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Meeting Minutes

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The Council of Academic Deans met in Dr. Raymond Craven's office at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5. All deans were present except Dr. Henry Hardin. Mr. Rhea Lazarus attended the first half of the meeting.

The first item of business concerned courses numbered 50-99. After some discussion the deans agreed that courses numbered less than 100 should carry college credit but would not count toward the minimum number of hours required for a baccalaureate degree. They could be applied for credit beyond the 128 hours minimal degree requirement.

Dr. Cravens next brought up the membership of the Committee on Credits and Graduation. Dr. Hourigan is to consider a representative from his college. Dr. Cravens asked for some views as to the proper role for this committee. The deans felt that the existing committee should have jurisdiction over baccalaureate programs and a new and separate committee should be created for graduate programs.

Dr. Craven's called attention to a letter from Dr. John Barker, Associate Secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, concerning a self-study for 1971. Dr. Cravens said planning for this study would start in 1970 and the deans should notify their department heads of this.

The Council next discussed the orientation program for new faculty members. The deans felt most of the orientation should be handled by the department heads and that the general meeting should be brief. It was suggested that a booklet with pictures of new faculty be printed and that the new members be introduced en masse at the general meeting. The deans should sit on the stage and be introduced at the general session it was felt. Dr. Page suggested dinners in each college to help the faculty members get acquainted.

The deans indicated that they would like to see the press releases on their new faculty before these were sent out. Dr. Cravens indicated we try to arrange this.

Dr. Cravens said he felt the best we could do at this time in adjusting the stipends on extension courses would be to the levels of $200 per hour for instructors and assistants and $220 per hour for associate and full professors. The deans were agreeable to this.

Dr. Hatcher distributed copies of a proposal for a Mexican-American International Study Program. This is to be discussed more fully later.

Meeting adjourned.