

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Dr. Jean M. KeltyDATE November 3, 1981FROM John J. Coffelt, PresidentSUBJECT Student Physical Examinations

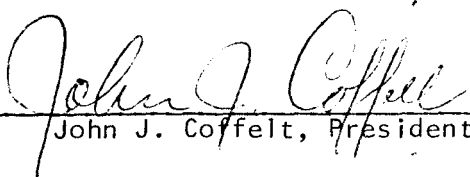
Apropos of our discussions at the October 30 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate is a memorandum from the Academic Vice President informing this office that (1) for a number of years the Undergraduate Bulletin has stipulated that students are required to have a medical examination as a condition for admission; (2) said policy has not been rigidly enforced for many years as a "condition for admission," but has been required before a student is admitted into activity classes by the Department of Health and Physical Education; and (3) the Academic Deans' Council (by a vote of 5 - 4) has recommended that the policy be dropped as a requirement for admission to the University.

This office is being asked whether the statement should be deleted from the next edition of the Bulletin as an admission requirement. The Health and Physical Education Department has taken strong exception, their arguments being that it is "good health practice," it is imperative for an instructor to have access to such information before permitting student participation in activity classes, and it is presumed to offer some protection against personal liability actions.

Personally, it appears appropriate to drop the requirement as a condition for admission but permit the Department of Health and Physical Education to continue it as a condition for admission to activity classes if, as a departmental matter, they deem it appropriate. This does, of course, affect graduation requirements since a student may not graduate from the baccalaureate program without taking a certain number of activity classes.

I am instructing the Admissions Office to continue with "status quo" administration, and I am referring the matter back to the Academic Senate for that body's consideration. I presume that the Senate's new Academic Standards and Events Committee is the appropriate body to consider this matter and advance its recommendations to the Academic Senate for consideration.

Perhaps this is as good a time and subject as any to ascertain if the Academic Senate is interested in reassuming primary responsibility for revising academic policies.



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