

## The University of Minnesota

### THE SENATE

### MINUTES

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE:

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

- I. Report of the Committee on the Relation of the University to Other Institutions of Learning.
- II. Report of the Committee on Journal of Public Affairs.
- III. Report of the Committee on Student Publications.

HENRY J. FLETCHER, *Chairman*

#### REPORTS IN DETAIL

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

The Committee on the Relation of the University to Other Institutions of Learning respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. *Entrance requirements.* That Group F (vocational and miscellaneous studies) be withdrawn from the bulletin, and that applicants for admission be required to present at least eleven units (twelve for Engineering) from the first five groups, with restrictions as at present, plus four additional units as certified to by the high-school superintendent as necessary for graduation and of acceptable nature.

2. *Preparatory schools.* That Saint Olaf Academy be placed on the accredited list, and that a copy of the report containing criticism be sent to the Academy.

3. *Junior colleges.* (a) That one year of collegiate work at Cloquet high school be accepted towards advanced standing at the University. (b) That this year's work in the college departments of the Rochester and Faribault high schools be accepted towards advanced standing in the University. (c) That one year of collegiate work at Villa Saint Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota, be recognized towards collegiate credit, and that the special cases of the three young women who expect to come to the University next fall be handled by the Administrative Board. (d) That until the enrollment and equipment of Lutheran Ladies Seminary, Red Wing, Minnesota, warrant consideration no action be taken concerning its relation to the University.

4. *Saint Paul Normal School.* That graduates of the Saint Paul Normal School be given the same standing as graduates of other normal schools when the Saint Paul school has modified its courses somewhat and increased its teaching staff. That the school be invited to comply with the following conditions:

a. That provision be made for more intensive work in history and in social sciences. This can probably be accomplished by relieving Miss Rueth of some of her other teaching work and giving her more complete charge of these subjects.

b. That the courses now offered be named in accordance with their content. For example, one of the courses in psychology contains practically no psychological material, and the course in "Elementary Science" is at times a course in nature study, at other times a course in physiology.

c. That the regular instructors be relieved of the library work.

d. That more regular normal-school instructors be employed. We believe that more of the teaching should be in charge of specialists. This request could probably be met by having two well-trained persons added to the corps of instructors or by having several specialists on part time each giving instruction in his specialty.

e. That until these changes have been effected, graduates of the Saint Paul Normal School shall continue to be accepted by the University of Minnesota on the basis of individual merit and attainments—these to be determined after the students have earned a minimum of fifteen credit hours in residence.

5. *Augsburg Seminary.* That two years of collegiate work be recognized, and that graduates specially recommended in classical languages, Norwegian, and English, be permitted to register provisionally in the Graduate School.

R. R. SHUMWAY, *Chairman.*

#### II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH REGARD TO THE PUBLICATION OF A JOURNAL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1. *Feasibility.* Your committee is of the opinion that the publication by the University of a journal to be known as "Journal of Public Affairs, with Special Reference to the Northwest," would be a material advantage to the University. It would fur-

nish an avenue for the publication of results of research; it would add to the reputation and dignity of the University. There is no reason to doubt that sufficient material of proper quality could be obtained. It is not likely, however, that such a journal would be self-supporting and some assistance from the regents must therefore be sought if it is to be established.

2. *Scope and character.* The general field which the journal should cover is quite clearly expressed by the proposed title. Its subjects should be such as would interest the scholarly and public-spirited citizen and bear upon his duties of citizenship. Unduly technical articles should be excluded, but on the other hand mere popular appeal should not be the object.

A large part of the material for such a journal would fall substantially within the field of the so-called social sciences—economics, political science, sociology, and history. However, considerable material might well be published with reference to the public aspects of law, engineering, agriculture, education, public health, and the like.

In addition to articles of a formal character, there should be a number of departments for notes and minor comments, such as departments of book reviews, of state legislation and administration, of municipal and local administration, of decisions of courts and regulating commissions, and of university administration.

3. *Probable budget.* The journal should at the outset consist of approximately 144 pages published quarterly. In order that it shall be successful, it must at least during the first two years be in charge of an editor who will give a considerable fraction of his time to it. This editor should be at least of the rank of assistant professor.

The total cost of publication, including the time of the editor (estimated as representing one-third of his salary) would range from about \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year, depending largely upon the salary of the person chosen as editor. A conservative estimate of the income from subscriptions and the small amount of advertising properly to be sought, at the outset is \$7,000 (300 subscriptions at \$2 each); probably the income would soon become higher.

It is probable that between \$1,500 and \$2,000 would have to be contributed by the University. Of this the cost of printing and mailing (about \$800) could reasonably be charged to the budget of the research fund. The regents would have to be asked to provide the remainder in some other way. Substantially they would have to furnish the means of relieving a competent professor of part of his teaching and research work by the employment of some other person. This would involve probably in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

The committee recommends that the Senate approve this plan and that it be submitted to the Board of Regents for their action.

Respectfully submitted,

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### III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee on Student Publications desires to present the following report of its activities:

1. A controversy arose in the month of March over the eligibility of Mr. Paul Byers to the office of Managing Editor of "The Minnesota Daily." The constitution of that organization provides that the Board of Publishers of the Daily shall nominate two candidates who shall have been "on the Daily staff the preceding year." Another article provides that nominations may be made by petition of five per cent of the association (composed of the paid subscribers to the Daily). The second article makes no mention of the qualification of having been on the Daily staff the preceding year. Mr. Byers had not been on the staff of the Daily during the preceding year and was declared ineligible by the Board of Publishers. Mr. Byers appealed from the decision to our Committee, which was of the opinion that, since it involved a question of eligibility, the case should go to the All-University Student Council. The Board of Publishers in their turn appealed from the jurisdiction of the All-University Council to the Executive Committee of the Senate, who, after due deliberation, decided that the jurisdiction of the original case lay with our Committee. We accordingly acted upon it. It seems worth while that a report of the decision should be made here.

2. In the matter of faculty contributions to undergraduate periodicals, your Committee wishes to express the following opinion, an opinion based upon the experience of the current year; namely, that it is undesirable from the point of view of the administration of your Committee that faculty members should publish articles of a controversial nature in undergraduate publications. Secondly, that it renders the work of your Committee difficult for members of the faculty to band together in the production of so-called faculty issues, since elements are, or may be, in such undertakings introduced of a nature beyond our ordinary power of control. If faculty members feel obliged to publish their writings in our undergraduate publications, it seems better to your Committee that these writings should be signed and issued under normal responsibilities on the part of their authors.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDIN CRAIG, *Chairman*.

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Special **REGULAR MEETING**

*Mon., May 29*

Date ~~APR 13 1916~~ Hour *4 pm*

Place ~~LIBRARY MAIN ENG. BLDG.~~