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The Council of Academic Deans met in Vice President Cravens' office at 1:30 p.m., Monday February 17. All deans were present except Drs. Minton, and Jenkins who were out of town.

Dr. Cravens opened the session by reporting the Board of Regents' approval of the hiring of Dr. Ronald Garvin as Director of Student Health Programs and Mr. William Bivins as Director of Legal Area Studies.

The deans then discussed the selection of a University Press Committee. Dr. Page nominated Dr. Curtis Englebright as the College of Education representative and Dr. Russell nominated Dr. E. O. Beal to represent the biological sciences. Dr. Cravens indicated that Dr. Lowell Harrison would be asked to chair the committee. He said it was felt that Drs. Crowe and Minton should also be on the committee but might be given special status. This item is to be carried over to the next meeting.

Dr. Cravens indicated that he would appoint Dr. Paul Power and Dr. Jim Wayne Miller as Academic Council representatives on the Selection Committee for Service to the University Awards. He noted the deans are responsible for setting up screening committees in their respective colleges.

The next item considered was the selection of members for the Sabbatical Advisory Committee. Dr. Cravens requested the deans to send him the name of their representative within the next ten days. It was agreed that the deadline for applications for sabbaticals for 1969-70 should be Tuesday, April 1, 1969.

Dr. Cravens indicated that a special edition of the Academic Newsletter would carry information on service awards and sabbatical leaves.

The deans next turned attention to the proposed revised calendars. They expressed the desire to adopt it in September.

The deans expressed support for the idea of a reception once per year or once per semester for faculty who have made significant research contributions. Dr. Cravens said he would give attention to having a committee prepare some guidelines.

The deans expressed a desire to discuss further the possible use of some funds for entertainment or social functions. This is to be place on a later agenda.

Dr. Cravens announced that the Board of Regents had approved an increase in faculty insurance benefits from $2,500 to $5,000. This should also go into the Academic Newsletter.
Dr. Hatcher noted the need to discuss among the deans the guidelines applying to promotions in rank and tenure.

Dr. Cravens also asked the deans to be thinking about faculty members to serve on the Committee on International Students. Dr. Page nominated Dr. Nolan.

The meeting was adjourned.