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MINUTES

STATE COLLEGES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

December 19, 1969



The State Colleges Coordinating Committee met in the Board of Regents office in Topeka at 2:00 p.m. on December 19, 1969, with the following in attendance:

- Students: Lyle Fisher - University of Kansas (Representing David Awbrey)
Steve Rayl - Fort Hays Kansas State College
- Faculty: Mr. Holly Fryer, Chairman - Kansas State University
Mr. Eugene Gardner - Kansas State College of Pittsburg
- Administrators: President Clark Ahlberg - Wichita State University
President John Visser - Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia
- Regents: Dr. James J. Basham
- Ex Officio: Mr. Max Bickford

A clarification of the organization's policy on news releases was asked by Dr. Gardner. It was explained that it applied to the news media and not to campus distribution.

Dr. Visser reported to the group that he had suggested to the Board of Regents that the dinner meeting attended by students, faculty, administrators and Regents be continued this year. He reported that he felt this meeting was valuable and provided another avenue for communication between the various groups.

The suggestion made by Regent Jess Stewart about having this same group invited to a retreat was discussed. Regent Stewart has made the suggestion to the members of the Board in a letter. His plan would have student leaders, faculty leaders, administrators and members of the Board of Regents attend a weekend retreat to hold informal discussions of campus problems and areas of common concern among the six institutions.

Dr. Basham said he felt the Regents would be interested in such a meeting, but that he felt it would be successful only if a majority of the Regents could attend.

Dr. Gardner said the idea had been discussed on his campus and that it was received favorably, but that the point was made that this meeting should replace some of the meetings now being held and should not be just another meeting. They feel that any device which increases communication is desirable.

Dr. Ahlberg suggested that the proposed retreat might be combined with one of the meetings of the CHEK Conference and Dr. Visser agreed but thought that since the CHEK Conference is a student initiated meeting, the students should be considered in any change in their plans.

Both Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rayl spoke to the point that conferences, as such, are not really important if they become highly structured and fail to provide the informal types of discussions among all participants whereby there can be a meeting of ideas and suggestions.

The whole idea of retreat was discussed at length with the consensus being that it was worthy of exploration. Rock Springs was suggested as a place for such a meeting. Various ideas as to dates for such a meeting were advanced. It was the general opinion that such a meeting should include not only the present group of student and faculty officers, but also those who had been elected to serve the next year. The need for continuity of membership within the Council and within such a retreat group was also pointed out.

It was moved by President Visser and seconded by Dr. Basham that the group request Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rayl to explore with the student leadership the idea of the retreat. Also, that these men carry the suggestion that the retreat replace the CHEK Conference meeting and not become another obligation on the leaders of the students, faculty, administration and Regents.

Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rayl discussed with the committee the idea of student membership on the Board of Regents. They also suggested there was some sentiment for having educators on the Board. The whole idea of communication between students and Regents was explored for quite some time. The suggestion was made that the Regents allocate time each month for a meeting with student presidents following the regular meeting of the Board.

Membership on the Board of Regents is determined by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and any plan which would guarantee student membership on the Board would require statutory change. Mr. Fryer pointed out that if students were granted such membership, there would be an equal clamor from faculty and then from other groups. The point was made that the Board is normally looking to the administration for recommendations for each campus. Students and faculty sometimes feel that the administration is not tuned in to the real problems of the campus.

Dr. Gardner raised the question as to what is going on in the area of planning, particularly with the Regents and the Legislature. The action of the Legislative Council and its approval of Resolution No. 1 was reported. This resolution requests the 1970 Legislature to appropriate \$200,000 for studying the problems of education beyond the high school, with the first area to be studied that of junior colleges and vocational-technical education. In addition to this, the Academic Vice Presidents of the Regents institutions are presently studying program in the six state colleges and universities. It is the intent of this group to analyze present program offerings and then make recommendations to the Board of Regents as to mission, role and scope or overall assignments for the colleges and universities.

The matter of the sale of beer on campus was brought up. The June minute of the Regents in effect advises the institutions to maintain the status quo until such time as the Legislative Council completes its study of all laws relating to the sale, consumption, etc., of liquor and cereal malt beverages.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for the third Friday in January here in Topeka. The date is January 16 and the tentative time is 2:00 p.m.

It was decided that the secretary would send three copies of the minutes to each campus and that the campus representative would be responsible for campus distribution.

DUPLICATOR

MINUTES

STATE COLLEGES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

March 20, 1970

The State Colleges Coordinating Committee met in the office of the Board of Regents at 1:30 p.m. on March 20, 1970, with the following in attendance:

- Regents: Dr. James J. Basham, Mr. Elmer Jackson, Jr.,
Mr. William Danenbarger and Mr. Jess Stewart
- Administrators: President John Visser and President Clark Ahlberg
- Faculty: Mr. Holly Fryer, Chairman - Kansas State University
Mr. Eugene Gardner - Kansas State College of Pittsburg
- Students: None

The primary objective of the meeting was to set up the plans for a Retreat which has been scheduled for April 18 and 19, 1970, at Rock Springs Ranch.

Several reported that there was a conflict in dates due to student elections and a regional meeting of the Student Governing Association which is scheduled for Tulsa on that weekend. It was decided that any date in the spring would probably find conflicts and that it would be best to go ahead with the proposed dates.

Approximately an hour and a half was spent in discussing the format and the topics to be included in that format. Many suggestions were made on both the mechanics and the subjects to be discussed by the members of the Retreat.

The membership of the Retreat from each institution is to be composed of three students, three members of the faculty, the president and the student personnel office (Dean of Students, Vice President for Student Affairs, etc.). Members of the Board of Regents are also included in the membership. If possible, the attempt should be made to include at least one black student from each membership.

The Retreat will begin with lunch at 12:00 noon on Saturday and will adjourn immediately after lunch on Sunday. Prices for the conference were reported in an earlier memo from Mr. Holly Fryer. All reservations should be made with Mr. Fryer.

SCHEDULE AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Saturday, April 18, 1970

- Opening event Lunch 12:00 noon
- First Session Mr. Holly Fryer, Kansas State University---1:30 p.m.
Student and Faculty Involvement in Governance. (3 sections)

Second Session Mr. Eugene Gardner, Kansas State College of Pittsburg---3:30 p.m.
Faculty Evaluation--How, by Whom and For What. (3 sections)

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Third Session President Clark Ahlberg, Wichita State University---7:30 p.m.
Role and Responsibility of Students, Faculty, Administration
and Regents in Curriculum Reform. (3 sections)

Fourth Session Mr. David Awbrey, Student, University of Kansas---9:30 p.m.
Town and Gown Relationships, Student and Faculty Rights and
Responsibilities.

Sunday, April 19, 1970

Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Fifth Session Mr. Steve Rayl, Fort Hays Kansas State College---8:30 a.m.
What Can Students, Faculty, and Regents Do To Enhance Public
Understanding and Support of Higher Education in Kansas

Sixth Session President John Visser, Kansas State Teachers College---10:30 a.m.
Open Forum. Any topics which members want to discuss that have
not been covered by the other five sessions.

Lunch 12:00 noon

Adjournment following lunch.

The group decided that Mr. Holly Fryer would be in charge of the Retreat and would make the necessary arrangements at Rock Springs and the division of the membership into groups. It is expected that approximately fifty-five delegates will be in attendance.

The person designated as in charge of each session is expected to call on those from his institution for planning and assistance in handling the sessions. When the delegation is divided into three groups, it will require three discussion leaders and other personnel necessary to make the meeting go smoothly.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Jim Rhatigan
Scott Stucky
Bill Nelson ✓

March 30, 1970

Clark D. Ahlberg

SCCC Retreat - April 18 and 19

I transmit herewith copies of the minutes of the March 20 meeting of the State Colleges Coordinating Committee. You will note that the proposed program for the Rock Springs Retreat on April 18 and 19 is set forth.

The faculty-student group from WSU is responsible for the third session topic and I would suggest that we meet soon to review together our plans for conducting this session. The plan is to divide into three groups, with a discussion leader in charge of each group and with the same topic being the focus of each group's discussion. I will ask Mrs. Carpenter to set up a date with you for this meeting. We should also ask the other faculty and student participants to attend.

After this outline was set forth, the planning committee decided to move the fourth session to Sunday morning and have the sixth session after lunch, with adjournment to follow.

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WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE
ROCK SPRINGS
MARCH 30 1970