Annual Report and Recommendation of the University Admissions Committee, 1968-69.

Committee's Functions:

"To study the admission policies of the University of Wisconsin as they apply to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In case local conditions seem to warrant local variations in admission policy, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee which, if approved, shall be transmitted to the University administration for possible adoption. Liaison with the University Admissions Council shall be maintained through the members who are on both committees. (UWM FM 11-13-58, 5-14-54, and 11-11-65; FD 333)"

Meetings:

The Committee met four times during the past year. On November 12, 1968, the Committee elected its Chairman and Secretary for the coming year and discussed generally the purpose and function of the Committee in two relationships especially. The first was with respect to the consolidation of the functions of High School-College relations with those of Admissions and the merger of the Office of Admissions, Office of Registrar, and Office of High School-College Relations under one directorship but with no loss of identity affecting the separate functions. The Committee questioned the validity of maintaining separate faculty committees dealing with these three departments if their functions are to be merged, but formal recommendations for such a committee merger were postponed until further inquiry and discussion could be carried on. The second problem that was discussed which appeared to be of greater importance was the function of the Committee in relationship to changing standards of admission for special students such as were involved in the establishment of Professor Spaight's program. Since it was clear that this kind of procedure will not only continue but increase, members of the Committee were concerned that the Committee be consulted on these special programs and changes if it were to be a functioning Committee at all.

On January 8, 1969, a special meeting was called to discuss the Memorandum of the Committee of 32 to Asst. Chancir. W. L. Walters seeking faculty action regarding the admission to UWM of students expelled from Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh. The Committee approved the following statement which was sent to Mr. Walters: The statement conformed to the position of the Admissions office and the University Admissions Council.

The UWM Admissions Committee gave its considered attention to the Memorandum submitted by Kenneth Rapp in behalf of the Committee of 32. It would point out that adequate and equitable procedures are already provided for processing applications of transfer students who are subject to disciplinary action at their previous school or college.

This Committee recommends that UWM encourage individual applications from students who have been expelled or suspended at Oshkosh. These applications should be processed promptly so that students who are eligible for admission may be assured of enrollment in the Spring Semester.

On February 20, 1969, the Committee met to consider once again the question of the admission of the students expelled from Oshkosh in the light of the Administration's refusal to permit their enrollment. The following motions were passed unanimously:
1) That the University Admissions Committee recommend to the Faculty that in admissions cases involving disciplinary action, the Faculty reaffirm its position that such cases be considered and decided on an individual basis.

2) That the University Admissions Committee recommend to the Faculty that it reaffirm the validity of the Wisconsin tradition of shared faculty power, and that in cases where a faculty committee's recommendations have been thoughtfully arrived at and are reasonably presented, the Administration should consult with the appropriate committee in instances of disagreement.

Subsequently, the Admissions Committee resolution was incorporated into the resolutions of the Ad Hoc Committee on Oshkosh Students presented to the Faculty on March 6, 1969.

At the Meeting on March 19th, the Committee reviewed the faculty action taken on March 6th and the Regents' refusal to change their previous decision. The four-step procedure with respect to disciplinary admissions was reaffirmed at the request of Dean Robinson and a resolution was approved that the UWM Admissions Committee reaffirms the policy and procedures recommended to the President by the University of Wisconsin Admissions Council on January 9th upholding procedures already established and followed by the individual units of the UW System. At this meeting the question of admitting qualified High School Seniors for a limited number of courses was discussed but no formal action was taken.

Recommendation to the Faculty:

That the Faculty reaffirm the principles embodied in the Admissions Committee's Resolutions of February 20th apart from their previous relationship to the Oshkosh situation.

Business Still Pending Consideration:

The question of ex-officio representation on the Committee of the Coordinator for Institutional Research who has requested such membership in connection with the work of his office.

The question of ex-officio voting representation in the Committee. The Codification Committee has postponed consideration of this matter until the Fall of 1969.

The question of admitting high school seniors during their last semester on special conditions as defined in the new Bulletin of Admissions.

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