ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS AND SPACE UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

I. Authorization and Membership.

The Committee was authorized by the Faculty on October 4, 1956. Five elected members of the Faculty and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, ex-officio, constitute the membership.

II. Functions.

"To advise the Provost, the Secretary of the Faculty, or other appropriate University officials in the use of existing buildings and land, including the reassignment of vacated space in existing buildings, except that the recommendations for the use of land for new buildings shall be under the jurisdiction of the Campus Planning Commission."

III. Procedure.

The following recommendation on procedure, approved by the Faculty on February 12, 1959, is a revision of General Policy Statements, 4), Blue Book AS-5.24, p. 27:

"A copy of every request for space (faculty, administrative, student, or other) should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Space Utilization at the time it is sent to the Secretary of the Faculty. Faculty requests for space should be routed from the departmental chairman to the appropriate dean or director and from him to the Secretary of the Faculty. The Secretary of the Faculty should consult with the Committee for its advice before any temporary or permanent assignment of space is made for any purpose."

IV. Activities during 1958-59, in addition to the above recommendation.

A. The Committee prepared a special report and recommendations on pay parking and presented it to the Faculty on October 16, 1958. No action was taken. On October 17 the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin decided that the principle of pay parking should apply to the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee. In response to the decision of the Regents, Professor Becker, Chairman of the Committee, presented a revised special report, Faculty Document 62, November 13, 1958, outlining a workable program for pay parking, based on UW--M needs. The Faculty approved a substitute motion, Faculty Document 66, December 3, 1958, asking the Board of Regents to reconsider its policy of pay parking. The Regents have reaffirmed their decision.

The Chairman, Arthur Becker, has gathered information on parking systems at twelve urban universities. Eight of them have parking fees for the faculty, ranging from four to sixty dollars a year for reserved or restricted areas, in some instances with graduated fees depending on location of lots. Student fees range from fifteen cents
a day with meters to eighteen dollars a year. Universities which do not have a faculty fee exclude many student cars from the campus. None of the universities investigated permits both free on-campus parking for both the faculty and students without exclusion of large numbers of students.

B. The Committee consulted with administrative officers and faculty on allocation of space created by remodeling on the Downtown and Kenwood campuses which was completed before the beginning of the second semester.

C. The Committee consulted with administrative officers and faculty concerning plans for remodeling in the main building and in the Campus Elementary School on the Kenwood Campus, to be done during the summer.

D. The Committee met with the Administrative Committee and the Campus Planning Commission to discuss measures to alleviate shortage of space pending completion of new buildings.

E. The Committee met with administrative officers and faculty concerning space allocation in Building "E," to be erected during the summer to provide classrooms and offices on the Kenwood campus, pending completion of permanent buildings.

V. Present and future problems.

A. Fees from pay parking will furnish funds to develop and maintain parking areas. Provisions for enforcement of present parking regulations and penalties for violation lie outside the function of the Committee; the Faculty have adopted the recommendations of the Student Life and Interests Committee for penalties for student violators of parking regulations. (Faculty Minutes, November 13, 1958)

B. The acute shortage of space can be relieved only by new buildings. The Committee will function in the major problem of reassignment of building space after new buildings are completed and in the utilization of land not to be occupied by new buildings.

The Committee on Buildings and Space Utilization has been keenly aware of its responsibility to the Faculty and has been diligent in trying to serve the Faculty by relieving acute shortage of space. Although the Committee has no final authority, its good working relationship with the administration has aided the Committee in functioning effectively in its advisory capacity. In order that the Committee may best serve the Faculty and the University, the Faculty are urged to present suggestions to the Committee and to keep the Committee aware of needs and of possible solutions to buildings and space needs.

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