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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF COLLEGE COUNCIL, MARCH 6, 1969

Before arriving at definite decisions regarding recommendations made by the Faculty Athletic Committee, it was agreed to hold a special meeting to review all of the College's proposed projects, in order to arrive at a priority list.

It was announced that construction of the new classroom building should start about the first week of April and that the building should be completed within twenty months. It was also reported that the physical facilities building should be ready for bids in two weeks.

A motion was made that decisions on faculty promotions, once finalized, must remain finalized, unless there is evidence that there has been some gross error in the presentation of facts. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Brother Daniel Burke reported that a release is being planned to publicize the College's program with Chestnut Hill College.

The question of whether to retain ROTC on a compulsory or on a voluntary basis was again brought before Council. Colonel Silvasy and student representatives Ferro and Buckley were requested to add their comments regarding the program, to supplement detailed reports which have already been made available to Council. After due consideration, Council voted in favor of retaining ROTC on a compulsory basis.

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF COLLEGE COUNCIL, MARCH 12, 1969

A recommendation was made that a special directive to the ROTC be added to Council's vote, and, in this connection, attention was drawn to the following resolution which was passed by the Faculty Senate last December:

"That recognizing the dissatisfaction of many students with the current ROTC program, the Faculty Senate recommends that the ROTC Department evaluate their present program with the view of possibly eliminating such elements as drill and/or wearing of the uniform for Freshmen; also an effort should be made to make our program more attractive and meaningful."

Because of campus unrest regarding the ROTC decision, it was pointed out that the ROTC will have to prove itself and that the faculty and the students will have to indicate their true desires. It was proposed that a referendum be held at the same time the calendar referendum is held next year. A formal motion was made that, in January 1970, we take as thorough and as valid a vote of faculty, students and administrators as can be done, to determine whether it is the will of the La Salle Community to continue ROTC on a compulsory basis and raise the question of academic credits. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

In reference to the St. Barbara's Day Mass and Parade and the commissioning of military officers at commencement, it was moved 1) that the commissioning of military officers not be held in conjunction with the regular graduation ceremonies, but that a special ceremony of appropriate dignity be held, and 2) that the St. Barbara's Day exercises be completely voluntary. This motion was seconded and also unanimously carried. It was recommended that this ceremony be held on the same day as graduation.

In view of the difficulties anticipated in attempting to reach decisions on proposed projects for 1969-70, and in an effort to establish an equitable priority list, it was agreed that one uniform list of projects be prepared, based on the four major areas of the college (academic, student affairs, business affairs and public relations). It was directed that the list be prepared from items submitted by members of the College Council to the President.

It was agreed to formalize the naming of the library, "The Honorable David L. Lawrence Memorial Library," at a public ceremony in May.

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BROTHER DANIEL MEETS WITH STUDENTS

Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., President, after a lengthy discussion with some 20 students who presented the petition Wednesday afternoon (March 19), agreed to ask the members of College Council-- at a meeting scheduled for next Monday whether they wished to restudy the matter of mandatory ROTC and reconsider when the referendum is to be held--this spring or next Winter. The petitioning students want the earlier date.

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