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Meeting Minutes

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The Council of Academic Deans met in the Red Room of the Academic Athletic Building at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 1971. All deans were present except Dr. Sutton, who was working with student orientation activities. Drs. Brenner, Clark, Nave and Scarborough were also in attendance.

Dr. Cravens opened the meeting by asking the deans to consider whether guidelines should be drawn up defining a residence course. Dr. Sandefur commented that the Graduate Council would be the logical group to develop such guidelines, since the courses in question (with some class meetings at Western and some off campus) were all at the graduate level.

Dr. Nave discussed the progress of evening class registration. Dr. Scarborough commented on several aspects of the recently concluded summer session. Dr. Cravens asked the deans to consider a draft of guidelines on summer positions, stipends and class size, and got support from the deans for his plan to establish a conservative number of firm positions by department by October 1, 1971.

Dr. Cravens then commented on Laboratory Credit Practices throughout the University. He stated that department heads would be asked to submit rationale for credit given to faculty members for the various laboratory courses supervised within their departments. Factors such as level of class, amount of student assistance, and others would need to be considered.

Dr. Cravens summarized the revisions in the organization and membership of the Academic Council which have been approved by the Board of Regents. He then commented on the topics discussed at the July 23 meeting of the Council of Vice Presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.