

Minutes of the University Faculty July 23, 1946

The University Faculty met in special session in the Assembly Room of Lafferty Hall Tuesday, July 23, at 3:00 p.m. President Donovan presided. Members absent were R. S. Allen, W. R. Allen, Thos. P. Cooper, C. S. Crouse, L. L. Dantzler, N. R. Elliott, Alvin E. Evans, E. F. Farquhar, W. D. Funkhouser, Charles Gardner, James H. Graham, W. B. Hamilton, T. L. Hankins, L. J. Horlacher, W. M. Insko, T. T. Jones, Margaret King, C. G. Knight, A. C. McFarlan, G. T. Mackenzie, L. E. Nollau, H. B. Price, W. W. Rannels, F. H. Randall, J. R. Schwendeman, B. A. Shively, Wm. S. Taylor, W. D. Valleau, and S. B. Walton.

The minutes of July 1 were read and approved.

Professor Kuiper, Chairman of the Committee on Planning and Policy, presented for the Committee the following report:

According to the Regulations of the Board of Trustees, the University Faculty may at any time after three years of its establishment restudy its distribution of elective membership. The Faculty at present consists of 16 non-elected members, as follows: The President of the University, the Dean of the University, the deans of the colleges of the Graduate School, the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women, the Registrar, the Comptroller, the Director of Extension, the Librarian, and the president of the Student Government Association. Then there are 40 elective members of the teaching and research staff of the rank of assistant professor or above, distributed as follows:

Literature, Philos. & the Arts	7
Social Studies	3
Physical Sciences	4
Biological Sciences	4
Athletics	1
Military Science	1
Agriculture	7
Home Economics	1
Engineering	5
Law	1
Education	3
Commerce	3

It was suggested that this Committee examine the size and distribution of members with this question in mind: Is the University Faculty as now constituted a truly representative body both as to size and as to distribution of membership?

The Committee wishes to report that it approves the existing regulations as to distribution and sees no good reason for changing them at this time. We recognize that the staff is growing rapidly, but the growth is rather well distributed among the various groups represented. Hence we see no need for changing the distribution. As to size, it was the purpose of the Committee of Fifteen, whose

recommendations were accepted by the Board of Trustees, to make the University Faculty large enough to be truly representative and small enough to be efficient and effective. We believe that the experience of the last three years has confirmed the purpose and design of the Committee of Fifteen.

We wish to commend the Committee on Elections for its zealous and impartial conduct of the elections to this body.

There is a minor matter on which the Committee wishes to make a recommendation. The University Faculty by its own decision sends copies of its minutes to the heads of departments and not to the entire teaching staff. This was done partly as a matter of war economy and at a time when paper was very scarce. We are suggesting that the Faculty reconsider this decision. We believe that the representative nature of this body would be better served by keeping the whole staff informed directly of its deliberations, and, for that reason, we recommend that the distribution of the Minutes include the entire teaching and research staff.

During the past year several students have complained that, on the basis of their own observations, cheating in examinations is prevalent at the University of Kentucky.

At President Donovan's request, the Committee on Planning and Policy undertook to investigate the situation. It has met three times and on one of these occasions several students were invited to meet with them. There was no agreement among these students that cheating was excessive, although all agreed that it did occur, and that in some colleges and classes it did appear frequently. Some thought that under any set of rules and even under the strictest supervision, some cheating would occur.

The possibility of an honor system was explored, but no substantial support either from the students or from the committee members was forthcoming for a student-administered honor system. It was agreed, however, that a firm stand taken publicly by a considerable number of campus leaders and campus organizations in favor of a high personal code of honor and integrity would do more good in raising the student morale than any fixed honor system could hope to achieve at this time. The cooperation of responsible student leaders was assured in this respect and concerted efforts will become evident in the coming year.

The Committee reviewed the present penalty for cheating as stated in the Rules of the University Faculty. Few cases of cheating are being reported to the Registrar, and if this were a safe guide to a determination of the amount of cheating going on, we might conclude that there is not very much. We know that in some departments disciplinary action is being used, but that it is not being reported. Moreover, we believe that considerable laxity on the part of the teachers exists in trying to discourage and to prevent dishonesty,

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although we are very reluctant to believe that any teachers are simply condoning or ignoring it in their classes.

We would like to stress the following points: (1) It is the complete responsibility of each teacher to do every thing he can to encourage honesty and to discourage dishonesty in all student performance. We recognize that in some cases the existing conditions such as very large classes, close proximity of students in the classroom, and inadequate proctoring assistance, make the teacher's responsibility an extraordinarily difficult one to fulfill. Nevertheless, the careful teacher can through skill, unobtrusive observation, and persistence eliminate all but the most occasional dishonesty. (2) We believe that many faculty members have forgotten what the University rule on cheating is, and that the newer members of the faculty may not know it at all. We, therefore, recommend that the teaching staff be reminded on regular occasions of the existing rule. It must also become a matter of familiarity to the student body. (3) We do not recommend any change in the existing penalty for cheating, but we believe that it should be uniformly enforced. A clear case of cheating deserves the kind of disciplinary action prescribed in the rule, and its more frequent use would have a wholesome deterrent effect. (4) We recognize that disciplinary action is not the primary method of developing character. Therefore, we deem it wise for each college faculty to tackle this problem in the light of its own situation and from the point of view of the larger moral issues involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Faculty voted that the entire report be approved and that the section relating to cheating be mimeographed and distributed to all members of the teaching staff at the opening of the fall quarter.

In connection with the first part of the report dealing with the membership of the Faculty, there was some discussion of the matter of attendance at meetings and it was pointed out that the Committee of Fifteen had provided that attendance records should be kept and that non-attendance should be cause for the Faculty's dropping a member. President Donovan suggested that next fall notices should be sent out that the Faculty would enforce the regulation governing attendance.

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Dean Boyd presented for the College of Arts and Sciences the following proposed new courses and changes in courses:

1) New Courses

Geography 4. Geographic Foundations of World Politics.
4 quarter hours. A study of the geographic factors in national development and international relations. Special consideration will be given to Geopolitics. To be offered during 1946-47. Present organization and bibliography will be based on Dr. Samuel Van Valkenburg's Elements of Political Geography, Prentice-Hall, 1943, with Fifield and Percy, Geopolitics in Principle and Practice, Ginn and Co., 1944, as the bases for the study of Geopolitics. Prerequisites: Geog. 1, Elements of Geog., or Geog. 3a-b, Societies Around the World; or Geog. 10, Economic Geog.

Social Work 144. Field Participation in Group Work Programs.
4 quarter hours. Supervised experience in the practice of group work in connection with a program in a local group agency. For senior majors specializing in group work. Prerequisite: Social Work 140, and consent of instructor.

2) Changes in Physical Education, effective September 1, 1946.

Reference is made to Section XII, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, Rules of the University Faculty, September 1944. It is recommended that the following be substituted for the cited reference.

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All undergraduate students, except those specifically mentioned below, will be required to meet the University of Kentucky Physical Fitness Standard prior to receiving an undergraduate degree. Normally this will be accomplished during the first quarter of the student's enrollment in the University at which time he will be classified in Physical Education Course Number 1 (no credit). Students failing to meet the Physical Fitness Standard in the first quarter will enroll in a physical education class (no credit) for each subsequent quarter until such time as they meet the Physical Fitness Standard except at the end of six quarters of enrollment if the student fails to meet the requirements his record will be reviewed by the Dean of his college, the University Physician and the Head of the Physical Education Department; recommendation will be made that (a) the student enroll in additional physical education classes or (b) the requirement for graduation be waived. At the time the student satisfactorily meets the physical education requirement the head of the Physical Education Department will notify the Dean of the student's College and the Registrar each of whom will cause proper notation to be entered on the appropriate records.

The following students will be exempt from the above:

1. Students with physical handicaps of such nature that the University Physician recommends assignment to Restricted Physical Education activity. So long as a

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student remains in this category he will be required to enroll in a physical education class (no credit) for the first six quarters of his college work. With approval of the University Physician he may take the Physical Fitness Tests and by passing them fulfill the requirement in less than six quarters.

3. Students entering the University with Junior standing or above.
4. Students who have passed their twenty-fifth birthday prior to first enrollment in the University.
5. Students who are veterans of World War II with more than three months active duty with the Armed Forces. On recommendation of the Personnel Office veterans may be assigned to physical education classes for rehabilitation purposes.

All intramural athletics and recreational sports activities will be under the supervision and sponsorship of the Physical Education Department. As specified by the Director of Intramural Athletics students will be required to present a statement of physical fitness from the University Physician for intramural Athletic participation.

No group of University students other than Varsity and Freshman Varsity intercollegiate athletic teams will engage in athletic contests as representatives of the University without prior approval by the Head of the Physical Education Department and the Dean of the University.

The proposed changes in Physical Education were explained in some detail by Professor Pottér, Head of the Department. The University Faculty approved the recommendations of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY AUGUST 21, 1946

The University Faculty met in the Assembly Room of Lafferty Hall, Wednesday, August 21, at 1:30 p.m. President Donovan presided. Members absent were E. F. Farquhar, G. C. Knight, E. W. Rannels, L. E. Dantzler, A. C. McFarlan, Charles E. Snow, Amry Vandenbosch, W. B. Hamilton, W. R. Allen, W. A. Heinz, R. S. Allen, B. A. Shively, G. T. Mackenzie, L. E. Nollau, R. E. Shaver, S. B. Walton, Frank H. Randall, M. E. Ligon, T. L. Hankins, T. T. Jones, Frank D. Peterson, Louis Clifton, Margaret King, and Charles Gardner.

The minutes of July 23 were read and approved.

The following named persons, who had completed all requirements for their degrees, were recommended to the Board of Trustees for the degrees indicated.