Central Board Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Danny Lambros, and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Installation then followed for two new members on Central Board: B ev Henne as senior delegate, and Herman Anderson as junior delegate.

The following tentative suggestions from the Constitutional Revision Committee were presented by Tom Van Meter: (1.) That the number of major committees be cut to five (Budget and Finance Committee, Publications Board, Traditions Board, Social Committee, and Athletic Board — which would mean the placing of the Outside Entertainment Committee and the Convocations Committee under the Social Committee and the elimination of the Debate Committee as a major committee). (2.) That new Central Board members be elected each year. (3.) That one more Central Board delegate be elected from each class. (4.) That freshman delegates be elected at the middle or the end of fall quarter. and (5.) That class officers be eliminated. Tom briefly reviewed the Senate and the Apple or school representation plans considered last year and pointed out that the student body had voted for the present plan with minor changes.

Briggs questioned whether the reducing of the number of committees would hinder objectives of trying to get more students to participate in student government. In the following discussion it was pointed out that the object of such a change would be to achieve more centralization. However, it was also pointed out that with a larger Central Board more delegates could head committees and centralization could be achieved in this way. Briggs also questioned the wisdom of destroying present continuity. Van Meter, Gaughan, Cameron, Shanahan, and Jones all spoke out for having a complete turnover except for the advisers. They stated that many delegates might lose interest during the second year under the present system and that good delegates might easily be elected again under such a new system.

Shanahan spoke out for giving class officers something more to do. He said he was for eliminating all of them except the presidents. A suggestion was made to the effect that class presidents be the additional voting delegates mentioned in the Constitutional Revision Committee recommendation. A suggestion was also made that the sophomore class officer or officers should be in charge of the freshman class and freshman elections fall quarter.

Brennan suggested that from now on Central Board give more consideration to AWS rulings concerning how many major offices campus women can hold — as when candidates names are submitted. She mentioned that this could be a job of the chairman of the Social Committee.

Lambros then reported on the trip to Utah by four Central Board members the weekend before. He said the group had attended an Interschool Leadership Council put on by the three Utah schools, where they had discussed student government, student participation, buildings and expansion, etc. Tours of campus buildings and meetings with all sorts of campus leaders were also on the agenda. Lambros said that partly as a result of the visit by the Montana group the conference may expand to include more schools next year and also that delegates from Utah might come up here this March. He said that he was convinced that the gave and take from the trip did a lot of good, and he said he thought the next year’s budget should contain arrangements for such a trip. The cost of this trip amounted to $76 of the $100 provided.

As there was no more business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Present: Lambros, Cameron, Brennan, Tascher, Henne, Shanahan, Anderson, Jones, Nowlin, Abbott, Briggs, Van Meter, Gaughan, Dinn.