The UW-M Committee on Lectures is an appointive committee which has the responsibility of disbursing funds from the Kemper Knapp Memorial Fund for the purpose of sponsoring lectures of interest to the members of this Faculty, to students and to members of the general public.

Since its appointment and organization last November, the Committee has held seven meetings (as of April 29, 1957). It was granted a budget of $2000.00 for the school year of 1956-57 and to April 29, 1957 had made commitments of approximately $1250.00 for five different lecturers who were to appear on this campus during the month of May.

The chief committee decision this past year of interest to the Faculty was the development of a general policy on procedure for organizing lectures and requesting of financial support from the University Lectures Committee. The Committee found at a very early moment, that it was impractical for the committee itself to engage in the extensive detail of organizing individual lectures. It was accordingly decided, as a matter of policy, to invite the interested UW-M departments to select their speakers, to secure a co-sponsoring department or departments, to determine the lecture topic if possible, its approximate cost, time and place. Once this preliminary work was done, the sponsoring departments have then been requested to submit a formal application for financial support to the UW-M Lectures Committee. If the application was approved, the sponsoring departments then proceeded to verify their room or auditorium reservations, and prepare the other details of the program including publicity of the lecture event, and the introduction of the speaker. After the lecture is over, a final report has been requested by the Lectures Committee summarizing the event including total costs, attendance and an evaluation of the comparative success of the program. The Committee feels these summary reports will be useful for future reference and guidance. A detailed step by step procedure for departments to follow has been distributed.

While the Committee did not spend all of its appropriation, it is felt that a budget of approximately $2000.00 for 1957-58 will prove to be a modest one. The Committee urges that members of the Faculty plan now for appropriate programs so that departmental requests can be submitted to the Lectures Committee at an early date.

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