

Jan. 23, 1914

The faculty of State University, at a call from the President, met in the faculty room of the Gymnasium building, at 3:45 P.M., Jan. 23, 1914, those present being: President Barker, Professors Anderson, Bohannon, Boyd, Carrel, Dantzler, Easton, Farquhar, Frankel, Garman, Gilbert, Gillis, Lafferty, Hooper, Mathews, Maxson, Melcher, Miller, Noe, Pence, Peter, Roberts, Rowe, Tigert, Tuthill, Turner, Weaver, Webb and Zembrod.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the various Standing Committees were then called for.

A report submitted by the Committee on Courses of Study was read by the Secretary of the faculty. In this report, the question of allowing a student to "substitute", as in the case of Mr. Leonian, was taken up and disposed of. Also, the advisability of dividing the year into semesters instead of three terms, was discussed, but no formal action taken.

A motion was made by Dr. Kastle, seconded by Dr. Tigert, that this report be received and made a part of the minutes of the faculty.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Boyd, as Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Bulletin, took up the question of the arrangement of the names of the faculty in the first part of the catalogue. He suggested that the President appoint a committee on arrangement to take charge of this.

A motion was made by Prof. Hooper, seconded by Prof. Good, that this committee consist of the Deans of the Colleges. After a brief discussion, the motion to refer the matter to the Deans was unanimously carried.

Dr. Pryor, on behalf of the Committee on Student Organizations, presented two petitions, one for a new sorority and the other, for a senior society on the order of the Lamp and Cross. He stated that after consultation with the Dean of Women, both petitions had been granted.

A motion by Prof. Frankel to receive the report was seconded and unanimously carried.

Prof. Mathews stated that he had been requested by Dr. Kastle, on behalf of the Agricultural faculty, to ask for instructions from the general faculty how to proceed in the case of students who were away on athletic trips; that Dr. Kastle had been trying to do away with a large number of the absences in his College, and wished to know whether it was the sense of the general faculty that these absences be excused.

The Registrar furnished the ruling, which was that students who were excused for this purpose had the privilege of making up their work, and if made up, it was not to count against them in their final grades.

It was requested by Prof. Anderson that some action be taken by the general faculty in the case of two or three seniors each year coming in several weeks late, thereby causing annoyance.

A motion to this effect by Dr. Pryor, seconded by Dr. Kastle, was unanimously carried.

Dr. Kastle said that he deplored the large number of students in his College, having conditions, and further stated that the Agricultural faculty had requested him to bring this matter to the attention of the general faculty, and to say that they suggested the withdrawal, at the end of the first term, of those students who more than two conditions to their credit.

Dr. Kastle put this in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Prof. Weaver.

After a brief discussion by Profs. Anderson, Roberts and

Miller, it was suggested by President Barker that this be taken up by the Deans of the Colleges as a committee.

Motion to this effect by Dr. Kastle, seconded and carried.

The question was introduced whether there should be a uniform faculty ruling with regard to the naming of Honor Students.

Prof. Frankel made a motion that a student, in order to be selected as an honor student, should have been in the University at least two years.

The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Prof. Anderson that honor students be selected by the faculty of their respective colleges, and in no case, shall they exceed three from each college.

This motion was seconded.

Prof. Miller made the substitute motion that this matter be referred to the Committee on Courses of Study, as he thought the number should be regulated by the size of the college.

This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

In the matter of granting an Honorable Dismissal to a student going from this University to some other, it was asked whether a full statement of his record should be given, including conditions as well as credits; whereupon the following report was read from the Proceedings of the National Conference Committee on Standards of Colleges and Secondary Schools, defining the terms "Honorable Dismissal" and "Statement of Record";

"The term 'honorable dismissal' should be used to refer to conduct and character only, and an honorable dismissal should never be given unless the student's standing as to conduct and character is such as to entitle him to continuance in the institution granting the dismissal. Furthermore, there should in every instance be given, in the statement of honorable dismissal, full mention of any probation, suspension, or other temporary restriction imposed for bad conduct, the period of which restriction is not over when the papers of dismissal are issued.

"The term 'statement of record' should be used to refer to the recorded results of a student's work in the classroom, and this statement should in every instance contain all the important facts pertaining to the student's admission, classification and scholarship. In particular, no partial or incomplete classroom record (for example, with failures omitted) should ever be given without clear evidence that it is partial or incomplete; if the student's scholarship has been such as

to prevent his continuance in the institution issuing the statement of record or to render him subject to any probation, suspension, or other temporary restriction, the period of which is not closed at the date of record, a plain statement of any and all such facts should be included; and such information should be given as will make clear the system of grades, the number of exercises per week devoted to each course, etc."

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that these terms be used in the sense indicated by the Committee on Standards of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

President Barker next reported that he had received a letter in which complaint had been made that degrees of honor had been conferred by the University on some unworthy people, not in keeping with the dignity of the institution. He thought that it might be well to be more particular in the future, and he asked that each member of the faculty get a copy of the Idea of that week, which contained the published article, and read it.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Egner G. Ellis
Secretary.

President.