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The Council of Academic Deans met in Dr. Cravens' office on Monday, September 27, at 1:30 p.m. All deans were present. Dr. Sidney Simandle, Director of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Division of Teacher Education and Certification in the Department of Education, Mr. John Lee, President Dero Downing, Mr. Paul Cook, Dr. Charles Clark, and Dr. Kenneth Brenner were also in attendance.

Dr. Simandle discussed general education concepts and requirements as related to certification programs in Kentucky universities and colleges. He advised the group of studies underway relating to both elementary and secondary education programs in the state. Dr. Simandle was advised by the deans that Western would be very interested in hosting a series of one-day conferences on our campus involving both high school and university teachers in selected academic fields. Dr. Simandle also pointed out that many more teachers would probably be taking graduate work in the next few years because of the 1967 ruling requiring the completion of a fifth-year program. He felt that it was important that institutions plan carefully to insure meaningful programs for these teachers.

Dr. Sandefur commented on the recommendation from the Graduate Council that grades of "S" (satisfactory) and "U" (unsatisfactory) be allowed for those academic departments who want these grades (and get the necessary approvals) for theses research and special investigation courses at the graduate level.

The Spring Semester Calendar was discussed. Evening Registration was set for Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11, with evening classes starting the next week. The deans agreed that there should be a study day before the final exams started.

Dr. Cravens informed the deans of the 1972-74 Biennial Budget Request Format. He stated that the deans would be asked to assist in the formulation of this request.

The Morehead University General Education Requirements were presented to the deans for their information.

Mr. Cook and President Downing discussed the Open House on Western's campus which will be held in conjunction with Founders Day in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.