I. Authorization and Membership. The Committee was authorized by the Faculty on November 13, 1958. The membership consists of the Milwaukee representatives appointed by the President to the University Committee on Admissions, the UW--M Director of Admissions and Records and three members of the teaching faculty appointed by the Provost.

II. Functions. This Committee is authorized "to study the admissions 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." (Milwaukee Faculty Document 65.)

III. Activities during the 1958-59 academic year.

A. The Committee met for the first time on January 19, 1959. It has held a total of nine meetings. At the first meeting it was decided that the Committee had two related but somewhat different topics to study:

1. Long-term policy on University admissions, and

2. Immediate problems of admission caused by increasing enrollments and limitations of space.

The Committee discussed various policies, practices, and problems concerned with admissions, about which it would seek information at subsequent meetings.

B. The Committee arranged for statistics to be gathered during second semester registration on the number of students unable to register for classes of their choice because of early closure of these classes.

C. The Committee made a factual study of the present admissions policies of the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Milwaukee. Miss Irene M. Bozak, Director of Admissions and Records, reported on present policies and practices of the University.

D. The Committee studied policy on re-admission to the College of Letters and Science, the School of Education, College of Engineering, and School of Commerce.

E. The Committee invited Professor Benjamin A. Sullivan, Director of Counseling, to describe:

1. What evidence the admissions tests offer as to the quality of incoming students at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Milwaukee;

2. What possibilities for success or failure in college students ranking low in their high school class or low in their admissions tests have; and
3. Whether or not the Counseling Department would find it feasible to extend pre-admissions testing to all students applying for admission who ranked in the lower third of their high school class.

F. The Committee studied the records of students admitted on probation. The percentages of probation actions and drop-outs among this group were examined.

G. The Committee invited Professor Elizabeth Holmes to present evidence gathered by the English Department on poorly prepared and illiterate students in freshman composition classes.

H. The UW-M Committee met with the All-University Admissions Committee on Tuesday, May 5.

IV. Recommendation:

The findings of the Committee be presented for discussion by the faculty as a committee of the whole.

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