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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CO-EDUCATION
IN
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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1. REASONS FOR CO-EDUCATION

1. We are in favor of co-education on account of its educational value. We believe that co-education furnishes opportunity for the development of richer personality, and for the development of those traits of character which are so badly needed in the new society of China, which is trying, among other things, to put into effect the principles of social equality and co-education between the sexes. The conditions of Chinese society are such that the cultivation of wholesome relationships between the sexes are fraught with very serious difficulties, some of which seem almost unsurmountable. There is at present no social life in the homes, no adequate places in society where young people could go to, no opportunity for cultivating sane relationships between young people of different sexes. When one goes to some of the recent parties organized with the view of introducing more association between boys and girls, one realizes a part of the huge difficulties which now face us. We are trying to build up a new society in which people of both sexes are expected to co-operate and to work together on a basis of equality, but we face the fact that the opportunity that present society affords for the cultivation of sane relationships between the sexes is almost nil. The boys and girls in China are not used to associating with each other, and yet if they are expected to play their part in the new society they must learn. What we need is that kind of relationship which enables boys and girls to meet together and to become friends without thinking of love and marriage at the very outset. How are we going to cultivate a wholesome foundation for such sane social relationships? We believe that the best place to begin is the college, where absorbing intellectual interests make sane relationships easy. We believe that the college owes it to the society in which it exists to meet this great need. The launching of a new experiment may involve many difficulties or even temporary disadvantages, but we are convinced that the ultimate gain will be great and worthwhile.

2. We are in favour of co-education in Fukien Christian University, because special needs in Fukien call for it. Outside of Amoy University, which is situated in the southern part of the province and does not get many students from the northern part, there is no full-fledged co-educational college in the province. For this reason, many girls in Fukien---particularly northern Fukien---are denied the opportunity of higher education. That many Fukien girls now go to other provinces for higher education is a well-known fact. Ginling and Yenching get an almost continuous stream of girls from Fukien every year. The inconvenient means of transportation and the higher cost of education in other provinces, however, prevent a considerable number of girls from going to other provinces. Many of these girls would have the opportunity of higher education if Fukien Christian University should become co-educational.

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3. Co-education in Fukien Christian University would meet the needs of young men and women who now go to such places as Fenching, Shanghai, and other colleges because they prefer a co-educational college. In the recent conference of the Council of Higher Education it was pointed out that our cost per student was higher than in other colleges, and one of the important reasons was found to be our high faculty-student ratio. In accordance with the standards set up by the Council, the Faculty we are building up----thirty persons, including professors of different ranks and instructors----should be able to take care of a student body of 300. We could raise our present enrollment without raising the instructional cost; we could have a more efficient college (financially speaking) by increasing our present enrollment. Co-education would bring to us not only the girls who desire higher education in northern Fukien but also the boys who now go elsewhere on account of their preference for a co-educational college.

4. Fukien Christian University has assumed the position of the highest educational institution in northern Fukien, and as such it must give due recognition to the social currents. Current public opinion is strong in favor of co-education. Eloquent and loud expressions of this opinion come to us from all directions. Fukien Christian University must adjust itself to this current view as far as possible. The demand for co-education is an expression of the new social interest. Fukien Christian University cannot but recognize that this is a good thing.

II. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HWANAN.

We recognize the place in society of a college for women only. We grant that there are a certain group of girls who prefer a Women's College to a co-educational college. We are convinced, however, that for the majority of young men and women co-education is the proper means of a well-rounded education which meets all their needs.

Since there is a place for a Women's College as well as a co-educational college, Fukien Christian University (co-educational) and Hwanan (Women's College) might well exist in the same city. Each serves the needs of a special portion of the population. (Special Note: Hwanan's work in laboratory science is limited. As long as Hwanan's policy does not provide for expansion of expenditure in laboratory equipment, it will be necessary to have two colleges in the same town. Hence there will be no competition.

In recommending co-education for Fukien Christian University, no competition with Hwanan is contemplated. On the other hand, we urge that there should be the closest possible co-operation between these two Christian institutions of higher learning in Fukien. We have in mind two possible forms of co-operation.

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They are as follows:

1. The Federated University Plan, under which Fukien Christian University and Hwanan would be separate colleges under one name, with some definite provisions for correlation of work. The advantage of such a union is that it makes possible a co-operative attack on Christian problems. Such co-operation, moreover, would be in line with the recommendations of the Council of Higher Education as well as with the tendency of modern missionary movement. It is absurd to have the Christian movement attempting to support two struggling little colleges in the same town.
2. A Federated University with a common Board of Managers This should make possible closer co-operation than the first plan, inasmuch as the common Board of Managers would facilitate the task of correlating the work of the two institutions and of avoiding overlapping and duplication.

Should Federation, co-operation, or correlation prove impracticable, Fukien Christian University would have to carry on its own program, carrying the risk of repetition and competition.

III. CO-EDUCATION AT F. C. U.; PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The plan we propose counts on a girl student body at the rate of 20 per year, looking forward to 75 girls as the usual number in the college. This would bring the total enrollment up to about 225 or 250 students within three or four years. We have in our hands at present statistics from five girls schools concerning their graduates during the last ten years. These statistics show that thirty girls a year (from the five schools) have gone to college, 15 out of the thirty having gone to Hwanan. As candidates for our Freshman class we, then, have the remaining 15 girls who now go to other provinces; 5 of the 15 girls who now go to Hwanan; 5 from other schools not listed here; and 10 girls who otherwise would not go to college at all. Out of this total of 35, we make a selection of 20 and admit them.

For this unit of 75 girls, we require extra expenditure for the following items:

(A) Physical Plant

- Plan (1) : A girls dormitory (including dining-room), costing about \$40,000; an athletic field, costing about \$500
- Plan (2) : A unit of girls' dormitory, costing about \$20,000; an athletic field, costing about \$5000.

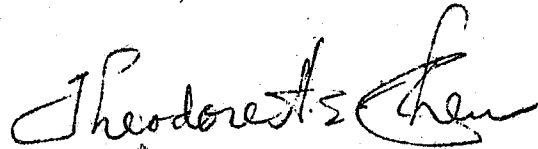
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(B) Personnel: Dean of Women.

The ideal is to have a Chinese lady for this purpose: one who is able to teach in the School of Education and to give special courses along the line of home economics. Her salary should be \$1800-\$2000 *a year.*

We are in favor of starting co-education in Fukien Christian University as soon as we could make the necessary provisions here indicated. The need for co-education is so urgent that we cannot ignore it much longer. We therefore request the Board of Managers to take immediate and definite steps toward the solution of this important problem. Upon it depend the growth and the future of the University.



Submitted by Theodore H. E. Chen

for the Committee

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COMMITTEE REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION OF
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HWA-NAN COLLEGE, AND FUKIEN UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Your committee on co-ordination of administrative functions of the three Colleges mentioned above makes the following recommendations:-

1. We recommend that the Joint Conference Committee be made a permanent organization, as now composed, i.e. of four elected members from each of the three Boards of Mgrs. and the Presidents of each of the three colleges; to correlate the work of the three Boards of Managers, and be responsible on the one hand to the Boards of Managers, and on the other hand to the United Board of Trustees.
2. We recommend that the Joint Conference Committee shall nominate to the three co-ordinating Boards of Managers a Chancellor, who shall be chairman of the Joint Conference Committee (or its successor), and such chancellor shall before taking office receive a majority vote favorable to his election, from each of the three co-ordinating Boards of Managers.
3. We recommend that there shall be appointed a Comptroller for the three co-ordinating institutions, who shall be responsible for the finances, the budgets, the care and maintenance of all properties and for the purchase of all supplies for the three co-ordinating institutions. Responsible to the Comptroller shall be the accountants in the several institutions, and the Comptroller in his turn shall be responsible to the several Presidents, the Joint Conference Committee and the United Board of Trustees. Said Comptroller shall be nominated by the Joint Conference Committee, and approved by a majority vote of each of the three Boards of Managers.
4. We recommend that there shall be organized a Joint Administrative Council, which shall be composed of the Chancellor, the three Presidents, the three Deans of Colleges (or corresponding positions), and the Comptroller, who shall be responsible for handling such administrative matters as may affect more than one of the co-ordinating colleges.
5. We further recommend that in the future the President of each of the co-ordinating institutions shall be nominated to the Joint Conference Committee; by the Board of Managers of the institution concerned. Said Joint Conference Committee shall refer such nomination to each of the other Boards of Managers, and on receiving a favorable majority vote for such nomination, the Joint Conference Committee shall then forward the nomination to the United Board of Trustees for confirmation.
6. Your committee further recommends that in the co-ordination of these institutions, that, except in the Theological College, all men shall be registered in Fukien Christian University, and all women shall be registered in Hwa-nan College. Both men and women may be registered in the Theological College. Students registered in any one of the three institutions shall be allowed to register for special course in any one of the three institutions, and all credits thus secured shall be credited to them in the institutions in which they are registered as regular students. The faculty members of the Theological College shall be registered as members of the faculties of either Fukien Christian University or Hwa-nan College as may be most suitable to their work and courses offered; but in no case should more than half of the Theological College faculty be registered in either Fukien Christian University or Hwa-nan College except where it may be necessary in the case of there being an odd number of the faculty of the Theological College.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC RELATIONS OF THE FUKIEN

CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HWA-NAN COLLEGE AND UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Your committee on academic relations met on February 14 to hear reports on the present colleges and departments of Fukien Christian University, Hwa-nan College and Union Theological College and to make recommendations for their relations.

A. Report

It is reported that TCU has now three colleges embracing eleven departments. The College of Arts has four departments: Chinese, Western Language, History, Education; the College of Science has three departments: Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Mathematics; the College of Agriculture has four departments: Agronomy, Horticulture, Agricultural Economics, Rural Education. Hwa-nan College (College of Arts and Science) has seven departments: Chinese Literature and History, Home Economics and Education, English, Music (2-year course), Physics and Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry. Both institutions run a pre-medical course of study.

B. Recommendations

Your committee after a careful study of the problem given to it wishes to make the following recommendations:-

1. All existing departments of F. C. U. and Hwa-nan should be maintained, but there should be no duplication of major professors, no duplication of courses offered. Additional courses and personnel should be agreed upon by a joint academic relations committee.
2. A Joint academic relations committee should be organized to make adjustments in courses and personnel, to avoid duplication and conflict as well as to meet the additional need of each department. It is to be composed of the academic dean and three other representatives of each institution, making a total of twelve members.
3. All existing departments should be open to the students of the three institutions; new departments while run by some one institution should likewise be open to all. Such arrangement should be reported to and approval should be secured from the Ministry of Education.
4. Upon the approval of the academic deans concerned, students should be permitted to elect any course or courses in any department of the coordinating institutions.
5. A joint committee on admission should be organized to conduct entrance examinations and to pass on the admission of students.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF ADJACENT CAMPUSES
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HWA-NAN COLLEGE, FUKIEN UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Your committee appointed to consider the location of Fukien Christian University, Hwa-nan College and Fukien Union Theological College has visited the campus of Fukien Christian University, the campus of Hwa-nan College, the campus of the Union High School, and also Sie-buo to study campus possibilities. In considering the matter entrusted to your committee we have had in mind three possibilities:- (1) The locating of the institutions on adjacent campuses at Kwei-chi, where Fukien Christian University is located; (2) the locating of the institutions on adjacent campuses including the present campus of Hwa-nan College; and (3) the locating of the institutions on an entirely new site, that is entirely new insofar as the three institutions, Fukien Christian University, Hwa-nan College and Fukien Union Theological College, are concerned. Your committee had three meetings to consider the problem given to it, and wish to report as follows:-

After careful consideration of the problems involved in coordinating the above mentioned institutions on adjacent campuses your committee feels that from a physical viewpoint there is but one solution to the problem and that is that Hwa-nan College and Fukien Union Theological College should move down to the campus at Kwei-chi.

But in making this recommendation your committee feels that such a move should be strictly on the basis of co-ordinate physical plants in order to avoid the development of any sense of an inferiority complex.

In making these recommendations we do so fully realizing that this plan is a long step in a complete amalgamation of the institutions and fear it will mean the sacrifice on the part of Hwa-nan College, of that distinctive contribution which she has been able to make in the past, and that it removes the Theological College from its close contact with the life of the churches in which its students must work.

Your committee is further convinced that the problem of personnel in the co-ordinating institutions, which has been a serious obstacle to closer co-operation in the past, must first be solved before any steps can be taken towards co-ordinating the institutions on adjacent campuses.

Respectfully submitted,

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