

Professor Miner had the following reports to make:

1) She had spoken to Dr. Edgar about the need for \$200 to finance a poll of students to determine their attitudes on the proposal to employ pluses and minuses. The Chairman asked the committee whether they felt a poll of students was necessary and/or desirable.

2) She had conferred with Professor Ward concerning the foreign language proposal; but since that department is currently occupied with other matters, they will get back to us with a rewritten proposal at some future date.

3) She had received from Professor Richley information to the effect that of twelve universities within the State whose grading policies he had checked through catalogues, none employed pluses or minuses.

Dean Scriven was in attendance to discuss the proposed change in grading. He mentioned that there would be extra work for the clerical office if pluses and minuses were employed. He further indicated that to effect this grading proposal there would be an additional cost in "thousands of dollars" because of changes needed in forms and the computer program. Dean Scriven also felt that when readmitting a suspended or probationary student, the "human element" was removed by using more grading distinctions. It was also pointed out that there might be additional pressures on the faculty to raise grades to a plus in order to keep a student at a certain point average (pluses being perhaps more palatable to add than a change to a higher letter grade). A motion was made and seconded to drop the matter of pluses and minuses. The vote was 7 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention. A further motion not to poll the absentee committee members concerning their views was passed by the committee.

Next meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee: Friday, December 4, 3:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

Members present: Eminhizer
Hare
Miner
Miemi
Overby
(Scriven)
Simco
Simon
Smith
Spiro