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MINUTES OF MARCH STAFF MEETING  
Psychology Department  
March 18, 1968

The Psychology Department held its March meeting in EP 104 at 4 o'clock, March 18, 1968.

PRESENT: Martoccia, Fell, Dixon, Mitchell, Grossnickle, Stapleton, McLain, Rogers, Steinberg, Long, Cole, Higgins, Williams.

In the absence of Dr. Prewett, Dr. Long chaired the meeting.

Dr. James P. Rogers was elected to represent the Department on the Faculty Senate.

A discussion was held concerning criteria for selecting the outstanding senior in the Department. A motion was made and passed unanimously that the Department proceed to elect the outstanding senior for this year and then to re-activate the Committee that had previously recommended nominees for this award. The following will serve on the committee: Stapleton, Grossnickle, Williams. They were instructed to set up the criteria to be used in the future for selecting the outstanding senior. Helen Cleveland was elected as the outstanding senior for this year.

Dr. Martoccia stated that the students taking the comprehensive examination in the spring will be taking it under the old requirement--that is they will be examined in the 4 core areas.

Dr. Rogers made the following suggestions pertaining to the comprehensive examination

1. All comprehensives be given in the fall and spring quarters only.

After a full discussion it was decided that this would work a hardship on the students and this suggestion was not adopted.

2. The examination should consist of 2 examinations, each to last about 4 hours, with the first half to cover the core area and the second half relating to the individuals' speciality. Each section to be graded as a whole--not by individual questions. The examinations are to be given on 2 different days and the students must pass both halves--receiving either a passing or failing grade, not a letter grade on each part. Also, it was felt the core part should be more general in nature.

After a lengthy discussion on this idea it was unanimously adopted.

3. It was suggested that the student be advised that should he fail one or both halves of the examination he is entitled to one re-test only. However, should a faculty member feel that extenuating circumstances exist which he feels warrants the student being given the 2nd re-test he can recommend such to the entire staff and they will study the case and make recommendations on the student.

This was agreeable with the staff.

Dr. Rogers stated he would write a set of rules, circulate them among the staff for study and they would be considered at the next staff meeting.

A short report was made on the students admitted to the graduate program.

A discussion was held pertaining to the choice of textbook for Psychology 50. Motion was made and unanimously passed that the Psychology 50-100 Committee be reactivated to make a study and recommendations about the whole structure of Psychology 50, i.e., textbook, topics to be covered, tests, etc.

A discussion was held reviewing the teaching fellowship program.

Miss McLain stated there was no report at this time from the President's Advisory Council.

Dr. Martoccia suggested that the Committee on Graduate Students' Program be reactivated. The following were on the old committee: Dr. Long and Dr. Martoccia; Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Prewett were appointed to replace Dr. Marshall and Dr. Graham. The Chairman is to be elected by the Committee.

Miss McLain reported for the Committee on General College Curricula Requirements. The following recommendations were made:

1. That a student must complete both Psychology 50 and 100 before being accepted as a psychology major.

The thinking behind this recommendation was that the student needed more than Psychology 50 to determine whether psychology is for him, as he will have little chance to change his major after moving out of the general college. And, secondly, to complete the psychology major in two years after moving out of the general college, the student would need to have at least 100 completed.

2. That courses in psychology above the 199 level be restricted and not open to people in the general college. The thinking here was to avoid a student's continuing in psychology, almost completing the major requirements before declaring his major and getting advice from our department.

Item I was unanimously passed.

Item II was defeated by a vote of 10-2.

Dr. Mitchell reported that the Graduate Council recently passed a motion that departments, in terms of using test scores for admission to the graduate programs, could use either the GRE or MAT or both. However, he stated that the thinking in the Psychology Department is that the GRE will continue to be used.

A discussion was held as to whether the Department could require a student to earn no lower than a grade of "C" in his major rather than that he just have a "C" average. No action taken on this.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35.

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