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Report of Committee on Educational Procedures and Facilities, Part I. C. concerning university-sponsored educational field trips

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TO: President Francis H. Horn

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Report of Committee on Educational Procedures and Facilities, Part I. C. concerning university-sponsored educational field trips, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on April 19, 1966.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Trustees, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on May 28, 1966, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Trustees for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Trustees, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

*Note: This bill duplicates part C of Bill 99 which was disapproved on May 3, 1966, apparently because it was combined with part B, dealing with faculty work loads with which the President disagreed. On May 7, 1966 the Executive Committee empowered the Chairman to resubmit this part of the bill 99 without Senate reconsideration.

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

May 9, 1966

Endorsement 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.


3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees is not necessary.

May 12, 1966

President
ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.
TO: Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
FROM: The University President
1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

(date) /s/ President

ENDORSEMENT 2.
TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, via the University President.
1. Forwarded.

(date) /s/ (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.
TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: The University President
1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

(date) /s/ President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

May 13, 1966 /s/ Elizabeth Q. Crandall
(date) Chairman of the Faculty Senate
Report of Committee on Educational Procedures and Facilities

I. C. University of Sponsored Educational Field Trips

1. Charge: The charge to this committee was made by Senate Chairman, Dr. Robert W. Marrison on March 24, 1964. The charge consisted of (a) the "study of the adequacy of regulations and particularly the amount of insurance protection for faculty and others driving their own cars on field trips". Also included was the "suggestion regarding alternate means for transportation". In pursuing this matter over a period of two years, the following recommendations have been developed to fulfill the original charge and to provide a basis for considering field trips in a broader context than before.

2. Recommendations

(a) To approve the following plan to develop suitable arrangements to provide vehicles, with adequate insurance coverage, for use on field trips.

1. The deans of various colleges are supplying information pertinent to field trips in their respective colleges for use by Mr. T. McClure to make firm arrangements with a vehicle rental service to supply vehicles for field trips.

2. When the above details are available the faculty will be supplied with the procedures necessary for specific arrangements for field trips.

3. Costs for field trips will be charged to department budgets or by assessment against students taking the trips (as decided by departments or colleges).

4. For ease and flexibility of scheduling and service, vehicle rentals will be available through the travel agency on campus. Rental vehicles appear to be adequately covered by insurance, e.g., a passenger car to the extent of $300,000 for public liability and $20,000 for property damage.

(b) The progress of the above plan should be closely followed by this committee to provide cooperation and assistance in implementation.

(c) To review the arrangements in one year and to determine their effectiveness and possible improvement.

3. Comment:

With the increasing size and diversity of the University the practice of using private vehicles for conducting instructional field trips appear impractical and potentially dangerous to both students and instructors. An awareness of this has been documented in responses obtained from department chairmen and from deans of colleges. With this interest and support our committee has endeavored to work with the administration.