REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

of the

Senate Affairs Committee

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At its meeting of January 8, 1970 the UWM Faculty Senate instructed the Senate Affairs committee to investigate the possibility of cooperation among UW units in southeastern Wisconsin and to present specific proposals to the Assembly at its first meeting in the academic year 1970-71, "which proposals, if adopted by the Assembly, may serve as recommendations to the Central Administration and Board of Regents." (Minutes, UWM Faculty Senate, January 8, 1970.)

Although the charge to the committee as stated instructs the Committee to report to the Assembly, the members feel that it is appropriate to inform first the UWM Senate of its activities and to suggest, on the basis of these activities, that it may be premature at this time to make specific proposals on this matter to the Assembly, Central Administration and the Board of Regents.

On January 14, 1970, after consultation with members of the committee, the chairman wrote to Mr. William Kellett, Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Education informing him of the interest of the UWM Faculty Senate, evidenced by its charge to the committee, in those areas of the then forthcoming Kellett Commission report concerning UW units in southeastern Wisconsin, specifically the UWM, the Waukesha Center, the West Bend Center and the Sheboygan Center. This letter was not acknowledged; but the Report, issued in March 1970, contains recommendations which should be of concern to this faculty. A Board of Regents of Wisconsin Technical Colleges is proposed to coordinate and merge the present vocational, technical and adult schools with the two-year university branch campuses and centers. (See the Preliminary Report, the Governor's Commission on Education, March 1970, pp. 21; 31-35; Appendix A: 9-12) Should this recommendation be accepted as stated, Waukesha, West Bend and Sheboygan Centers will be removed from the University of Wisconsin system. Meetings on the Report are being held over the state and at this point no proposals for legislative action are forthcoming.

On January 22, 1970 the Committee met at the Waukesha Center with members of the Central Faculty Committee of the University of Wisconsin - Waukesha. The question of cooperation between the two units was discussed. A general reluctance for any kind of administrative change to tie Waukesha more closely either to Milwaukee or Madison or even to expand the Center into a separate four year institution was expressed by their faculty representatives. However, cooperation on a departmental level in the exchange of students and faculty was welcomed. In some areas such cooperation is already in evidence, apparently to the mutual advantage of both institutions.

On March 19, 1970 the Committee met with Vice-Chancellor Romani to obtain information on administration activities in campus planning. At that time the planning and consultant firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott
had just been contracted by the State Building Commission to develop a master plan for UWM expansion. Chancellor Klotsche also appointed a Community Advisory Committee to work with representatives of the consulting firm. Members of the Senate Affairs Committee expressed concern that the faculty was not represented on the advisory committee. We were informed that the committee structure excluded any representative from the UWM. On March 25, the next scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee, a member of the Senate Affairs Committee sat as an observer and notified the participants of the interest of the UWM faculty in their proceedings. The Senate Affairs Committee is now to receive notice of all future meetings and, if the Committee is reconstituted by the Senate, will send a representative to those meetings.

On September 15, 1970 Vice-Chancellor Romani, in response to a request from the chairman of the Senate Affairs Committee, reported on events since our last discussion. The consulting firm has issued a preliminary report suggesting that the physical campus be confined to its present L-shape and that satellite campuses be established. No locations for these campuses were discussed nor were any recommendations made regarding their relation to the existing West Bend and Waukesha campuses. After a meeting with the Advisory Committee it was decided that the scope of the study by Caudill, Rowlett and Scott should be expanded to include some assessment of higher education in the four-county area. A request for additional funds was made and granted; the investigation is slow in getting under way partly because of changes in central and local administration and partly because of discussion of the Kellett Commission report. The UWM administration favors the creation of satellite campuses not only in Waukesha and West Bend but in other areas of the four-county region as well.

The Vice-Chancellor also reported on discussions concerning the impending recommendations of Chancellor Ahlgren to the Board of Regents on the reorganization of Extension. Among other recommendations it is proposed to establish a Dean of Urban Affairs in Milwaukee with jurisdiction over certain urban programs. Presumably, he will work with assistant or associate deans for extension relationships, these positions proposed for creation in each of the colleges and professional schools on this campus. This matter is still under consideration by the deans at UWM and by central administration and the Regents. And beyond these considerations stands the proposal of the Kellett Commission to transfer a great proportion of Extension Activities to a newly created Board of Regents of the Universal School (pp. 21; 35-38; Appendix A: 14, 17-20).

Because of the variety of proposals being considered both in and outside the University and the uncertainty of the disposition of all these questions, the Senate Affairs Committee has come to the conclusion that additional proposals from the UWM faculty at this time would be premature. Therefore the Committee makes the following recommendations to the Senate:

1. That this report to the Senate be accepted in lieu of the original charge to the Senate Affairs Committee to present proposals to the University Faculty Assembly at its first meeting in the fall of 1970-71.
2. That the life of the Senate Affairs Committee be extended and that it be charged to continue its investigation of academic planning in southeastern Wisconsin and report to the Senate from time to time on its activities as a basis for action to be taken by the Senate.

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