

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

To the University Senate:

Your Committee on Business and Rules respectfully submits the following order of business for the regular meeting of the Senate, Thursday, May 6, 1915, and suggests the consideration of the various reports in the order indicated:

- I. Roll Call
- II. Reading of the minutes of February 4
- III. Sundry recommendations of the Committee on Education
- IV. The report of the Committee on University Functions
- V. The joint report of the Committees on Student Affairs, Finance and Audit, and Student Publications
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- VIII. The report of the Committee on Student Publications
- IX. The report of the Library Committee
- X. The report of the Committee on Education
- XI. The report on the actions of the Administrative Committee

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY J. FLETCHER, Chairman.

REPORTS IN DETAIL

III. SUNDRY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1. *Amendment of admission requirements:* That the note at the foot of page 36, General Information Bulletin for 1914-15 now reading, "Three units will satisfy the English requirement in the College of Engineering, and, when the applicant presents four units in one foreign language, will suffice for the other colleges," be amended to read as follows: "Three units will satisfy the English requirement in the College of Engineering, and will suffice for the other colleges when the applicant presents four units in one foreign language or two units in each of two foreign languages."

2. *Transfer of dropped students between the University and other colleges within the state.* Some years ago an agreement covering this matter was entered into between the Academic College of the University and certain other colleges in the state, namely:

Carleton College	St. John's University
Hamline University	Concordia College
Macalester College	Augsburg Seminary

These regulations are as follows:

Recognizing that some college students, tho capable of doing good work, fall below the required standard, especially during their first year in college, on account of the distractions due to the new environment; and believing that many of these, if given an opportunity in another institution, would recover themselves and maintain a satisfactory standard, we favor receiving, under the following conditions, into a college of this conference a student who has been dropped from another college of the conference on account of poor work:

a. That he have an honorable dismissal so far as conduct is concerned.

b. That there be assurance from the institution from which he was dropped that his poor work was not from lack of ability or from inadequate preparation.

c. That before being allowed to continue those subjects in which he received failures, he be required to gain credits on the parts for which he received the failures.

d. That he be notified that, if received, neither the college from which he was dropped nor any other college in this conference will accept any credits gained unless he remain a year.

e. That, in case the applicant be a male student, his athletic standing be furnished by the institution from which he was dropped.

f. That he be registered on probation only, the registration to be cancelled at any time within one year if he fall below the passing grade in half of his work.

The Committee recommends to the Senate that these regulations be adopted for the entire University.

3. *Adoption of the following definitions:*

a. *Assistants.* All persons below the rank of instructor, holding a collegiate degree; and giving assistance in teaching or laboratory instruction shall be known as "Assistants."

b. *Scholars.*

c. *Student Helpers.* Undergraduates rendering assistance in connection with laboratory work shall be known as "Student Helpers."

4. *Appointment of standing committee on recognition of work done at other schools and colleges,* such committee to have charge of the relations of the University to the various outside schools and colleges as regards accrediting schools to the University and admission of students to advanced standing in the University.*

5. *Report on accrediting work of certain schools and colleges.*

EDWARD S. THURSTON, Secretary.

*At present this work is done in part by the Graduate School, the Senate Committee on Education, the Administrative Board of the Academic College and the corresponding committees in other colleges vested with authority to admit students.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS

The Committee on University Functions respectfully submits for adoption the following recommendations pertaining to baccalaureate and commencement exercises:

1. That the ushering at both baccalaureate and commencement exercises and the formation and direction of the procession on commencement day be placed in charge of the Military Department.

2. That music be furnished for the procession by the University Band.

3. That admission to the Armory for commencement exercises be by ticket only and that this regulation be made known through the newspapers and university bulletins and announcements.

4. That each candidate for a degree be entitled to two tickets to be obtained from the dean of the college or school presenting the candidate. Extra tickets for members of the family or friends must also be obtained through the Dean.

5. That the tickets shall be supplied to the Deans by the Registrar in accordance with these regulations.

6. That all faculty members seated on the stage wear academic costume.

It is understood:

a. That those in the procession do not need tickets.

b. That the President of the University shall have at his disposal as many tickets as may be needed for university benefactors and other specially invited guests.

HENRY F. NACHTRIEB, JOHN T. STEWART, Committee.

(The third member of the committee, Major Butts, has not been on duty.)

V. JOINT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, FINANCE AND AUDIT, AND STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

I desire to present in behalf of the Senate Committees on Student Affairs, Finance and Audit, and Student Publications, the following eligibility regulations. They are now in force in the Colleges of Science, Literature, and the Arts, Agriculture, and Education. The committees above mentioned recommend their adoption for the entire University:

1. No student with any condition or failure standing against him or whose record for the current semester is not clear in all subjects shall be eligible

a. To take part in any public performance of a dramatic or musical club.

b. To be a competitor in intercollegiate debates, oratorical contests, athletic or judging contests.

c. To be a member of the editorial board of any student publication.

2. The committees of the Senate are authorized to put into effect such rules of administration as will carry out the spirit of these provisions and to make arrangements for a separate administration in the College of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

HARDIN CRAIG, Chairman for the Joint Committees.

VI. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT

During the year just closing, it has been the policy of the committee to call for monthly statements from all publications, these statements to be audited first by the proper publication board. With one exception the publications have cooperated closely. Through Mr. Rotzel of the committee simple systems of bookkeeping have been furnished.

One publication, the Minnehaha Magazine, has merged with another. It has closed up its accounts and submitted a proper statement.

With one exception all of the publications are in good financial condition.

The Engineering Magazine today shows an indebtedness to the Index Press, now of White Plains, New York, of \$264.75. This indebtedness has been running since 1912; was originally \$501.75.

The class of 1914 left college with a considerable deficit. This has been largely cleared up this year, with a reasonable prospect that it will be entirely cleared up by the close of the year.

The present senior class started the year with a moderate deficit. This has been cleared up and a balance shown at present.

All other organizations giving public performances or entertainments have been called upon for financial statements. All, with the exception of the Players, one of the Dramatic Clubs, are free from debt.

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All financial statements have been published in the Daily, so that all might know of moneys received and distributed. This Committee has at all times held itself ready to act as a friendly intermediary between groups of students, such as clubs or fraternities, or individual students and business men or houses. There have been fewer calls for such action this year than any year for some time.

EDWARD E. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

On the basis of the classification of your committee of last year adopted by the Senate on May 7, 1914, the following organizations have been admitted to recognition:

- Chi Psi Theta Fraternity
- Cyma Club of School of Architecture
- Inter-Literary Society
- Socialist Club
- Minnehaha

New organizations

The registration of student organizations for the year 1914-15 is in process of completion.

Social calendar

While it has been impossible to make a complete calendar of student social functions, your committee has taken steps to secure the dates of all important college and university affairs.

Friday and Saturday night restrictions

The restriction of university affairs to Friday and Saturday nights has been successfully enforced. No exception has been granted. The effect of this rule has been materially to lessen the number of social affairs and to emphasize in the minds of the undergraduate body the desirability of setting sensible boundaries on its relaxation from the business of academic life. Much yet remains to be done to restrict the gregarious instincts of certain portions of the student body.

Definition of "social function"

To carry out the spirit of the restrictions involved it has been necessary for the Committee to attempt to define "social function." The following was adopted as offering a possible working basis: "As social functions shall be included the following: dances, receptions, banquets or dinners and other parties of a like nature occupying the evening after 8:30 o'clock."

Student councils

Your Committee has felt the difficulty of getting into touch with student public opinion and has noted the lack of avenues for the expression of that opinion in the University as a whole. In order to secure a means for such wholesome cooperation as was possible from the students themselves, the Committee sent out to the deans of the various colleges not possessing student councils a letter expressing the Committee's recommendations for the formation of student councils. The gist of the letter was as follows:

That it seems desirable for each college of the University to have a Student Council. That the representative of each college on the All University Council should be an ex-officio member of his college council and be responsible to that council for his activities in the All-University Council. The Committee (after a consideration of the benefits enjoyed by the College of Science, Literature, and the Arts, and the Agricultural College from their councils), believes that some of the benefits may be suggested as follows:

Councils are necessary for administering the honor system.

They may control the elections of classes and act as a business committee when necessary.

They may do much to encourage and arrange intramural sports.

They may represent the college in supporting university events.

They may initiate college movements that are valuable and they may contribute materially to the elucidation of public problems.

They make articulate the consensus of student opinion and help to knit into a closer whole what otherwise might become disparate and exclusive entities.

With only one or two exceptions the deans of the various colleges expressed themselves as heartily in accord with the suggestion.

Your Committee has taken steps to guard the rights of official organizations by allowing them only the privilege of using university buildings.

Sectarian and political propaganda

Because of certain adverse criticisms from without the Committee was asked to define the position of the University in the matter of sectarian and political propaganda. The following statement was sent out in order to make clear the policy of the supervision of organizations of certain types:

"For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the regulations governing political and religious organizations in the University, the Senate Committee on Student Affairs begs to make the following announcement:

"1. There shall be no organized political or religious propaganda on the campus. Buildings and bulletin boards must not be used for this purpose.

"2. Propaganda shall be interpreted to mean any concerted movement on the part of an organization which has for its object, first, the winning of members among persons who are opposed to or not in sympathy with the beliefs and practices of said organization, or second, the dissemination of knowledge of the beliefs and practices of said organization."

The Committee of Deans, to whom the matter was referred, asked your Committee on Student Affairs to reconsider a statement of the definition of terms. This statement as modified has not yet been returned from the Committee of the Deans.

Chaperones

Your Committee reports a decided amelioration of conditions in the chaperone problem, a betterment that has two phases: first, students have become scrupulous in extending courtesies to their chaperone guests, in providing escorts, arranging programs, etc.; second, chaperones have been more punctilious in keeping their engagements.

Your Committee believes that one of the greatest needs at Minnesota may be met if the independent social life of the men and of the women be built up and encouraged in wholesome ways. If the energy that is now expended in haphazard and promiscuous entertainment could be directed to more normal and less self-conscious amusements, less the monopoly of the few than the opportunity of the many, then a better day would dawn for social life here. The Union should become the heart of a community spirit among all the men of the University. It should foster a certain sane self-sufficiency in undergraduate intercourse. More and more Shevlin Hall should become a self-sufficing social institution for the young women.

During the past year hopeful signs of new and finer interests have asserted themselves among the undergraduates of the University. Groups of young men and groups of young women have formed on a less fantastic and shifting basis than has been given by the usual dancing parties, etc. Literature and the kindred arts have more and more become the nucleus for fraternization and comradeship. It is the hope of your Committee that such civilizing agencies will increase at Minnesota and that in such undertakings the undergraduates will meet with the cooperative enthusiasm of the Faculty.

G. N. NORTHROP, Chairman.

VIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

I desire to report for the Senate Committee on Student Publications that a reorganization of "Minnehaha" has been effected during the month of April with very slight changes in the constitution of the organization of the magazine, the principal change being the provision that the board becomes self-perpetuating after the manner of the "Minnesota Magazine." The reorganization was brought about by an attempt to found a rival journal, a determined attempt. It seemed better to the committee, in presence of the request for recognition of this new periodical, to take measures to secure by reorganization opportunity for these new humorists to exercise their talents in the already established periodical than to consent to the establishment of a new one.

Very truly yours,

HARDIN CRAIG, Chairman.

IX. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

X. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Printed separately.

XI. REPORT ON THE ACTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

1. *Diploma changes.* The suggestion that the diplomas for this year contain a designation of the college and course, in such colleges as deem it desirable, was approved. The only change contemplated at present is in Agriculture where the qualified B. S. degree is given at present. By this plan the qualifying phrase "in Agriculture," etc., would be omitted.

2. *Bulletin matters.* The following recommendations of the committee on printing were approved:

a. That colleges having in the main required curricula submit copy ready for the printer not later than April 15, publication to occur on or before June 1.

b. Colleges having elective curricula submit copy June 1, publication on or before July 15.

c. That Extension Division bulletins be published at convenience of the Department.

d. That no new bulletin be published without the approval of this Committee.

e. That the Bulletin of General Information be cut down to entrance information and published not later than April 15.

f. That those colleges or schools which have found the present bulletins unsatisfactory be granted a maximum of three additional pages for the insertion of entrance requirements, fees, equipment, and summary or list of students.

g. That covers be omitted from bulletins of 64 pages or less. This will effect a saving of \$300.

3. *Military encampment.* Voted that the plan for a compulsory week encampment, closing at commencement, for freshmen be approved. These students to be excused from first semester drill of sophomore year.

F. B. PIERCE, Secretary.