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## THE COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

December 3, 1968

The Council of Academic Deans met at 1:30 p. m., Monday, November 25, in the office of Dean Raymond Cravens. Absent were Drs. Russell, Page, and Hourigan. Dr. Gordon Wilson, representing Dr. Russell, and Dr. Arvin Blome, representing Dr. Page, attended the meeting.

Dr. Cravens opened the meeting by asking for suggestions on the sabbatical leave proposal. It was suggested that the name of the Review Committee be changed to Advisory Committee. Dr. Cravens asked if the deans would object to reconvening the Academic Council Committee which drew up the proposal. No one raised any objections.

Dr. Cravens reported that a decision had been reached to extend library hours. Dr. Hardin said the Helm Library would be open 8 to 11 Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 on Saturday and 2 to 11 on Sunday. The week prior to final exams the library will remain open to 12:00. Dr. Hardin noted that the absence of an outside access to the Science Library had thus far prevented extension of hours there. Dr. Jenkins asked about additional hours for the Kentucky Library.

Letters concerning two study committees established at ECU were called to the attention of the group. Dr. Cravens inquired whether the questions concerning student rights should be taken to the Academic Council. He also asked if these questions should be referred to the ad hoc committee on Faculty Professional Responsibilities. Dr. Hardin said he would present this matter to the committee to see if they would like to consider it.

Dr. Cravens next noted that he was designating Dr. Hatcher and Dr. Russell as a committee of two to consider the desirability of creating Distinguished Visiting Professorships. This would involve the hiring of retired outstanding scholars to teach at Western. The deans expressed interest in such a plan.

Dr. Cravens alerted the deans that Western's numbering system could possibly pose problems for Western as far as budgeting was concerned. He suggested that the departments look at their course numbers and the classification of the students in the courses and consider whether some revisions were in order.

An Information Center on Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships was proposed. This would provide a central source for students seeking information on graduate schools. After some discussion it was decided to place such information in the Reference Room in the Library. Dr. Minton said this should probably be placed in the Graduate Library when it was completed. Dr. Hardin noted the same thing was needed for faculty fellowships.

Next Dr. Cravens reported that Western had been invited to participate on the G. E. College Bowl and he asked for the deans' reactions. The group felt Western might go next fall. It was noted that several questions would need to be

answered and a large number of people involved. The need to get the Associated Students involved and pushing the event was mentioned. Should a faculty member be given a reduced load to coach a team? It was decided to pursue the matter quietly at this time.

Dr. Cravens indicated that he planned to appoint a committee soon, chaired by Dr. Hatcher and with Dr. Jenkins as a member, to consider the desirability and feasibility of a Latin American Areas Study Program. He said he hoped such a program could be implemented without adding too many courses to those already existing in various departments.

Dr. Hardin and Dr. Blome commented on three summer programs for which Western had recently received grants from the Federal Government.

The meeting was adjourned.