved.

Dr. Kenneth P. Davis stated that; (1) he felt that no real attempt at appraisal of the effectiveness of present general courses had been made; (2) that there had not been adequate recognition to date of the particular and peculiar problems of professional schools; (3) that alternative plans had not been explored sufficiently.

6. President McCain discussed legislative proposals of interest to Montana State University.

7. The meeting was adjourned.



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Secretary

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