

To the Board of Directors,  
Lindenwood College.

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Gentlemen:

In presenting the Fall report it gives me much pleasure to announce that the enrollment of the College is the largest in its history. Of the 263 students enrolled, there are represented 23 states and 3 Foreign Countries. The name and fame of the College is extending rapidly and a more cosmopolitan air is being assumed by the student body. A comparison of the enrollment for 5 years may be of interest to you, and is as follows:

1914 -	101
1915 -	129
1916 -	182
1917 -	206
1918 -	250
1919 -	263

The income from the students has greatly increased over past years not only aggregately but relatively. With a continuance of the large enrollment to the end of the scholastic year, the prospects of meeting all obligations from income are promising. At the annual meeting held June 11, 1918, the President of the College was given a borrowing credit of \$30,000 in the banks of St. Charles. This amount provided an increase of \$20,000 over the \$10,000 indebtedness of the College which was assumed by the College from the money previously borrowed by the Board on old debts. We have reduced our indebtedness to the banks to \$10,000 and met all bills to date, with a comfortable balance for operating expenses.

Owing to the increased enrollment additional teachers were required. The Secretarial course grew so in numbers and demand that Miss Lillian Allyn of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis was secured to head the department. The classes in French and Spanish required additional help and Miss Ethel Sykes of the University of Missouri was employed for the year. In compliance with the necessity of meeting the conditions of a War Course suggested by the government, Dr. B. Kurt Stumberg accepted the position as Medical Director and Professor of Physiology and Hygiene. Miss Lena Barber having retired from the chair of Botany, Miss Louise Laipple of Columbia University, New York, was selected to succeed her. Miss Jessie Cox was also called to succeed Miss Mary Palmer, resigned, to the Domestic Art department. The faculty is the strongest we have ever had from a point of educational qualification and all the members of it comply with the requirement of being Christians.

At this meeting the Board must determine the future character of the school. In my opinion we cannot delay longer in extending the course from a two year college course to a four year standard college with the elimination of two years of academy work. In suggesting this policy several things must be considered - First, The purpose of the bequests to the endowment fund to make Lindenwood a co-equal to the best colleges in the country in standards of education. Second, The expectation of the public that at the earliest possible moment the college should take such a place among colleges.

Third, That in making such a change it may be necessary for a short time to have a lessened enrollment. It is not a question of numbers on the roll but the educational standard of the school that must at this time concern us. Fourth, Taking our place among the standard colleges of the State will relieve us of the dependence upon the State University for accrediting and permit us the freedom of an individuality that does not exist under present conditions. Further presentation of this suggestion will be made when the recommendation is taken up for more detailed discussion.

At this meeting the following items of business are imperative:

1. The appointing of an Architect to outline plans for future development of the College - its buildings and grounds.
2. The consideration of the purchase of the tract of land adjacent to Margaret Hall.
3. The consideration of the request of Dr. R. S. Calder for an increase in salary from the Bible Endowment Fund.
4. The consideration of the request of the Director of Music that at the earliest possible moment Margaret Hall be used exclusively as a Conservatory of Music.
5. The consideration of a home for the occupant of the Margaret L. Butler Bible Chair.
6. The consideration of the admittance of four year National Sororities should the four years College Course be adopted.