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JOINT SENATE-BOARD WORKING RELATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT

The Joint Senate-Board Working Relations Committee met twice: on Monday, March 11th and again on Monday, April 15th. Mr. Eyre was unable to attend either meeting, and Mr. Lester attended the first but not the second. All other members were in attendance at the two meetings. The President also attended, convening both meetings and providing a summary of the first for the benefit of Committee members.

The Committee elected no Chairman or Secretary. Following the second meeting Mr. Eawtree was named the Committee's rapporteur for the Senate, and Mr. Hean for the Board.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

The Committee confined most of its discussion to the difficulties that had arisen over the introduction of new academic programs. One member felt that the Committee had been set up originally to deal with a far wider range of matters. It was pointed out that other committees were dealing with such things as general University governance, appointment and promotion procedures, etc.

The Committee recognized the need for an intensive scrutiny of the academic worth and financial implications of all proposed new academic programs, and of all substantial changes or expansion in existing programs. The Committee felt too that the University needed to establish general priorities in both immediate and long-range academic planning. The Committee was concerned that the Senate and the Board work closer together in this area, where financial and academic considerations most evidently overlap.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Accordingly, the Committee recommends as follows:

1. That the present Long Range Academic Planning Committee be dissolved;
2. That a Joint Senate-Board Academic Planning Committee be established, under the Chairmanship of the Academic Vice-President (still to be appointed), with membership that includes the Academic Planner (still to be appointed) and representatives from Senate and Board;

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RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

3. That the Senate-Board Academic Planning Committee take on the responsibilities of the present Long Range Academic Planning Committee, and extend them to cover short as well as long range planning;
4. That the Committee be responsible to both Senate and Board for the evaluation and costing of proposed new academic programs (or substantial changes to existing programs) brought before Senate for consideration;
5. That the Committee examine and evaluate only those new University programs (or changes to existing programs) which depart in character and content from existing departmental programs; and/or which are estimated to cost \$100,000 or more over an initial five-year period;
6. That the Committee also be charged with evaluating and reporting on the implications of any program proposals originating from the community and sent to the Senate for consideration.

M. Bawtree - Rapporteur
R. E. Lester
A. F. C. Hean
A. M. Eyre
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B. L. Funt

April 22, 1968.