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MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING
Psychology Department
November 16, 1970

The Psychology Department held its November meeting in EP 104 at 4 o'clock, November 16, 1970.

All members were in attendance except Mrs. Stapleton who had a conflicting meeting.

The following items were discussed:

1. Dr. Harry Williams, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the new grading system for graduate students, reported as follows:
 - a. The Committee felt there should be a careful differentiation between the grade of P and Z.
 - b. That if a student made a Z on a course it should imply a reduced load for the next quarter.
 - c. The Committee presented to the group for consideration the thought that a grade of H should be given careful thought and that it should not be felt an H should necessarily be given in every class. A lengthy discussion followed but no decision was reached.

Dr. Grossnickle moved that the Departmental Office develop a form explaining the grading system with a blank left on the form to be filled in for each student when a letter of reference is called for. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed with one dissenting vote--Dr. Roberts.

Dr. Williams presented the second half of the Ad Hoc Committee report pertaining to the policy of employment or activities of graduate students while they are in the Department. The following recommendation was made:

That individual graduate students must receive written approval from the Department Chairman for any professional activities they expect to engage in--paid or unpaid. That the Departmental Chairman appoint a committee to study this problem and present suggestions as to how to handle it.

Dr. Moore proposed an amendment to read: "Failure to comply to this rule would result in severe disciplinary action."

Dr. Daugherty offered a second amendment to be considered before a vote is taken: that a 3-man committee be appointed to write out very carefully a statement as to what are considered professional activities.

Dr. Rogers moved that this whole question be tabled until the Committee can clarify what is meant by "professional activities." Motion seconded and passed with seven in favor and six opposed.

2. Dr. Mitchell, Chairman of the Departmental Curriculum Committee, was called on for a report. He recognized Dr. Grossnickle who moved that a prerequisite be added for Psychology 343G--Psychology of Organizational Behavior, the prerequisite to read: "Psychology 241, graduate standing, or permission of the instructor."

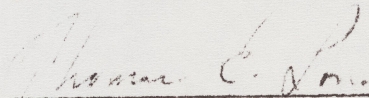
Mrs. Harris seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Dr. Mitchell presented a proposal for a new graduate course: Behavior Therapy Techniques for three hours credit; the course to require two hours of lecture and two hours practicum per week; the prerequisites to be Psychology 425 and Psychology 469. Dr. Moore was called on to explain how this course would be fitted into the present curriculum. He stated that the course in Behavior Modification--Psychology 469--would be used as a seminar and would be a course in theory and the Behavior Therapy Techniques course would be a course for practical experience for the students. He further stated that the Department had access to the children at the DEC clinic and also the ARC population for the practicum experience. He felt this would be a course that would be practical for both the clinical and general-theoretical students. Dr. Roberts asked that "or permission of the instructor" be added to the prerequisites. This was not agreed upon.

Motion was made and unanimously passed that the course be accepted.

3. Dr. Mitchell reported from the Graduate Council that shortly the Department would be asked to respond to a questionnaire about their desires for an option to the foreign language requirement. He stated that Dr. Pignani had said the Math Department is in a position to offer two options: Math 200, Introduction to Digital Computation and Math 228, Elementary Statistical Methods I and Math 229, Elementary Statistical Methods II. These would also be a computer workshop program to be used in lieu of the foreign language which would go along with Math 200.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.



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Acting Chairman of the Meeting