MINUTES FIRST MEETING CBS COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

The first meeting of the College of Puget Sound Commission on Research was
convened in the Mendenhall Room on Tuesday, October 4th, at 10:30 A.M.

Present: Dean Regester, Dr. Alcorn, Dr. Sprenger, Dr. Norman Thomas and
Dr. Homer Hummer.

Dr. Alcorn presided until a permanent chairman could be elected. The Commis-
sion elected Dr. Norman Thomas to be chairman. Dr. Homer Hummer was asked
to be secretary.

It was pointed out that the Commission would have in its deliberations until
about January 1st to make a formal report to President Thompson.

It was realized from the beginning that some sort of central direction for
research would have advantages. Among those advantages would be the prestige
of a new research center and the likelihood that some who would like to con-

sult with us would be more attracted to do so if there were a central coordi-
nated institution. It was pointed out that financing in some cases were readily
available with a single known institute. There are other advantages.

There were also important disadvantages, among others these: the possibility,
that research might care to have a life of its own apart from the basic job of
the College which is to teach students. It was argued here that the research
we should engage in should serve the end first of all of teaching students.

It was pointed out, of course, that even though students might be employed in
some of the research projects, it would have to be made clear that they would
not be exploited; that is that their use in the projects would have to have
an educational purpose.

The fact that they could be employed for pay should have been mentioned as
an advantage.

It was pointed out that we have already engaged in a number of different kinds
of research: 1. Industrial Chemical, 2. Medical Biological, 3. Social and
Economic. It was pointed out that we have already had officials from the small
Business Administration asking us whether or not we continue to have any inter-

cest in research contracts with them.

It was pointed out that the possibility of having an Industrial research unit
on the campus has given rise to pressures exerted on the President to give
some ready answer before long as to whether or not Industrial research in
this area would be accepted by us.

A major question which the Commission turned over in its mind was whether CBS
should have a central, single, coordinated institute or whether there should
be more than one research supervision center such as it is now.

Again it was emphasized that the first requirement of the research would be
that a program should use our graduate students and that it must be educa-
tional for students.

Dr. Thomas pointed out, of course, that there might very well be a place for
something in the nature of community research.
It was argued at length that there might well be two kinds of research, one called internal (internal that is to the institution) and two, contract research by some separately organized entity on the campus which would nevertheless be expected to confer some educational benefits to students, directly or indirectly.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:30 A.M. with the expectation that another meeting would be called in about ten days.

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