

State Normal School for Women

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS

April 30, 1919.

Dear Mr. Burruss,

It is with much regret that we, the home economics faculty, learn of the changes you have made in the course of study. May we see a copy of it as you have it? Is it too late to make any amends? We do not feel that it was possible to cut the percentages as much as you have without most serious injury to the course. We worked not four-teen hours but many times fourteen hours trying to make the course and we feel that we were in a position to have helped you had you given us the chance. We were not at all satisfied with the results of our work on Saturday and had we not been under the impression that we must report to you when we did, ~~and~~ that it was your desire that only slight changes be made, we

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would gladly have given the whole of the afternoon and evening to it. Neither Miss Baylor or Miss Baer made ~~us~~ think it necessary to make such material changes. Naturally the other schools in the state will be glad when they see our course weakened - but should we do it?

In reading over the passage referred to by you - we are wondering if the State divides the percentages as Miss Baylor does. The State says, "50% to scientific and academic branches and to educational subjects." We believe we are safe as long as we follow the percentages sent out by the Federal Board.

It does not seem possible for the present instructors to carry all of the work that will be necessary next year - all four years - and

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not one class of the course should be taught by a student assistant. We do not believe the V. H. people would stand for it.

If our school is to hold the high standard we are setting the design must be taught by a trained person.

We do not believe we can get students to return for the third and fourth years if we cannot offer them the work that will make them strong teachers of home economics.

Very truly,

S. Frances Sale