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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL DEANS

The Council of Academic Deans met in the Regents Room at 1:30 p. m. , Thursday June 27, 1968. All deans were present except Dr. Hourigan, who was out of town.

Dr. Cravens opened the session and noted that Dr. Carl Chelf would serve as secretary to the group since Mr. Paul Cook had returned to graduate school.

The following is a summary of the deliberations of the meeting:

I. President Kelly Thompson was present and discussed the programs for sabbatical leaves and academic improvement assignments.

1. The President noted that the sabbatical program had been approved by the Regents, but through an oversight funds for it had been left out of the budget. He said efforts would be made to transfer funds from other areas to finance the program.
2. He expressed some misgivings about what he felt were somewhat arbitrary and discriminatory standards for selecting participants in the academic improvement program. After some discussion of the matter, the President asked that the Deans discuss and consider this matter further to see if the somewhat restrictive nature could not be overcome. He also said he would like to see the information the Deans had on plans for faculty improvement at other schools.
3. Moving to other matters, the President asked the Deans to work with their department heads in devising a policy for placing commemorative portraits, plaques, etc. honoring faculty members in the respective departments.

Dr. Thompson also requested the Deans to explore the idea of making examination questions public property by placing them in the Library or some similar arrangement.

The President noted that \$4,000 had been allocated for auxiliary lectures and asked the Deans to devise a plan for determining how this should be spent.

In closing Dr. Thompson observed that Western was

on the verge of an extensive expansion program which would include: A University Center located on the old tennis courts, a 28-story dormitory, a Graduate Center located over the old swimming pool, A Fine Arts and Humanities Building on the old football field, a service center near the L&N overpass on Russellville Road, and two high-rise parking structures.

Dr. Thompson and Dean Downing left the meeting at 3:30. Before departing, Dean Downing noted that the State Commissioner of Finance, Mr. Christain and his assistant, Mr. Forgy had commented most favorably on Western's reputation in the state when they visited the campus recently.

II. Dr. Cravens called to the Deans' attention a statement on contracted services procedures included in their folders.

III. Dr. Cravens then mentioned the following items of business:

He said another meeting was needed before July 4. The Council decided to meet at 1:30, Tuesday, July 2.

Dr. Cravens said he would like the Deans to encourage the department heads to have their University catalog material in by July 15.