MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Student Council was held in the Seminar room at 9:00 Tuesday night, January 6, 1953.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Harvey Starling.

Business attended to was as follows:

1. Dr. Benson was asked to meet with the Council sometime this week. The time was set for 9:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, in the Seminar room.

2. A time to hold a general meeting of the student body was discussed but could not be fully decided. The President will check with Dr. Lewis to find when a chapel period is available.

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to Dr. Joe Pryor, head of the scholarship committee, to discuss what can be done on the part of teachers and students to improve scholarship at Harding.

Dr. Joe opened the discussion by saying that the purpose of the committee is to improve scholarship—to cooperate with students and help them to recognize and overcome their problems; to create on the part of the students, an interest in learning; to help students to realize that the purpose of their being in school is to learn and not just to have a good time.

High points in the discussion were:

1. Those who are making good grades may help those who are having trouble by studying with them.

2. The main problem is that most students can learn and make good grades if they try, but they don't try hard enough. This leads to the problem of stimulating interest in the subjects so that the student will want to study.

   a. The teacher can do a lot to stimulate interest by being interested himself.

   b. Pop quizzes cause the student to keep up his daily work and daily study will stimulate interest. Many times you are not interested in a subject because you don't know anything about it; then when you study it you become interested.

   c. More work should be required especially of 1 and 2 hour Bible courses. If a student can get by in a course without studying, which seems to be the case in these Bible
courses, he won't learn anything but if more work is required, he will study more and, of course, learn more.

3. Consideration for others in the dormitories may help to solve the problem. The dormitories should be quiet enough so that anyone who wanted to study could.

4. In considering whether or not activities interfere with scholarship, it is usually true that the ones who make the lowest grades participate in the fewest extra-curricular activities. However, it would be good if Tuesday and Thursday nights could be kept absolutely free from other activities besides study. It would be better if the student center were closed on these nights too.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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