

May 11, 1917

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE:

Your Committee on Business and Rules respectfully submits the following matters for consideration:

- I. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 21.
- II. Report of the Committee on University Extension laid over from the last meeting.
- III. Report of the Committee on Education.
- IV. Report of the Committee on the Relation of the University to Other Institutions of Learning.
- V. Report of the Administrative Committee.
- VI. Report of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

HENRY J. FLETCHER, *Chairman*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

RESOLVED: That the Senate of the University of Minnesota recognizes University Weeks as a proper and commendable form of service for a state university; and recommends to all members of the University faculty that by participating in the program they cooperate in making the Weeks a success.

R. R. PRICE, *Chairman*

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1. The Committee recommends, for adoption by the Senate, the following modification of the "failure-makeup" requirement (Bulletin p. 19) recently passed by the College of Science, Literature, and the Arts: "Any student receiving a failure in a course which is required in his curriculum must repeat that course the next time it is offered in class." This carries with it the assumption that the present regulation of the Board of Regents to the effect that "Students in any college electing work in any other college shall complete the work so elected before they are allowed to come up for the degree for which they are candidates," shall be rescinded.

2. The Committee requests an interpretation of Article XV of the Constitution:

Nothing herein shall be construed as applying to any school below collegiate rank established under the authority of the Board of Regents.

3. The Committee is convinced that the portion of the work of the General Extension Division known as the University Lyceum is not a proper University function, for the following reasons:

(a) The entertainers and lecturers, presented by the Lyceum are not connected with the University, and are not subject to University control.

(b) The "attractions" advertised are not a part of the regular work of the University, hence in no way an extension of the life and work of the Campus to the people of the state.

The Committee therefore presents the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Senate recommend the discontinuance of the University Lyceum as a University function at the end of the present year or on the expiration of existing contracts.

4. Final Examinations. The Committee is opposed to adopting the system proposed by the faculty of the Colleges of Agriculture and Forestry, as follows:

Communication from Department of Agriculture:

1. Whereas, in the past year the time devoted to final examinations has increasingly encroached on the class time of the semester, seriously reducing the standard 18 weeks theoretically devoted to class work, and

2. Whereas, the requests of this College to have the time devoted to these examinations confined to the six days of examination week, have been without practical effect due to the common practice of holding examinations, with or without authorization, prior to the scheduled time, and

3. Whereas, apparently unavoidable changes in the examination schedule are continually occurring to the evident demoralization of the last week of the semester's work, and

4. Whereas, in the opinion of this faculty the final examinations are unduly emphasized in view of their actual value in relation to class work and other periodic tests required throughout the semester,

The faculty of the Colleges of Agriculture and Forestry do respectfully request the University Senate to substitute for the present system of final examinations, the following plan or some modification embodying the essential features thereof:

1. Continue the regular class schedule throughout the entire semester.

2. Give final examinations at the last period of the semester at which the class regularly meets. In lecture courses where a single such examination, in the opinion of the instructor, is inadequate, two or three of the regular class periods may be occupied by these examinations.

3. In no case permit the examination to exceed the regularly scheduled time so as to interfere with any other class.

This faculty further requests that this matter be referred to the Education Committee of the Senate for consideration and that the committee be requested to report to the Senate at the next regular meeting of that body.

Signed, R. M. WEST,
*Secretary of the Faculty of the
Colleges of Agriculture and Forestry*

The Committee recommends that the Administrative Board of the College of Science, Literature, and the Arts and Representatives from the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry adjust the present scheme, if possible, so that it will be satisfactory to the Colleges.

5. The Committee calls attention to the fact that there has recently been organized in the University a group of Professors and Instructors, whose interest and teaching is related to Animal Biology. This group has for its object the development of all phases of this science and includes men from several colleges. It has placed itself in a position to coordinate work now separated and to avoid unnecessary duplication. It has already planned a pamphlet outlining for students the available courses offered in that field in the university.

The Committee wishes to express its hearty approval of this movement and to recommend its extension. By the formation of other similar groups, the University would secure that essential cooperation and coordination among the various departments of the different colleges, which has been menaced, and in some cases actually disturbed, by the rapid creation of schools and colleges as a consequence of the rapid expansion of the institution. The unification of the work of the University, according to content or subject matter of the instruction offered, is, in the opinion of the Committee, one of our most actual and pressing needs.

In case the recommendation of the Committee is favorably received, and such groups formed, this would lead to conferences between departments and members of the faculty (irrespective of school or college) giving instruction or conducting investigation in closely allied fields. The object of these conferences would be to form a federation of scientific interests, to improve and correlate the work now being done, and, incidentally to prepare and offer to students and investigators a concise exposition of all the courses offered in the field represented by the group concerned.

COLBERT SEARLES, *Chairman*

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RELATION OF THE UNIVERSITY TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

Your Committee wishes to report that during the year it has had the following schools inspected:

1. Secondary Schools:
Northrop Collegiate School
St. Mary's Academy, Graceville
Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis
Parker College, Winnebago
North Star College, Warren
2. Junior Colleges:
Hibbing
Northrop Collegiate School
Stanley College
Villa St. Scholastica, Duluth
Windom Institute, Montevideo
Cloquet
Faribault
Jackson
Rochester
3. Colleges:
St. Thomas College and St. Paul Seminary

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

(a) That the following secondary schools be placed on the accredited list for one year subject to their complying with certain regulations specified by the Committee:

Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis
St. Mary's Academy, Graceville
Parker College, Winnebago

(b) Junior Colleges. That Cloquet and Rochester be approved for two years of advanced standing.

That the following be approved for one year of work:

Stanley College
Hibbing
Jackson
Villa St. Scholastica, Duluth

(c) That work at the following schools be not approved for collegiate standing:

Windom College
Faribault

R. R. SHUMWAY, *Chairman*

V. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

1. *Bulletin Covers.* The change in style from the Old English scheme as recommended by the Committee on Printing was approved.

2. *Pre-registration of first year students.* Voted that pre-registration requirements for new matriculants be made the same as now apply to students already enrolled.

3. *Eligibility for University Weeks.* Upon the joint recommendations of Messrs. Price and Nicholson the following rules were approved.

The Extension Division shall submit, not later than May 1, a complete list of the students whom they are planning to use in connection with the University Week, and that list shall in turn be submitted to the respective Deans for comment.

Conditions or failures, unless excessive, will not be taken into account.

All students must be up to grade in current work at the time of leaving.

All students except Freshmen, if eligible, will receive the grade represented by the value of the work at the time of going on the trip, and will be excused from finals.

Freshmen will not be excused from final examinations, but will receive **incompletes*. Students receiving incompletes will have the privilege of removing these incompletes immediately following the close of the University Week, or the first thing in the fall.

* In those colleges where *incompletes* are not given, it is understood that *deferred examinations* or their equivalent will be substituted.

4. *Right of way of condition and other examinations.* Voted, that condition examinations and others regularly fixed have the right of way over the usual class work. This regulation applies to the Military Department as well as other departments of the University.

5. *War situation problems.* (a) Any student in his last year whose work for the semester is of passing grade may graduate at any time before June, 1917, provided—first, that he has the consent of the Dean of the College; second, that he presents a written statement that he is immediately to enter the service of the United States or take up some form of work which has a direct bearing on the national emergency.

(b) Undergraduates. Any undergraduate similarly may receive credit for the year's work unless his college deems it necessary that he should complete work or take examinations on his return in which case he shall be held for such work without extra fees.

(c) Coöperation with the Federal Government. The printing of the pamphlet by the President announcing the University's activities was approved.

(d) Credit for Special Military Work. It was recommended that the colleges of the University coöperate in allowing students to receive credit for special military work now being offered by the Military department, and that if possible, students be relieved from a corresponding amount of regular study work.

6. The bulletin statement concerning Military Drill showing the statement concerning the work of the Military department for publication in the respective college bulletins has been approved.

E. B. PIERCE, *Secretary*

VI. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics reports the following action of the Athletic Board of Control:

At a regularly called meeting of the Athletic Board of Control held on May 9, 1917, at which a quorum was not present, the following actions were taken:

1. It was voted to discontinue intercollegiate athletics after May 12, 1917, until the end of hostilities.

2. It was voted that all existing contracts with coaches and employees be carried out according to their terms, provided that if any employee enter the service of the United States, he be paid the difference between what he may receive from the government and the sum called for under the contract.

JAMES PAIGE, *Chairman*