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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS  
AND RULES

To the University Senate:

Your Committee on Business and Rules respectfully presents the following matters for your consideration at the third meeting of the Senate, May 18, 1939:

- I. Approval of the minutes of February 16, 1939
- II. Report of the Administrative Committee
- III. Report of the Committee on Relation of the University to Other Institutions of Learning
- IV. Report of the Committee on Students' Work
- V. Report of the Committee on Debate and Oratory
- VI. Report of the Committee on Necrology
- VII. Report on the Study of a Selected Group of Seniors of High Ability

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 16, 1939

II. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE

1. Items reported for information

*"Held" Records of Students.* It was voted to approve the following recommendations of the University Committee on Fees:

1. That in cases in which the amount of the University's claim is \$25 or more, (this would represent a maximum of 13.6 percent of the cases at present on record) the student or former student may request the privilege of signing a promissory note in order to clear his record. In general, the following procedures are recommended, subject to adjustment of details by the offices concerned:

a. For Health Service Charges. The Business Manager would secure a promissory note from the student before he left the Health Service, drawn after agreement between them as to the methods of payment. No formal entry would be made upon the records of the Comptroller, and the note would be filed by the Health Service as an adjunct to the Hospital account. On default of interest or principal, a hold charge would be forwarded to the Registrar in the regular way.

b. For Federal Student deferred fees and miscellaneous charges. In a majority of cases, a request for a loan to cover these charges would come by mail from outside of the city. The Registrar should be authorized to secure a regular loan fund application from the student. He would approve the application and present it to the Bursar for completion in the regular manner. The check would be applied on a fee statement presented by the Registrar, crediting the payment to Deferred Income General Tuition, thus clearing the student's record. The Bursar would charge the loan to a new fund, General Student Loan Fund—Special, and thereafter handle in the regular manner. Upon default of interest or principal, it would be his responsibility to notify the Registrar, who would place a "hold charge" on the student's record. At the end of each year, interest payments would be credited to the General Student Loan Fund and principal payments to General University Income.

2. That the Registrar file with the college offices responsible for recommending students for positions a list of the students who at present have "hold charges" on their records, and subsequently send duplicates of the notices of the hold charges regularly sent to students to the respective college offices. It is understood that while the Registrar's Office cannot be responsible for notifying offices each time that a payment is made, that periodical checks with the Registrar's Office may be made on these lists of "held" records.

3. That the college offices be requested to cooperate so far as practicable in the collection of these charges by checking with the Registrar's Office in cases of "held" records before issuing recommendations to prospective employers.

*Textbook Approval.* It was voted to approve the following texts for use in University classes:

\*The Economics and Regulation of Public Utilities, by Professor Emerson P. Schmidt.

The Far East, An International Survey, by Professor Harold S. Quigley and Professor George H. Blakeslee of Clark University.

A Preliminary Outline of a Course of Study in Fundamentals of Speech for Minnesota High Schools, by Assistant Professor Franklin H. Knower.

The Consumer and the Economic Order, by Professor Warren C. Waite and Ralph Cassady.

*Mimeographed Material.* It was voted to approve the sale of the following mimeographed material for use in University classes:

Material for Agricultural Economics to be sold by the Agricultural Students' Bookstore—

150 copies Item 1. A Record of the Business on a 240 acre Farm in Southeastern Minnesota for 1938, price 25 cents

150 copies Item 2. Instructions and Forms of Farm Business Analysis, price 10 cents

250 copies Item 3. Annual Report of the Farm Management Service for Farmers in Southeastern Minnesota, price 10 cents

250 copies Item 4. A Preliminary Report of Data Secured on the Farm Accounting Routes in Winona County, Minnesota, price 10 cents

250 copies Item 5. A Preliminary Report of Crop Production Costs, price 10 cents

250 copies Item 6. A Preliminary Report of Livestock Costs and Returns, price 10 cents

\*170 copies Laboratory Manual of Materia Medica for Medical Students, to be sold by Engineers' Bookstore, price 60 cents

\*100 copies Partial List of Helps for Ed.T. 66B—Special Methods and Directed Teaching in English—Dora V. Smith. To be sold by Folwell Hall Bookstore, price 80 cents

\*100 copies Laboratory Manual in Historical Geology—Franklin B. Hanley. To be sold by Engineers' Bookstore and Folwell Hall Bookstore, price 90 cents

325 copies Syllabus sheets for B.A. 53s, Business Law—Negotiable Instruments. To be sold by University of Minnesota Press through the Professional Colleges Bookstore, price 25 cents

200 copies Elementary Taxonomy Laboratory Guide. To be sold by Folwell Hall Bookstore, price 50 cents

200 copies Study Outline for Elementary Plant Physiology. To be sold by Folwell Hall Bookstore, price 20 cents

600 copies Syllabus—American Government and Politics, Part III. To be sold by Engineers' Bookstore, price 15 cents

200 copies A set of record blanks for observations for course Ed.T. 56, Permanent Play Materials. To be sold by Folwell Hall Bookstore, price 15 cents

250 copies A Syllabus for the Study of Vocations, Part II, Living with a Job. To be sold by Folwell Hall Bookstore, price \$1.00

150 copies A preliminary form of an observation "work book" on kindergarten procedures. (Final form is to be published by the American Book Co.) For Course Ed.T. 76C. To be sold by Folwell Hall Bookstore, price 20 cents

200 copies Plant Pathology I Laboratory Outlines. To be sold by Agricultural Bookstore, price 25 cents per set

200 copies Outlines of Diseases of the Liver and Biliary Tract. To be sold by Engineers' Bookstore, price 65 cents

\* In connection with items marked with star it was pointed out that the responsibility for approving the content of textbooks and mimeographed material for use in University classes rests primarily with the department in which the material is to be used.

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS  
OF THE UNIVERSITY TO OTHER INSTI-  
TUTIONS OF LEARNING

*Mankato State Teachers College, Laboratory School.* On the basis of a report from Dr. Boardman it was voted to include this school on the published list of accredited secondary schools with the understanding that as a state school the usual or, if desired, supplementary reports would be required each year, and that the school might be continued on the list as long as these reports appear satisfactory. It was further agreed that the inspection fee should be waived if the action of the Board of Regents gives the Committee the privilege of using discretion in the matter of charging this fee. It was the sense of the Committee that if such discretion did not permit it, a special recommendation to the Board of Regents should be presented which would provide for no inspection fee in the case of state supported schools.

*Lutheran Bible School, Fergus Falls.* It was voted to recommend that this school be placed on the published list of accredited schools for the remainder of the three year period.

R. R. SHUMWAY, Chairman

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
STUDENTS' WORK

*The Clearing of Records of Disciplinary Actions.* On motion it was voted unanimsously not to alter records or transcripts for seniors as proposed. It was understood, however, that by action of the college Students' Work Committee or faculty, supplementary statements with reference to a student who had previously been disciplined for other than scholastic reasons might be added to the record, if possible, or referred to on the record and made a supplement to the record in cases of transcripts to other institutions or to prospective employers.

E. E. NICHOLSON, Chairman

V. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
DEBATE AND ORATORY

A squad of thirteen members, nine men and four women participated in twenty-four intercollegiate debates and eight intersquad debates for Twin City civic club and radio audiences. Of the intercollegiate debates, fourteen were decision debates, Minnesota winning seven and losing seven. All schools in the Western Conference Debating League were debated during the year. The men who participated in these debates were: Orville Freeman, Charles Graves, Howard Grossman, Hubert Humphrey, Paul Johnson, John Randolph, Elliott Rosenfield, Donald Smith, and Richard Van Nest. The women debaters included Marion Ereckson, Helen Holtby, Dolores Webster, and Lois White. An additional six men and four women worked with the debate squads during the year.

The debate propositions debated during the year included the following: "Resolved, that the United States should form an alliance with Great Britain," "Resolved, that legislation should be enacted prohibiting married women whose husbands are providing the family with a reasonable standard of living, from engaging in any regular work or occupation for compensation," and "Resolved, that the United States should cease the use of Federal funds for the purpose of stimulating business."

Four members of the debate squad attended the National Student Congress at Washington, D.C., during the spring vacation and participated in the legislative discussions of that body during their three day session. The problems considered in this session were monopoly legislation, the National Labor Relations Act, and neutrality legislation. One member of the debate squad also participated in the panel discussions of the Western Conference Debate League on "The Place of Higher Education in the Life of the Twentieth Century Man."

The Alumni Medal was awarded to C. Donald Peterson and Forensic M. Medals to Hubert Humphrey and Margaret Meier.

Donald Peterson won the Pillsbury Oratorical Contest and represented the University of Minnesota in the Northern Oratorical League contest at Iowa City on May 5.

Respectfully submitted,  
 F. M. RARIG, Chairman

**VI. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY  
 JOHN FLORIAN DOWNEY  
 1846-1939**

On Friday, April 28, 1939, death came gently to another of that great group of educators who came to the University of Minnesota while it was still young and helped to bend the young tree in the upward direction it was to take,—Professor and Dean Emeritus John Florian Downey, who had celebrated his ninety-third birthday in January of this year.

Dean Downey was born on January 10, 1846, at Hiramburg, Ohio. His preparatory education he received at Colno Seminary in Michigan, but, as soon as he was eighteen years old, he enlisted in the 11th Michigan Infantry as "drummer-boy." He served as "pioneer" in the Campaign to the Sea under General Sherman and before the conclusion of that campaign he was made Principal Musician with the rank of Sergeant-Major. After serving in the army from January 1864 to October 1865, he returned to Michigan and entered Hillsdale College from which he graduated with the B.S. degree in 1870. For the following year, 1870-1871, he was an instructor in Hillsdale College, then during 1871-1872, principal of the High School at Cassopolis, Michigan, pursuing concurrently graduate study at the University of Michigan. In 1873 he returned to Hillsdale College and completed his work for the Master's degree in Science. From 1873-1880 he was Professor of Mathematics in the State College of Pennsylvania, from which institution he received the C.E. degree in 1887. In the same year he was given the M.A. degree by Hillsdale College. From Penn State he came to the University of Minnesota in 1880 and from that date until 1894 he served as Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy and Head of the Department. In 1894 he was made Professor of Mathematics and Head of the Department of Mathematics, and in 1903 was appointed Dean of the Arts College. It was during his administration and under his active supervision that the present Folwell Hall was planned and built. He continued his two-fold service as teacher and administrator until August 1914 when, at the age of sixty-eight, he was retired with the titles of Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Dean Emeritus of the College of Science, Literature, and the Arts. The only interruption to this period of thirty-four years of service with the University was in the year 1901-1902 which Professor Downey spent at the Universities of Goettingen and Edinburgh. His grasp of mathematical principles, his clarity in expounding them, his interest in his subject, found abiding expression in his lectures and in his published works: Elements of Differentiation and Integration, 1898, Higher Algebra, 1900, The New Revelation Through the Spectroscope and the Telescope, 1914. Dean Downey was a member of the American Mathematical Society, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and the A.A.A.S. In 1917 Hillsdale College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

The physical and intellectual vitality which had been a marked trait of Dean Downey had suffered little diminution through the years, so that upon his retirement from the University it seemed that life was beginning for him anew. He moved to Pasadena, California, where he could be near the Mt. Wilson Conservatory and continue to indulge his interest in astronomy. He lectured frequently and travelled extensively. For two years, 1916-1918, he was Professor of Mathematics in the University of Nanking, China, and during 1918-19 held the same post in the University of Peking. In 1925 he was a delegate to the World Educational Conference at Edinburgh and during September of the same year he was an observer at the sessions of the League of Nations in Geneva. In 1935, when he was on the eve of ninety, he and Mrs. Downey made a 10,000 mile auto trip, during which he visited Minneapolis at the time of the Minnesota Homecoming.

Dean Downey is survived by his wife, Margaret E. Downey, and by two sons, of his first wife, Stella Osbourne Downey, whom he married in 1875, Dr. Hal Downey, Professor of Anatomy in the University of Minnesota, and Romeyn Downey, of Portland, Oregon.

It is not granted to many to live a life so rich, so packed with interest, so helpful to others, as was Dean Downey's, and one may well say of him what was said of a great man of old who was in many respects not unlike him, that, although he died full of years, full of honors even those which he refused, still the living must miss him and long for him as the pattern of a generation now departed.

**WILLIAM THOMAS RYAN  
 1882-1939**

William Thomas Ryan, Professor of Electrical Engineering, died suddenly at his home, February 5, 1939, after a heart attack.

Professor Ryan was born in Joyce, Iowa, February 28, 1882. He prepared for college at his local High School and in the fall of 1901 entered the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated, with the degree in Electrical Engineering, in 1905. During the following two years he was connected with the Westinghouse Company, but in December 1906 he returned to the University as an Instructor in Electrical Engineering. He was made Assistant Professor in 1909, Associate Professor in 1919, and Professor in 1923, a position he held at the time of his death.

When Professor Ryan became a member of the University staff in December, 1906, the Department of Electrical Engineering was young and he was therefore one of the pioneers who helped to initiate and to guide the policies of the Department during its formative years. He was a teacher of outstanding merit, generous of his time and interest in behalf of his students, and deeply concerned with their welfare. His scientific activities outside the classroom were extensive. He served on several occasions as expert advisor for public utility corporations, was a frequent contributor to various engineering journals, such as the Electric World, Power and the Engineer, Popular Electricity, and was the author of several important books dealing with the theoretical and practical aspects of electricity, Electrical Machinery, 2 vols., 1912-1913, Design of Electrical Machinery, 1913, Continuous and Alternating Current, 1915. He was a member of Theta Xi, academic fraternity, and of three honorary scientific and engineering societies, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Eta Kappa Nu, and of several engineering societies: the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, of which he was Vice-President in 1928-1929; the Engineering Club of Minneapolis, President in 1923; of the Minnesota Federation of Architects and Engineers Societies, President in 1925; of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, and of the North Central Electrical Association. From 1923 until his death he acted as advisor to the Minnesota Tax Commission, supervising the valuation of public properties.

Thus has passed from us another of our colleagues who had devoted all his active and productive years to the service of this University and who by his vision and energy helped to make it what it is.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 TREMAINE McDOWELL  
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 DR. CECIL J. WATSON

**VII. REPORT ON THE STUDY OF A SELECTED  
 GROUP OF SENIORS OF HIGH ABILITY  
 E. G. WILLIAMSON**