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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

The Council of Academic Deans met in Dean Cravens' office Monday, July 1, 1968, at 2:30 p.m. All deans were present except Drs. Page and Minton, who were out of town on business. Also present were Dr. Arvin Blome, Director of Educational Research, and Dr. Paul Power, Head of the Department of Secondary Education, representing the College of Education, and Dr. John Scarborough, Director of Summer School.

I. Dr. Cravens opened the meeting by observing that more specific guidelines governing contracted services to school districts needed to be established. Further discussion of this item was deferred until the next meeting since Dr. Page was absent.

II. Dr. John Scarborough reported on inter-session courses for summer school. He said courses were offered on the basis of requests received by Dr. Hourigan and Dr. Minton. Dean Cravens said he felt these courses should be discouraged unless absolutely necessary. Dr. Scarborough noted these courses might encounter a time problem this year since a lot of the state's schools were opening earlier than usual.

III. Dean Cravens called attention to the Academic Council Meeting scheduled for July 31 and asked the deans if they had anything to present. Dr. Cravens then commented on his recent trip to Atlanta to a conference on Evaluation of Graduate Instruction. He noted that a major concern among those present was the establishment of program controls that would ensure quality education. He said it was felt there had been too much expansion too fast in a lot of schools. The Vice-President noted some evaluation of our own programs was in order. He said he felt we needed to review our degree structure. It would probably be a good idea, he felt, to bring in some outside, impartial judges to evaluate proposed degree program expansions. As an example of this type of thing, Dr. Cravens, reported that Dr. Orn of the University of North Carolina has agreed to come down and consult with Western on the Graduate Library.

IV. Dean Cravens pointed out that state regulations governing teacher education degree requirements were to change in 1972. He proposed that Western draw up an interim policy on this matter. He said he felt Western should adopt a policy which would allow students working under the Teacher Education Curriculum to take a second major or a minor in a non-teaching area. Dr. Paul Power added that this would pose no particular problem since people were no longer expected to teach in these subject areas in most schools.
V. Dr. Cravens next asked the deans for their ideas on the University Lecture series. He said he felt it might not be a bad idea to let the various colleges plan and carry out the lectures, but there should be a high degree of coordination. He noted we didn't want to lose the University-wide appeal of the lectures. Dr. Jenkins suggested that all the deans make the selections and that one particular college then be responsible for promoting a specific lecture. No decision was reached and it was decided that the next meeting should consider people available for lectures.

VI. The Vice-President asked the deans for their reactions on a proposal to file examination questions in the Library. Dean Hourigan said he didn't know that the deans could require and instruct or to do this. It was suggested that this might be a proper matter for the Academic Council to consider.

VII. It was decided that the catalog statement on final course examinations should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.