

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE
2 January 1958

Present: Mr. Behen, Mrs. Botty, Mrs. Bridgham, Mr. Dykema,
Mr. Kitchen, Mrs. McCarty, Mr. Reilly, and Mr. Swartz.

Item 1. There was a brief informal discussion of the recurring question of communication within the institution.

Item 2. The attached proposal for the establishment of an honor society at Youngstown University was discussed at considerable length. Mr. Kitchen moved the acceptance of the proposal; it was seconded by Mr. Behen and unanimously approved.

Item 3. It was pointed out that the approval of the proposal was not sufficient to establish an honor society. Mr. Behen therefore moved that this committee recommend to the president that he appoint a committee to take steps towards the establishment of such an organization, the committee to consist of the group of faculty members which formulated and submitted the proposal. Mr. Swartz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Item 5. Mr. Reilly suggested that the various subcommittees which have been appointed by this committee in the past be asked to report.

Item 6. Mr. Swartz suggested that a consideration of academic load be placed on the agenda for future discussion.

We propose that an honor society be established at The Youngstown University for the dual purpose of recognizing outstanding students in the liberal arts and sciences, and of encouraging superior students to distinguish themselves through high scholastic achievement while pursuing a liberal education.

Candidates for election to the society must meet the following minimum requirements:

- (1) They shall be seniors who are candidates for graduation and whose major field of study is one in the College of Arts and Sciences;
- (2) Their honor-point average for all of their college work shall place them in the upper ten percent of their class, and shall not be below 2.5, where a perfect record is reckoned to be 3.0;

Their honor-point average will be figured on courses completed up to the final twenty hours of degree requirements;

- (3) Their record must demonstrate that their course of study has not been narrowly specialized, but has included a sufficient number of courses in both the arts and sciences to indicate a breadth and depth of study in several disciplines.

A student who meets the above minimum requirements will be eligible for election into the society, but will not be assured of automatic admission. In addition, recommendations will be sought from department chairmen. Final determination of membership shall be by vote of a permanent faculty committee which shall meet to review the individual records of students eligible for election.