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John F. Kadlubowski said he did not want to bring up a new calendar but wanted to comment on the sudden changes made in recent semesters such as the recent change in days for the final examination schedule. He said the faculty does not know why these changes are made.

William W. Hassler said that several years ago Dr. Pratt commissioned Dr. Cordier as an individual to create the calendar. He further stated that it is obvious that the calendar is a function of the Academic Affairs Committee and that he would agree to rescind any previous arrangement. A question was asked as to why Academic Council was not incorporated into the University Senate. Hassler said Academic Council was to handle only housekeeping activities. Raymond L. Lee said Academic Council was to meet once a semester.

Anthony A. Angeloni said that the second semester calendar came out in January and said the final examinations would begin on the 15th. David L. Young said the calendar did not state when the classes would end. It was remarked that the students wanted two weekends for Easter vacation. Hassler said this matter was discussed with the student members of his cabinet. This takes 2/15ths of the graduate calendar. The two weekends would be nice but he would not agree that this should be implemented. Dorothy F. Lucker asked Committee D what happened to the recommendation that the semester examinations would not come so close to return after the Christmas vacation. George K. Seacrist said a copy of the resolution was given to Mr. Seagren and some of the items have been implemented and others have not.

Thomas D. Goodrich said he wondered if the ramifications of the calendar are understood. It could affect vacation periods, sports programs, and can possibly affect the money for the University if the summer program is 5 1/2 weeks long. Robert O. Warren said the scheduling officer is trying to do his best for all concerned and suggested that the scheduling officer or registrar be a member of the Academic Standards Committee. Raymona E. Hull asked Dr. Hassler if there was any method by which the academic calendar could be legally transferred to the Academic Standards Committee. Hassler said that since Academic Council ceased to exist as a decision-making group, the matter is automatically transferred to the Academic Standards Committee. Werner J. Fries suggested that the matter be referred to the Consultative Committee.

Richard A. Hazley moved that the Senate concur with Dr. Hassler's decision that the Academic Standards Committee handle the matter of the university calendar. Arthur F. Nicholson seconded. Werner J. Fries suggested that the academic officers work out a calendar to be submitted to the Academic Standards Committee. Nicholson said the Academic Standards Committee has the implied right to consult the scheduling officer and Academic Council. The Academic Standards Committee would have the responsibility to report the schedule to the Senate for consideration. The motion carried.

W. Wayne Smith said one of the things raising the ire of the faculty is the matter of block scheduling for examinations and moved that the matter be referred to Committee D. Rider said the Senate cannot legislate and can only approve or reject. Smith withdrew his motion and made a resolution that the matter be sent to Committee D for consideration.

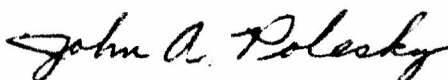
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Richard A. Hazley moved that the scheduling officer and registrar be invited to attend Committee D meetings. Rider said the motion was out of order since the Senate cannot legislate. Nicholson said this could be done by just making the recommendation to Committee D. Hazley then withdrew his motion.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Polesky, Secretary

Upon motion of Miss Mary Alice St. Clair, seconded by Mr. John B. Cutler, and carried by unanimous vote, the actions of the University Senate taken at its special meeting held on May 6, 1969, were approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on July 25, 1969.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Serene, Esq., seconded by Edwin L. Snyder, Esq., and carried by unanimous vote, the Policy Statement and Rules to Govern Rallies, Picketing, and Other Demonstrations, which on May 9, 1969, was approved by the Board of Trustees until its July 25, 1969, meeting, was approved until such time as a revised policy is submitted to the Board of Trustees. This approval was given at the July 25, 1969, meeting.

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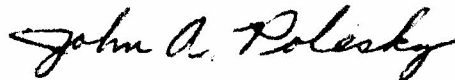
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