Activities during the 1961-62 Academic Year:

I. Formation of a Retired Faculty Association by former teachers at UW-M and its predecessor institutions.

Representatives from a nucleus group of approximately 40 retired faculty members met December 7, 1961 upon the invitation of the Faculty Welfare Committee and established the new organization which includes among its activities:

A. Holding meetings the first Wednesday of every other month of the Academic Year.

B. Publishing an annual Newsletter concerning activities of retired faculty members.

C. Welcoming into membership spouses of living or deceased former members of the faculty.

D. Holding annual reunion luncheons on Commencement Day followed by attendance at the Commencement Exercises as Special Guests.

II. Tours of Pearse, Garland, and Lapham Halls.

III. Discussions:

A. Discussions concerning the lack of facilities in most major buildings for use in emergency cases, as the Safety Committee of UW-M applies chiefly to students, not faculty.

B. Discussions about changing the description under AS5-28 of the Blue Book to strengthen the efficiency of the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Recommendations

From these discussions grew the following recommendations to the faculty at large:

I. New university buildings should be provided with appropriate facilities to be available in emergency situations, (cots, first aid equipment, etc.) Coordination should be in connection with the Medical Office.

II. The Safety Committee could be extended to include faculty and staff welfare, so that in coordination with the Welfare Committee, efforts to improve dangerous conditions (sidewalks, for example) might be more effective.

III. The following statement of purpose was presented to and endorsed by the University Committee:

A. The Faculty Welfare Committee has the function to advise and make recommendations to the faculty and to initiate appropriate activities relating to matters of faculty welfare which are not handled by other university committees.

B. This Committee should be made up of five faculty members elected on a rotating basis for a three-year period.

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