

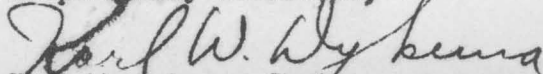
YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE  
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
October 7, 1954 - 11 a.m.

Present: Mr. Beckman, Mr. Behen, Mrs. Botty, Mrs. Bridgham, Mr. Dykema,  
Mr. Franklin, Mr. Reilly, Mr. J. E. Smith, Mr. Worley.

- I. The Committee was reminded that on October 14, at 11:00 a.m., in Library 301, the presentation of the purposes and material of the required courses will be continued. Last year the Communication and Orientation courses were described, and on October 14 will begin a discussion of the required Social Science courses.
- II. Mr. Dykema described briefly the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships and distributed descriptive circulars to those concerned (members of social science and humanities departments).
- III. The status of student assistants was discussed. It was pointed out that there were several categories of student workers, and the Dean's office was requested to define those categories and list the approximate number in each category. It was then moved by Mr. Worley, seconded by Mr. Reilly, that any person on the faculty or staff who has been appointed by the President, shall have full faculty privileges. This would apply even if the individual was also a student at the College. All other student workers would not be entitled to any faculty privileges. The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.
- IV. A discussion of prerequisites was begun. There was some difference of opinion concerning the desirability of enforcing prerequisites, Dean Franklin feeling that they should be rigidly enforced, Mrs. Botty suggesting that in some instances it might be desirable to waive them. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting, and the following recommendations might be taken as a basis for discussion:
  1. Prerequisites should be eliminated where they mean nothing and are regularly waived (for certain courses this might suggest the desirability of giving the course a lower number -- in fact, the whole matter of lack of parallelism in numbering of courses among departments might be considered).
  2. For those courses where a prerequisite seems generally desirable, that prerequisite might be stated as a special course or the written consent of the instructor.
  3. For those courses where it is hardly possible for a student to do the work successfully without the foundation background of another course, the prerequisite would be stated dogmatically and rigidly held to.
- V. Items 1 and 5 of the agenda for October 7 were not discussed. These items were: a) SUMMER SATURDAY CLASSES. Should we continue to schedule Saturday classes when so many instructors fail to meet those classes?; b) SCHEDULE. Can we agree on class hour patterns which will reduce conflicts in scheduling?

The next meeting of the Committee will be held Thursday, October 21.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Karl W. Dykema, Chairman