Annual Report of the Student Counseling and Guidance Committee, 1959-60

I. FUNCTIONS: The functions of this committee, as outlined in Rules and Regulations Governing the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee (AS-5,223) are as follows:

To serve as an advisory body in the coordination and development of personnel services; to study and report to the Faculty on student personnel problems and methods of dealing with them; and to submit to the Faculty recommendations for improving organization and policy in this field. (UW--M FM 10/4/56)

II. ACTIVITIES: The committee met five times in regular session to discuss general problems under its designated functions. A joint meeting with the Admissions Committee explored areas of mutual concern. Another meeting was held at which Deans Hayes and Emerson of Letters and Science and Deans Himmelmann and Matson and Dr. Schoeller of the School of Education were present.

The problem of finding methods to expedite the work done on testing and counseling was discussed at several meetings. At present there is insufficient clerical help to keep up with the student records. The committee feels that as the work done in the Guidance Department affects every faculty member and student, it should be done effectively and promptly. On this question the committee has no recommendation at present; next fall, when new procedures have been tested and evaluated the committee will review the entire situation. An increasingly large number of advisors' folders have been incomplete because of a steady decrease in the number of pre-enrollment interviews conducted with entering freshmen. This problem has been of particular concern to the faculty and is related directly to personnel shortages and to departmental procedure. Therefore certain departmental procedures have been altered and this committee will have opportunity to study this during the summer and report its findings in the fall. The work load of the Guidance Department has been increased by requests from various departments, individuals and committees, like the Honors and Admissions Committees, to facilitate their plans and programs. The personnel shortages reported by this committee last year continue to exist and are becoming more severe.

The Student Counseling and Guidance Committee spent several meetings considering the status of those juniors who have not attained the 2.5 average necessary for entrance into the School of Education. This was the topic of discussion at the augmented meeting attended by the previously named Deans and Directors. The committee concluded that the problem is one that must be met and administered by the School of Education, as it does not fall under the prescribed functions of this committee.

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