 Basis of Authority and Membership. The Committee was authorized by the Faculty on October 4, 1956. The Provost, after consultation with the Committee on Nominations and Elections, appointed the undersigned members on October 19, 1956.

Functions and Activities during 1956-57. The Committee is directed to have charge of commencement, convocations, and other public functions as ordered by the Provost.

At its first meeting, the Committee discussed commencement plans and formulated recommendations which were presented to the Faculty on December 13, 1956:

1. That the University have one annual commencement in June, to which February graduates would be invited, June graduates be required, and August graduates permitted to attend.

2. That full time faculty members be required to attend in academic garb, except if excused by the appropriate dean or director.

The above recommendations were modified and adopted by the Faculty as follows:

1. There shall be one annual commencement in June to which February, June and August graduates will be invited.

2. A number of full time faculty members sufficient for an academic procession shall be invited individually by the appropriate dean or director to attend each annual commencement in academic garb.

On January 10, 1957, Provost Klotsche presented to the Faculty a petition from certain members of the Senior Class requesting that the Faculty reconsider its action on a mid-year commencement. The Faculty referred the matter to the Committee for reconsideration, after consultation with students and faculty members concerned, with power to act on behalf of the Faculty, for this year only. The Committee, including the president of the Senior Class, decided that a minimum of sixty signatures of mid-year graduates would be required before the Committee would proceed with further plans. Failure to obtain the minimum number of signatures resulted in the dropping of the matter.

The Committee is presently working on plans for the June commencement. The date of June 16, 1957 has been set and approved by the Board of Regents. Present plans call for an outdoor ceremony on the campus, west or northwest of the Library, with probable use of the Field House in case of rain.

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