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The General Faculty Committee

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REPORT
TO
THE FACULTIES

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Authorization and Duties of the General Faculty Committee

The General Faculty Committee was authorized by a Senate resolution adopted April 22, 1939. The resolution was presented by an elected Special Committee which first reported its belief:

> "1. That the paramount question is the provision of a standing committee from the faculties to represent the several faculties and the Senate before the Trustees.
> "2. That this committee should be democratically elected by the several faculties from the four upper academic ranks.
> "3. That...this committee should take up the problem of the revised statutes and the problem of the most effective organization of the University Faculty."

The following section of the accompanying Senate resolution specifies the duties of the General Faculty Committee:

> "...this Committee shall be empowered to consider any matters of general University policy on its own initiative or matters referred to it by the faculty of any of the separate schools, by individual members of the University faculty, by the President, the Dean of Faculties, or by the deans of the schools. It is hoped, further, that this committee will be consulted for expressions of faculty opinion by the Board of Trustees. This Committee shall, however, have no power to commit the Senate or any of the separate faculties."

By May 12, 1939, the various faculties had held separate elections. As of November 8, 1939, the Committee personnel remains unchanged except for one member. Mr. Charles T. McCormick is serving as alternate representative of the School of Law in place of Mr. Harold C. Havighurst, who is on leave of absence until February, 1940.

The General Faculty Committee has held nine regularly scheduled meetings since the elections last spring, including at least one meeting a month throughout the summer. The Executive Committee and the other sub-committees have also held numerous additional meetings.