

Academic Standards Committee

26 February 1959

Present: Mr. Behen, Mrs. Botty, Mrs. Bridgham, Mr. D'Isa, Mr. Dykema, Mr. Kitchen, Mrs. McCarty, Mr. Reilly.

1. Mr. Dykema reported that since the request to the Ford Foundation (minutes of 23 October, 1959, Item I) had been rejected, President Jones had decided to pursue the proposed study on a reduced scale and had appointed a committee to include Mr. Frank D'Isa, engineering, Mr. Sylvan Einstein, business administration, Mr. Philip Hahn, economics, Mr. David Ives, language and literature and Mr. Karl Dykema, chairman, English. This committee has already held two meetings, 18 February, and 24 February and its first project will be a study of a group of Statics sections in the School of Engineering.

2. Mr. Dykema presented a petition by Wilbur J. Horvath for permission to take Latin 302 by conference with Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, part-time instructor. Mr. Dykema explained that the student needed this course for his major and that Mrs. Morgan was the only instructor available to teach it. Mrs. Botty moved that the petition be approved. Mr. Swartz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the committee.

3. Mr. Dykema presented a petition from Margaret F. Simon to take Child Psychology by conference with Mr. John Shushereba, a part-time instructor. The petition had the approval of the head of the Psychology Department and the dean of the University. The petition was dated 16 December 1958. Mr. Swartz moved that the petition be approved. Mrs. Botty seconded the motion and the committee approved it 5-4, suggesting that an admonitory note be included with the approved petition.

4. Mr. Swartz presented a request for permission to have a pamphlet on reading by Miss Gable of the Education Department put on sale in the University Bookstore as a supplementary text. Mr. Swartz explained that he had examined that mimeographed material and considered it valuable. It would not be used as the basic text in the course and it would not be required that students purchase it. Mr. Swartz moved the approval of the request. Mr. Kitchen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. A question was raised concerning remuneration to the author of such mimeographed material. Members of the committee were uncertain as to whether the committee had in the past taken any action on whether the authors of mimeographed material sold through the bookstore were to receive remuneration for that material, and, if so, at what rate. The chairman was instructed to check the minutes to find out whether the committee had ever taken action on this matter. ←

5. Mr. Swartz mentioned that a part-time member of his staff would teach a course in dealing with the mentally retarded this summer. For this course the instructor has prepared a mimeographed text published by Kent State University which would be sold through our bookstore this summer. The committee felt that no problem was involved here since the material was published by another organization. ←