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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Memorandum to Dr. Allen:

Several problems come to mind as I think over the new program for this year. Some of these problems will have to be decided by the committee set up by the Chancellor, while others are of a departmental nature.

1. First is the whole question of exemptions. My understanding is that boys out for Varsity Athletics will be excused from the regular physical education classes during the time they are out for a varsity team. Also, those boys enrolled in our regular professional courses 31, 32, 33 and 34M should not be required to participate in the required program since they will be taking "gym" five times a week in the professional course. Furthermore, boys acting as student assistants or instructors should not be required to do more work than they will already be doing as instructors. Then there will be certain others who will be excused by the committee because of health deficiencies or for other reasons. These cases that are cited seem perfectly obvious to you and me but they might not be clear to others unless put down in black and white.

2. How many cuts of either the excused or unexcused variety should be allowed in these classes? What will be the penalty for too many cuts - failure? If a boy fails in these required courses will he be allowed to make up the work or will he be prevented from graduating because of failure to satisfactorily pass his physical conditioning courses? It seems to me that the attitude the committee takes upon this problem can easily make or break our program.

3. What will constitute an adequate excuse from the swimming requirement? If the medical department certifies that swimming is dangerous to the health of an individual, should he be excused?

4. There may be a shortage in gym suits and shoes. If there is, we will probably have to make certain allowances within the department for this contingency.

These are problems that I anticipate now. As we get started in the program, others will undoubtedly present themselves.

Very sincerely,

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P.S. There is also the problem of the negro students. Shall we require them to take swimming?

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