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The general faculty of the University met on April 2, in the faculty room, President Barker presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of standing committees were called.

Prof. Miller called attention to the fact that names of candidates for honorary degrees should be presented to the faculty one month before the final regular session.

Prof. Tigert presented the following report of the Committee on Students Welfare:-

Your Committee on Student Welfare has had two conferences with the Committee on Student Government since we submitted our last report. We believe that during the mid-semester examinations and since that time, the work of the Honor System in this Institution ^{is} ~~are~~ very encouraging and that the Faculty should endorse and approve heartily all of the things that have been done and are being done by the Student Committee in order to eradicate cheating on examination and other forms of dishonesty on the campus. Your Committee, however, has found as a result of conferences with the Student Committee that there are still some obstacles in the way of perfecting the System. Some of the greatest difficulties arise from the following:-

1. A lack of understanding as to what is meant by suspension.
2. A lack of understanding as regards the status of the student while under suspension and of the status of such student when re-instated.
3. The lack of information as to whether students should get credit for work in courses in which they have been caught cheating.
4. An interference on the part of the Faculty with the working of the Honor System by making the operation of the Honor System optional in their

in their classes, or by refusing to co-operate with the Student Committee by encouraging those who have been suspended to continue to engage in student activities; by using their authority to call before them members of the Committee, the accused, witnesses, etc., and by passing judgment on the justice of the actions of the Student Committee.

In consideration of these things, it is the sense of your Committee upon Student Welfare that the successful operation of the Honor System can only be assured if these difficulties are properly looked after. (7) We recommend, therefore, that the General Faculty define the status of the student when under suspension, and it is our belief that suspension should include a loss of all the rights and privileges of a student to engage in the general activities of this Institution; (8) that written notice shall be given by the Secretary or proper officer to the Instructors in whose courses students have been found cheating and for which they have been suspended from the Institution; that such students be not allowed credit in these courses but be compelled to take such work over again; that upon returning to a course of study, after suspension, the status of such student be left in the hands of the individual instructors; that whereas it is desirable for members of the Faculty to report any evidence of cheating to the Student Committee for their consideration and cooperate with the Student Committee in every way possible whenever called upon by the Committee to so assist them, yet no member of the Faculty should in any way interfere or participate in the operation of the system except when expressly invited to do so; that making the Honor system optional on the vote of the class is entirely contrary to the spirit of the system.

In as much as the Student Committee is powerless to enforce its decision without the sanction of the General Faculty, we further recommend that any violation of the Honor

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System or failure to abide by the decisions of the Honor committee shall be brought before the regular Committee on Discipline and that such violations shall render the guilty person liable to expulsion from the University.

After discussion, Prof. Rowe offered the following motion:

That suspension means exclusion from all college grounds and all social and athletic functions. Carried.

Prof. Melcher offered the following resolution:

When a student is suspended he be given notice of the suspension and of the penalty, and that he be notified that Patterson Hall and all other property owned by the University is considered a part of the campus, and that no student under suspension shall be employed by or receive any salary or pay for services from any department of the University including the Experiment Station.

Motion carried.

Dean Lafferty moved that W. T. Young be given a diploma and graduated with the year 1914. Carried.

Dean Miller moved that M. H. Judd be added to the list of those students eligible to degrees in June. Carried.

Dean Lafferty moved that the names of P. E. Dixon, J. B. Nichols, J. O. Reynolds, G. R. Smith be added to those eligible for degrees in June. Carried.

Lieut. Underwood moved that the Battalion be excused from afternoon classes April 7", 15", 30" for practical marches in the country. Carried.

Lieut. Underwood moved that lawyers be required to drill. After discussion by the President, Dean Miller, Dean Lafferty, and Lieut. Underwood, the motion was put and lost.

Prof. Rowe moved that the remaining portion of the report of the Committee on Students' Welfare be considered at the beginning of the next meeting. Carried.

Meeting was then adjourned.