

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE January 29, 1971

Members present: Mr. Eminhizer, Mr. Fortunato, Mr. Hare,  
Mrs. Miner, Mrs. Niemi, Mr. Siman, Mr. Simko,  
Mr. Smith

Members absent: Mr. Overby, Mr. Richley, Dean Scriven, Mr.  
Brachfeld, Mr. Hungerford

Mrs. Miner called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. and suggested that the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 1971 should be corrected by deleting Mr. Spiro's name from the list of members absent. Mr. Spiro found it necessary because of other heavy committee assignments to resign from the Academic Affairs Committee on December 5, 1971. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Because Dean Scriven was unable to attend, most of the discussion on possibility of free audit was postponed until the next meeting. However, Mr. Simko emphasized the value to the student of allowing him a free audit any quarter following the quarter he made the Dean's List. Mr. Hare felt that if a student is allowed a free audit it should be on the same basis that any other student is permitted to audit; he should not have to wait until the eighth day.

Discussion then began on whether or not there should be some sort of "statute of limitations" on failing grades. Mrs. Miner said that it is very difficult to find out policy at other institutions since catalogs seem to give no information on this. A number of questions were raised. Should the slate be wiped clean? Should a student be allowed to take a proficiency exam and waive those courses he does well in? How many years should elapse? Should a student be allowed credit for all the courses he passed? Or should he be allowed credit for the courses he passed when he was in good standing? What about the problem of changed basic university requirements? The problem of certain courses being completely out-of-date? Mrs. Miner asked the committee members to write out and bring to the next meeting suggestions on these problems. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

NOTE: Next meeting will be Friday, February 12 (NOT February 5)  
at 2 P.M. in ASO Conference Room.