

January 21, 1939.

At the December meeting of the University Senate, in connection with the adoption of our examination schedule for the Fall semester, some cases of former unauthorized changes of dates of individual examinations from the regular dates assigned were brought before the Senate. The Senate adopted the following motion:-

Moved, seconded and carried "that the Advisory Committee investigate the question of unauthorized departure from Senate regulations concerning final examinations."

The Committee on Examinations made it clear that a method is provided (published in each printed schedule of examinations) for making changes from an adopted schedule in cases where obvious hardships are incurred in the operation of the schedule. The Committee also made it clear that hardships were inflicted upon some students and upon some instructors by changes which had been made from the authorized schedules.

One type of violation of the clear intent of our schedule is that of some examinations much longer than can be written in the assigned periods even by the best students; these cases seem to occur more frequently in the examinations for one and two hour courses.

To the Senate Advisory Committee it seems obvious that any transfer of an examination from a late date to a date early in the examination period (this type is the most frequent of all changes reported) will of necessity work to the disadvantage of most of the students affected; also that use of the last few class periods for examinations (another type of the reported violations) not only shortens the working period in the offending course but also seriously interferes with the work of other instructors during these days. It seems equally clear that fair play calls for strict adherence to an adopted schedule except in a case where an obvious hardship may be averted by recourse to the Senate Committee on Examinations.

The Advisory Committee
of the University Senate.