Central Board Minutes
May 15, 1957

The meeting was called to order by President Baty. The minutes were read.

U.S.:
Ken Robison gave a report for U.S. committee. He stated that it was a big success and the drive amounted to $1300.

MEETING:
There will be a meeting Sunday, May 19 at 7:00. The purpose of this meeting is to consider ASMSU applications. The Central Board officers are required to attend. Content suggested that only chairmen of important committees be appointed after an interval. The other committees will not be appointed until next fall.

COMMITTEE SYSTEM:
Tommie Lu Middleton suggested that Visiting Scholars Committee be a sub-committee of Activities Board.

STORE BOARD:
President Baty encouraged everybody to attend a Store Board meeting next Monday at 3:00.

LEADERSHIP CAMP:
Lacy asked for a list of all Central Board members who plan to attend Leadership Camp. Each member is invited to attend and it will cost each participant $5.

CONCEPTS ON CENTRAL BOARD:
President Baty asked each member to present his ideas and views on what Central Board should be doing in the future. He himself stated that there should be an establishment of legal boundaries of student responsibility on campus. The following suggestions were presented by Central Board members:

Palin suggested that we should function as we want to and the administration should also; and then we will coordinate ourselves with one another. The students should feel that Central Board is a governing body and not a chopping block. Content said we should look for solid things next year and not just ideas. We should make our relationship with the administration better by using a nice manner and the right type of pressure. We will have to meet everybody and everything halfway. The students come first as far as Central Board is concerned. He also recommended that the ASMSU office should be open at times with a delegate or officer present. The idea of representatives from living groups is good and suggestions and criticism can be brought back from living groups by these people. There should be an interest stimulated in entering freshmen to try to give them something to do before spring quarter when they seemed to have lost any interest they had fall quarter. There should be appointed secretaries to aid the elected ASMSU secretary.

Martin stated that he considered three duties important to sophomore delegate. First, that one sophomore delegate is elections chairman. Second, there are numerous committees which he must attend. Third, he must attend Central Board
meetings. He felt that any delegate should make it his business to see to it that all ideas are conveyed correctly to and from Central Board, whether it be by close work with the living group representatives, or by personal contacts with those groups which seem to show interest. He also would like to see Central Board closer to the administration.

Swarens said that we have no actual power over the administration and we should meet the administration halfway. We do have a great deal of power and we should use it right. He suggested a class caucus be held every two weeks. This would be an open meeting with the class delegates acting as moderators. The purpose of this would be to discuss the issues confronting Central Board to bring out individual students' views for a more effective student government and more active participation by all the students.

Braig stated that there was not enough mentioned about committees and Central Board to the new students. He advocated regular office hours for Central Board delegates and ASMSU officers. The delegates and officers could alternate days and the times would be posted in the Kaimin, or other student publications. Frequency of appearance of delegates and the length of the office hours would be determined by Central Board and by student interest. He also advocated a filing system of ASMSU that would be made accessible to students. A book of minutes would also be posted and kept up. A list of major issues that Central Board has discussed and how they voted on them would be posted. This would give students a quick reference list as not all of them have access to the minutes or would want to take time to look through them for the major issues.

Crawford listed three areas for better student relationship. First, there should be better administration-Central Board relationship. We should place more trust in the administration. Second, there should be better committee-Central Board relationship. We are now beginning to do this by ridding ourselves of the defunct committees. Third, there should be a better student-Central Board relationship. The representative system is a step in this direction.

Lacy said if Activities Board is strengthened this year, we may be able to get a better budget for it. We need student participation and the representatives should bring ideas from the students.

Lacy stated that there should be a coordination of student activities. She felt we should not create an artificial interest by pushing students into committee work. She asked if more money could be given to departmental heads. She also asked if Central Board should direct attitudes on campus or if students should direct attitudes on Central Board. She felt there should be more and better publicity about committees and Central Board.

Peterson said that Central Board has gained an inferiority complex in the past few years. This is due to lack of interest and criticism of the of the students. Central Board should try to obtain and offer more variety of things to do for the students. Traditions should be reinforced.

MacFarlane stated that student government is not only an activities coordinator, but also should put some stress on the academic field. She also stressed that the out-dated ASMSU Constitution should be revised.
Baty, said we should stress scholarship. We should try to improve relations between administration and students by asking the administration to make public more of things they plan to do.

LIVING GROUP REPRESENTATIVES:
President Baty asked representative about the way they feel about participating in meeting. He said they should define their own duties and urge students from their living group to take interest in student government. It was suggested that the representative should discuss the issue and do everything but vote. Another suggestion was that representatives be able to discuss at a given time after the committee reports.

ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING:
Lory announced that there would be a meeting of house presidents and social chairmen next Tuesday at 3:00.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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