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these letters are in the  
President's files.*

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Dr. A. J. Brumbaugh, Vice President  
The American Council on Education  
744 Jackson Place  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Brumbaugh:

The Academic Standards Committee of Youngstown College, of which I am chairman, is wrestling with problems presented by the curriculum in business administration. President Jones has suggested that I write to you for advice on the matter.

Following the lead of many other colleges in the state, we have come to the conclusion that the foreign language requirement is not necessary for candidates for a degree in business administration. At present these candidates work for a B.A. degree, and have to meet the language requirement for that degree. Since we do not intend to change the foreign language requirement for the B.A., we must give another degree to the business administration majors. Our problem is whether to give a straight B.S. degree with a major in business administration or to give a degree which indicates more specifically the nature of the recipient's preparation, such as a Bachelor of Business Administration or a B.S. in Business Administration.

Youngstown College at present gives the following degrees: B.A., B.S., B.S. in Education, B.E., B. Music and L.L.B. The B.S. degree is at present granted only to those majoring in chemistry, physics and nursing. We are considering two possible changes. The first would reduce the number of degrees granted from six to five, the B.S. in Ed. being eliminated, and the B.S. being granted to all students whose training has been primarily professional: chemistry, physics, nursing, teaching, business administration and secretarial science. The other possibility would increase the number of degrees by at least one, a new degree of Bachelor of Business Administration or B.S. in Business Administration being added for those in that field.

We should like your advice on this matter both as to what appears to be the tendency among American colleges today and as to what seems most desirable for our institution. I might add that our total enrolment, full and part time is about 2000, and that we have at least 240 full time and 260 part time students who are pursuing a course in business administration.

Yours very truly,

Karl W. Dykema  
Chairman, Academic  
Standards Committee