

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

16 October 1962

Present: Behen, Botty, Bridgam, Dykema, McCoy, Painter, Reilly, Worley

1. The Chairman pointed out that the dates of the preceding minutes were inaccurate. Those labeled L. L. 62. 10. 4. 1 should be dated 2 October 1962, and those dated L. L. 62. 10. 16. 1 should be dated 9 October 1962.
2. The committee discussed item four of the memorandum dated 1 October 1962: The Possibility of Giving Mid-semester Grades. The discussion seemed to indicate that the problems involved were departmental and that the committee should not interfere.
3. There was some discussion of the matter of credit for Television courses. Mr. Worley commented on the experience of the Biology Department and the Physics Department, pointing out that the attendance of the students in these nationally sponsored programs had been most disappointing.
4. Discussion was begun about the rule regarding repetition of courses. Though the committee members seemed to feel that the principle of the rule was desirable, they also felt that the difficulty of enforcing the rule led to inequities. It was suggested that the opinion of the administration be requested concerning the rule.

K. W. Dykema, Chairman

Minutes for

23 October 1962

Present: Behen, Bridgam, D'Isa, Dykema, McCoy, Painter, Worley
Guest: Charles Evans

1. Mr. Evans raised the question of how rigidly foreign students should be held to a command of standard English, particularly in its written form. After considerable discussion, it seemed to be the sense of the committee that some foreign students, particularly those from the Near East and the Far East should not be held to the same standard as native students. However, it was recognized that such a double standard might not only prove embarrassing to the English Department, but might well damage the reputation of the institution. A compromise solution was suggested by the following motion made by Mr. Worley:

Foreign students whose first language is not English may receive credit towards graduation for Communication and English courses in which their instructor feels that the general objectives of the courses have been achieved, even though the student's written English may not be entirely idiomatic nor entirely satisfactory in the mechanics of written expression; however, this credit will be entered on the student's permanent record without the usual letter grade, but merely with an indication that credit has been allowed and with a reference to a notation on his final transcript which will make clear the reasons for the exception.

Seconded by Mr. D'Isa and unanimously approved by the committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, October 30, at 4:00 p. m. in Main 406.

K. W. Dykema

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