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COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

The Council of Academic Deans met on Monday, November 22, at 10:30 a. m. in Dr. Hourigan's Conference Room. Eighteen deans, associate deans, and assistant deans were present. Dr. Davis was at a meeting in Lexington.

The University Sick Leave Policy was discussed. There is a possibility of some type of insurance as a University fringe benefit. Dr. Jenkins indicated that the Insurance Committee would receive a report from the carrier shortly, and he felt the cost would be reasonable.

Dr. Sandefur discussed his position paper concerning a proposal for improvement of teaching. The deans expressed approval for the idea. Dr. Cravens indicated he might appoint a committee to explore the matter in more detail.

Summer school terms were explored by the deans. Dr. Cravens said he felt we need a term in May. Dr. Sutton, Dr. Scarborough and Dr. Chelf were asked to do further planning before the next deans' meeting. Summer School schedules will be due on December 8.

Dr. Cravens said he felt that between now and the beginning of next semester the deans should visit with their department heads and discuss with them some of the problems brought up by Linda Jones at the last deans' meeting.

Dr. Russell suggested an amendment to section Five of Western's patent policy. He will submit this later. This item will be considered by the Administrative Council.

The topic of payments for publication of articles in professional journals was discussed. Dr. Cravens asked that this be investigated further and that recommendations be submitted from those in Ogden College who are involved in this problem.

President Downing joined the meeting at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Cravens raised the matter of the disability insurance plan.

The summer school session was analysed again. The deans felt that the more flexible plan had merit but all the implications needed to be weighed carefully. President Downing said he saw a lot of possibilities in the flexible plan but had not had a chance to explore the financial aspects with Mr. Largen. He said we could move ahead on a self-supporting pre-session program. Dr. Cravens suggested a six-week summer term and a three-week term in August spreading courses and budget allocations for the usual eight-week session over this nine-week period. President Downing said he would like to have Mr. Largen included in future planning. He noted we needed to reach a decision within the next ten days if we wished to implement the plan this summer. Dr. Sutton was asked to co-ordinate this with the Registrar, Vice-President for Business Affairs, Student Affairs Office, and the Physical Plant. It will also be necessary to clarify the twelve-months people available for summer school for President Downing.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.