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The Council of Academic Deans met in Dr. Cravens' office at 1:30 p.m., Monday, October 5, 1970.

Dr. Cravens opened the meeting by discussing a possible European consortium of Kentucky's regional state universities. Representatives from Western and several of the other state universities will go to Italy and France in November to study the possibilities of establishing a base of study in one of those two countries.

Dr. Cravens announced that David Brinkley, William F. Buckley, and astronaut Alan Bean have been contacted concerning possible appearances in Western's Lecture Series. He then asked the Council of Deans to consider Dr. Chelf's recommendation for the creation of a standing Advisory Committee on Selection of University Lecturers. The Council felt that the Chairman of the Rodes-Helm Series Committee should also be on the standing Advisory Committee to insure effective liaison. The Deans unanimously favored the establishment of this committee.

Dr. Hatcher asked if the University had in operation a Plan for Faculty Improvement. Dr. Cravens explained that the Sabbatical Leave Program was the opportunity open to faculty members at this time.

Dr. Jenkins stated that he felt a Research Review Committee should be established in each of the colleges. This college-level committee could be helpful in ranking research proposals for the Faculty Research Committee and in making priority assignments for computer time, as well as providing better communications concerning research projects. Dr. Cravens said that guidelines would be set up for such a committee and be presented for consideration at the next Dean's meeting.

Mr. Lazarus told the Deans that it might be appropriate for Western to formulate a policy concerning a student who might want to earn a second undergraduate degree. After some discussion Dr. Cravens asked Mr. Lazarus to write up policy guidelines and to bring them back to the Deans for their consideration.

Meeting adjourned.