

NOTICE OF FACULTY MEETING

The February meeting of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be held at 4:30 o'clock, February 18, in the auditorium of Frank Strong Hall. Only a few matters of detail will be presented, but it is hoped that we can spend most of the meeting in discussion of certain trends and of certain problems which are of importance to us as a college of liberal arts and sciences. Every member of the Faculty is urged to be present at this meeting.

CLASS CARDS

Familiarity does not so much breed contempt as it does carelessness; and some of us are quite careless with the familiar class cards. Will you kindly do the following with your class cards today:

1. See that you have one for every student attending the class. If not, inform the student concerned that he must go to the dean's office at once and see that this class card is produced.
2. See that the students' names are correctly spelled on the class cards.
3. See that the student has the proper prerequisites for the course both as to courses and class standing.
4. See that no student is duplicating the course.
5. Return to this office today class cards for students who are not appearing in the course. (Other class cards are not due in the office until March 10.)

Thank you!

ABSENCES

We pursue a conservative policy in regard to absences. On the one hand, we do not ignore them entirely, and on the other hand we do not report and hold a student accountable for every absence. Instructors of College classes should, however, record all absences, and whenever a student, except in cases of known illness, has accumulated more absences than the number of hours for which the course gives credit, he should be reported for excessive absences on the excessive absence card, which may be obtained at the departmental offices. This office then interviews these students, and most of them cooperate by eliminating further absences. Only in rare cases and then only when further excessive absences are reported does this office apply the faculty regulation regarding absences and withdraw the student from the course with a failure.

Some Faculty members feel that keeping class attendance and reporting excessive absences is high school stuff. It may be. But whether we like it or not, parents expect us to know whether or not their youngsters are attending classes regularly, and they expect us to tell them if they are cutting classes.

WHY ATTEND CLASS REGULARLY?

Some instructors assert that they do not care whether their students come to class or not, just so they can pass the final examination. Such instructors are assuming that the final examination is a completely adequate test of the work of the whole semester. We wonder how many final examinations measure up to this standard? Moreover, if students can do as well in a course by private study as they can through regular class attendance, why not present our courses by correspondence? We propose to continue to believe that personal contact between student and teacher is the single most important thing a student may obtain at this University and that there is no substitute for this.

WITHDRAWALS

No student should be considered withdrawn from a course until the instructor has received a withdrawal card from the dean's office. These cards are invariably sent out within 24 hours of the time the student has withdrawn. When withdrawals, therefore, have not been received and the student is not appearing in class, please report such cases very promptly. Cooperation here will not only keep the records straight, but may save students from receiving the failure which must be given them, according to the rules, if they drop courses without consent.

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MODERN ART

One day a lover of art was visiting an art gallery. He approached a very strange looking daubed canvas and asked the attendant what it represented.

"That, my friend, is a jersey cow eating grass," explained the attendant.

"But where is the grass?" asked the puzzled visitor.

"Oh, the cow has eaten the grass."

"But where is the cow?"

"My dear sir, you would not expect a cow to stay around after she had eaten the grass, would you?" replied the attendant.