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The Council of Academic Deans met at 1:30 Monday, March 24, 1969, in the office of Dr. Raymond L. Cravens. All deans were present.

Dr. Cravens called attention to an article on Black Studies and asked Dr. Hatcher for a progress report on Western's courses in the area. Dr. Hatcher indicated that a course in African history would be taught next fall by Dr. Richard Troutman and a course on The Negro in American History by Dr. Lynwood Montell.

Dr. Cravens called the attention of the deans to a memo from Dr. Page on the scheduling of University meetings. He asked the deans to give this some thought and report their ideas at a later date.

Dr. Cravens noted that nominations for service to the University awards were slow in coming in. He wondered what might be done about this. He indicated that a form would be devised for making such nominations.

The Vice President requested that the deans be thinking about how to involve more people in the selection of lecturers. Also he said the deans should begin thinking about who they would like to have next year. Dr. Minton indicated the Rodes-Helm Lecture Committee would meet soon and he would appreciate any suggestions for a speaker.

The deans then considered the proposal for a reduced teaching load for faculty engaged in research. Dr. Craven's said he thought it might be well to have a policy on this. He asked the deans to consider the matter and give him their ideas.

Dr. Minton indicated graduate faculty loads needed to be considered. Dr. Cravens said this should be placed on the next agenda.

The deans expressed themselves as favoring some plan for enabling persons holding advanced professional degrees to count some of their professional work toward satisfaction of requirements for a bachelor's degree at Western. Dr. Cravens asked Dr. Chelf to check the records of three of four former students in this category to see what the effect of such a policy would be.

Dr. Cravens next asked the deans for their sentiments on the proposed plan for academic organization. He said he would like to present the plans to the president for his reactions, but he did not want to move ahead too fast and without giving the proposal careful consideration. He noted he would like to set up a system enabling the University to provide the assistance as needed in each college but not in all colleges at the same time necessarily. He asked the deans for their thinking on this matter. The deans indicated they favored moving ahead with this proposal.

After discussion of this item, the meeting was adjourned.