

April 30, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Robinton:

This will not be as long as the last. First, as to the skirmishing:

From 12.00 to 2.00, I saw Profd Wolfson, Park, Coulton, and Wood, with Dean Bridgman in for good measure; the first and last by accident but adequately. Mrs. W, met on the stairs, said she was in sympathy w th taking on 'aid' functions; a couple of her Committee had objected, but it could be thrashed out in Personnel. The Dean came in while I was talking with Prof. P, and confirmed a point or two, on the run. I talked to P in my two capacities and his four (Student Loan, Evening, Chairman, Personnel, Employment, and O & G); informative and satisfactory. I had told Mrs. W I had a bone to pick with her husband; he joined Coulton and myself at lunch a little after we had started.

Result: He will call special meeting of O & G and recommend deferring action until matter has been referred through Personnel. That there were two explicit "by-laws" of the Personnel Committee that expressly required such action was made clear as the opinion of Park, Coulton, Benedict, and indicated as the opinion of other members; that Council trouble on the matter was desirably to be avoided was also obvious.

Now we can go ahead with the finishing of the Employment report, including the additional paragraphs, and the elimination of recommendations for Council action. Since this will be an information report, it will not have to be distributed ahead of time by ten days or so as would be the case if we were going to ask action. Will you be thinking about two possible additions in the Inter-Dept. Conference discussion: summaries of the problems and objectives of the Morgan and Harvitt sub-committees. I believe they could be included on that basis. Also, were we going to include as enclosures copies of the ten itemized departmental procedures on the basis of which the Harvitt Com. was to build? I told Prof. W we were planning to report factually on what we were doing and trying to do, and had done.

I'll work on a a summary of the Farm sub-committee activities, and on a termination. If you can reach Mr. Barnard and Mrs. O'Neil to enlist their thinking, so much the better. I am hoping to Dr. Winslow.

Sincerely,

*Ralph C. Benedict*