

1947

12/16

GENERAL

Academic Organization

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Academic Activities

BUDGET

Financial

DIRECTOR'S FUND

"The Director said he found the School of Mathematics a healthy and flourishing concern. With the very generous help already given to physics, he expressed the hope that that too will flourish. But in the other Schools, perhaps because of a certain insularity in their efforts, the Director felt that there are troubles. Very eminent scholars feel that their work is not appreciated; no one seems able to answer the question of why what is going on is going on. The Director saw no solution in blanket rules. He expressed doubt that all members of the School of Economics were in any strict sense interested in or qualified for 'advanced study'. And in the case of the School of Humanistic Studies there are obviously areas of great fruitfulness beyond the Hellenistic studies to which the Institute is already committed. He was not of the opinion that to found a new professorship was the right thing to do; such a solution to the problem is one of the reasons why the past has so seriously committed the future."

"...The Director outlined no specific program for such efforts. His suggestion was that there be opportunity for exploring new fields outside and beyond the specific areas of the Schools, which in some cases have narrow interests. For this purpose the Director asked that there be members who are not members of the Schools. To accomplish his plan, he asked the Trustees to establish a General Fund of \$120,000 on a five-year basis. This should be used for stipends, memberships and work not at present part of the activities pursued at the Institute. He suggested an Advisory Committee for the use of the fund. The Director expressed the hope that in this way the Institute may carry out its functions in a more experimental way; and thus a coordinate community of scholars may be created.

"This plan was strongly commended and Dr. Fulton suggested that the motion of acceptance of the Director's plan be a vote of confidence in the new Director. On Dr. Weed's suggestion, the fund was designated the Director's Fund.

"The motion was unanimously carried that \$120,000 be appropriated to the Director's Fund from surplus over the next five years; that \$20,000 be made available for the year 1948; that the Fund be used as the Director sees fit"

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DIRECTOR'S FUND

Finance

ELIOT, T.S.

Biographical

FERGUSON, FRANCIS

BURKE, KENNETH

RADIN, MAX

"The Director reported that at present the chief use of the Director's Fund had been to continue the line of appointments started with Blackmur in Literature and criticism: T. S. Eliot, Francis Fergusson, Kenneth Burke are General Members under this grant. The Director proposed to suggest to Mr. Eliot that he return to the Institute when he can. An invitation has been accepted by Professor Max Radin for two terms during the academic years 1948-1949 and 1949-1950. Professor Radin's plan is to complete several books on the history of the law during his stay."

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1952

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BUDGET

Finance

✓ DIRECTOR'S FUND (GENERAL)

Finance

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

Director announced:

- (1) 2 plans and bearing on corporate identify of I. A. S.
- (2) Bibliography
- (3) Collection of bound manuscripts of publishable material I. A. S. To exhibit in uniform binding corpus of work I. A. S.
- (4) Invite Isaiah Berlin of Oxford and Perry Miller, Morton G. White of Harvard on Director's Fund.

#3 later (11/26/52) reconsidered as to possibility.

Faculty Minutes, p. 246