

ACADEMIC DEANS COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting , November 16, 1971

Meeting called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Vice President Edgar, with all members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting on November 2 were approved with the following changes:

(a) Under item 4 the quotation should have the parenthetical statement (see attached statement on Statute of Limitations) inserted after the word average in the second line.

(b) Item 6 should indicate that the summary was prepared by Mrs. Mary B. Smith.

2. Vice President Edgar pointed out that the matter of faculty credit for the handling of independent study has a certain urgency for some departments and the cognizant committee of the Council should strive to reach an early report.

3. Dean Aurand expanded on his previous information on credit by examination or through other measures of proficiency. After discussion of the questions of instructional fee (cannot be justified), examination fee (justifiable in most or all cases, but how much?), and the amount of such credit to be permitted, the following resolution was noted (for reference to Academic Affairs Committee):

" A student who wishes to validate learning attained in non-traditional manner (i.e., outside the classroom of an accredited institution) may do so by qualifying through the attainment of a satisfactory score on a standardized or institutional proficiency examination. While an appropriate fee may be charged for testing, no instructional fees will be required.

The responsibility for establishing the guidelines for tests to be used, procedures of administration and credit to be allowed rests with the Dean of Admissions and Records in concert with the appropriate academic dean."

4. There was an extensive discussion of the student actions and the administrative accidentals that lead up to the use of the administrative grade change, particularly the use of F for various kinds of non-attendance. Dean Scriven stressed the necessity for instructors' checking the 14-day reports accurately against class attendance, in order to turn up cases of error, misunderstanding and abuse of accommodation. No consensus was reached as to the instructors' responsibility in this area. After it was moved and seconded to alter the present policy so that the withdrawal privileges would terminate at the end of the sixth week (third week in a split summer session), the business was tabled to allow further consideration by the committee.

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5. Vice President Edgar called attention to the item on personnel files on page five (5) of the Fall, 1971 Advocate and asked what the Deans understood by the "improving" activity mentioned.
6. There was a brief discussion of the imminent activation of the unemployment compensation law and implications for the University. Vice President Edgar spoke for preservation of the soundness of the instructional program as a first-priority item, for this soundness could suffer under attempts to minimize the University liability to claims.
7. Vice President Edgar reported on the statement on academic freedom, rights and responsibilities adopted at the annual meeting of the AASCU. Member universities may or may not consider this statement for adoption. He also reported on the national project of the association on long-range planning, via campus teams, for college and university goals responsive to society's needs.
8. Vice President Edgar advised that legislation pending in Columbus prohibits sabbatical leaves from State funds. The Deans urged that, nevertheless, applications for leave be invited, subject to authorization to use funds for this purpose.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.