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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

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Office of the Director of Studies

June 15, 1933.

Vice President N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
New York, U. S. A.

*Ans'd 7/11/33 - Will gladly cooperate.
Outline a plan, after finding out what
Cressy has done in China and let me
know how I can help.
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Dear Mr. Gee:

I have just written you a note concerning Mr. C. F. Wang separately so that you may forward it to Mr. Scott.

I wish now to take up with you a matter which has been on my mind for some time. I wish to get your advice as to the significance of the problem and the proper procedure that should be adopted. I refer to the problem of the relative academic and scholastic standing of Yenching as compared with the American colleges and universities. Every thinking person, including the Layman's Commission and the League Commission on Education, agrees that the permanent future of a Christian educational institution in China will depend primarily on its scholastic standard and academic integrity. There is no getting away from the fact that Yenching is conducted mainly on the American college model. It seems to me that we should be at least certain that we stand well among our own class. Then we can forge ahead with conviction and courage. This of course is the more fundamental motive that suggested the problem to my mind. More superficially we have the constant problem of evaluating American colleges and being evaluated by them through the transfer of students.

While we have some general impressions as to how well or badly we compare with the American colleges, there has been never any systematic attack of the problem. Individual evaluation of a student's work here of one college over against another is bound to be piecemeal and unsatisfactory. We have now a considerable number of our alumni and former students scattered in the different institutions in America. I have been wondering whether we cannot get at this matter in a more comprehensive way and whether the results could be conclusive enough to justify the time and expenses involved. I wish to learn what you think of the idea and how you would advise me to proceed with it, or whether to proceed at all.

The Word of the big deficit in the next year's budget of the University has reached us. Dr. Stuart is now in Shanghai and expected to arrive by Saturday afternoon, day after tomorrow. everybody is awaiting his return with pleasure but not unmixed with anxiety. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Sincerely,

Y. M. Mei
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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July 11, 1933.

Dear Dr. Mei:

Thank you for the information about Mr. Wang Chen fah. I have sent this on to Mr. Scott.

I am much interested in the question of the scholastic standing of Yenching University with our American Universities, and I am prepared to cooperate in any possible way with you. You will find that one of the early bulletins of the Higher Education group in China is a little bulletin by me on this subject. This was done largely because I had so many requests from United States institutions as to the standing of the China institutions. I would suggest that you take this question up with Mr. Cressy in Shanghai, see what has been done, and then outline some plan of procedure - either you could conduct this correspondence from your office there or I could do it here as was thought best.

If nothing has been done there in China - Mr. Garside tells me that he thinks Mr. Cressy has been working on something this past year - then I think we should begin to try to find out by a circular letter just how we stand with the institutions where our students have done work. In order to do this we should send with each letter a pretty full lot of our literature catalogs and departmental descriptive material, and should show how active we are in graduate work.

Let me know what I can do to help, or if you prefer that I sound out the Deans of several of the leading institutions such as:- Columbia, Chicago, Harvard, Cornell, etc., where our men have completed the work for their doctorates, I shall be glad to do this. Give me a definite series of questions you desire to have answered and I shall see what can be done.

Yenching is certainly very fortunate to have contracted in advance for its budget at such a favorable rate of exchange - for 1933-34 you are comparatively well off but with the slump in the U. S. dollar, I am a bit uneasy about the following years, unless we can stir up things here in America a bit. Our financial situation here is very difficult, but Dr. Stuart has already spoken to all of you about it, I am sure, and there is no need for me to repeat.

I hope you may open regularly this fall and that the situation will present no serious handicaps.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee
Vice President

To Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching Univ.
Beiping, China
Copied by Mrs. Wiedes

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*Sent to Mr. Miller
Jan 11 1934*

January 10, 1934

Professor Adam Leroy Jones
Chairman of Comm. on Classification of
Universities and Colleges
Association of American Universities
Columbia University
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Professor Jones:

In the November 4, 1933 number of "School and Society" we find the "Report of the Committee on the Classification of Universities and Colleges on The Revision of Standards". It is something which we have been looking for for some time. Our institution does not properly come within the scope of American universities, but if it is possible we should wish to have our University examined and classified by your Committee. We make this special request of you because of two reasons. First, a few of our graduates and students are able to continue their studies abroad, mostly in America, every year, and an increasing number of American students are applying for entrance to our University. Because of our faculty training and association we know the standards of most of the American institutions rather well, but we have had very often to explain ourselves to the American universities which our students wish to enter. If a central and competent committee like yours could make an examination of us, it would enable the American institutions to understand us better. Secondly there is a more fundamental consideration for having our academic standard investigated. We fully agree with all competent observers that the permanent future of a Christian educational institution in China will depend primarily on its scholastic standard and academic integrity. Since our University is conducted mainly on the American pattern we should wish to be at least certain that we stand well among our own class. We realize that the work entailed in examining and classifying an institution properly, especially one in the Far East, must be considerable, and yet we hope it would be possible for you to accede to our request. We would be willing to pay a fee for this service if it is necessary and if the amount is not too large.

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For your reference we are sending you under separate cover the following printed material:

- 1) Information For Admissions Officers Concerning Christian Colleges in China, published by the China Christian Educational Association. (Description of Yenching on pp 27 and 28)
 - 2) University Faculty Directory
 - 3) Graduate Division Information Sheet
 - 4) Undergraduate Colleges Entrance Information Sheet
 - 5) Graduate Division Bulletin
 - 6) Undergraduate College of Arts and Letters Bulletin
 - 7) Undergraduate College of Natural Sciences Bulletin
 - 8) Undergraduate College of Public Affairs Bulletin
 - 9) Guidebook for Students
 - 10) University Income and Expenditure Account, 1932-33
- Herewith we are also enclosing the following data:
- 11) Training and Experience of the Faculty
 - 12) Lists of publications of faculties of Natural Sciences and Public Affairs
 - 13) List of Courses offered by Faculty, Fall 1933
 - 14) Departmental Instruction Statistics, Fall 1933
 - 15) Memorandum on Graduates studying in universities in America

By way of summary and supplement of the material presented, we wish to make the following brief statement on the points in which you are specially interested:

Status of Yenching University:- Peking University, one of the constituent institutions absorbed into Yenching University, and the institution which gave to the new University its English name for a period, received its charter from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York about 1889. Reorganization and enlargement took place in 1917-18 and at that time a revised charter was granted by the New York State authorities, which is still in effect, and Yenching sends to these authorities in Albany its annual reports.

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In 1929 Yenching University was officially recognized and registered by the Chinese Government Ministry of Education in Nanking. The present organization of Yenching's undergraduate division into three colleges was effected in conformity with Government regulations.

Reference may also be made to recognition by Harvard and Princeton universities. The Harvard-Yenching Institute, under its own Board of Trustees, associates the two institutions in the support of Sinological studies. And the Princeton-Yenching Foundation has enlisted the cooperation of certain Princeton interests in support of the social science departments at Yenching.

The American office of Yenching University is at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City (Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary and Treasurer).

Admission of Students:- Because of differences in the educational systems of China and of America, admission requirements of Yenching are not stated in exactly the same terms as used by your Committee in the Report. But you will find from the printed material listed above as 1, 3, 4. that our admissions standards are quite strict, and, if anything, rather more so than what seems to be laid down by your Committee. The following table will suggest an idea as to the percentage of applicants admitted each year for the last several years, and in reading this table one should further bear in mind that even secondary education in China is not enjoyed by many students and is conducted on a more or less selective basis:

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Graduate												
Division:												
Candidates	105	44	149	132	19	151	127	16	143	71	16	87
Stdnts admt'd	78	8	86	76	12	88	84	12	96	49	15	64
Transfer:												
Candidates	208	44	252	107	43	150	150	42	192	81	12	93
Stdnts admt'd	55	20	75	27	15	42	38	16	54	44	7	51
Freshman:												
Candidates	280	104	384	352	138	490	554	189	743	564	211	775
Stdnts admt'd	130	63	193	130	58	188	181	83	264	231	107	338

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The University has set for itself the limit of 800 for its total student body, and it has been only with great difficulty that we are able to keep within this figure.

Graduation Requirements:- Yenching being a young institution, we have been trying to be quite conscientious in our work and standards. It has been sometimes remarked that we are over-scrupulous. We exercise great care in making and administering our graduation and degree requirements. We require a minimum number of 136 credits with a minimum general "grade ratio" of 1.00 for college graduation. But we go much further than this in our graduation requirements, a full statement of which will be found in the "Guidebook For Students", pp. 34-37.

Preparation For Graduate Study:- Of the eighteen departments in Yenching practically all offer curricula adequate as preparation for graduate study. Our own Graduate Division includes 12 of the 18 departments, and of the 107 students registered in the Graduate Division, about half of them are our own graduates. Between 15 and 20 of our students complete a three-year Pre-Medical Course with us every year and proceed to the Peiping Union Medical College, an internationally known medical institution of high standing, for medical training which is all of the graduate level except the first year. Over 50 of our alumni and students are at the present registered in more than 30 American institutions of higher learning. Several others are doing advanced studies in the leading universities in England as well as continental Europe. The enclosed memorandum (enclosure 15) includes 37 of our graduates attending universities in America 1932-33 about whom we have ready information.

Training and Responsibility of the Faculty:- In the enclosed list we have tried to include such tangible facts as the degrees, past experience, number of years of service in Yenching, and published writings. Supplementary lists of publications of certain faculty members are also enclosed. Very often such data cannot fully describe the attainment and standing of a teacher. The University is especially fortunate in attracting to its faculty a considerable group of Chinese scholars with special attainment in Chinese studies including Chinese literature, archaeology, and history, but without degrees of the Western type. Further, Professors Chang and Hwang of the Philosophy Department and Professor Luh in Psychology are regarded as among the best in China in their lines. Professors William Hung and T. T. Lew have lectured in leading universities abroad during their furlough years. Professor Shuhsi Hsu is a well known authority on Manchurian questions, and served as advisor to the Chinese delegation to the League of Nations at Geneva. Members of the Biology Department have special distinctions in their own lines.

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In line with the tradition of a Christian university, a number of teachers give themselves unusually liberally to teaching and guidance of students even at the cost of research and scholarly attainment. All full-time members of the faculty have their residences in and around the University campus. Under the inspiration of the departmental faculties, departmental clubs including both teachers and students of the department are prevalent, and most of these clubs have put out publications in one form or another. The average teaching load is less than 10 periods per week. Except two or three teachers, all have schedules below 12 hours of teaching. For the present semester over 90 members of the faculty are in residence and offering a total of 232 courses amounting to 718 credits of work to the 815 students. The average course attendance is 20.63. Teachers of large classes are usually provided with assistants.

Finances and Equipment:- The printed Income and Expenditure Account suggests an idea of the financial condition of the University. A Board of Trustees in America controls the finances of the University, the endowment funds aggregating about \$2,500,000. A Board of Directors in China shares in financial and general administration locally. The recent economic depression naturally works hardship on Yenching, but comparatively we seem to be less affected than other institutions that we know of.

The Library:- The Yenching Library has the largest Chinese collection among university libraries in China with 220,411 volumes. The collection of Western books includes only 36,744 volumes and is being developed. The rapid increase in the Chinese collection has already made the library building inadequate, and plans for increasing library space are under consideration.

Number of Degrees Granted in Each of the Last 6 Years

	<u>1928</u>	<u>1929</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>
Master of Arts	6	6	9	14	15	13
Master of Sciences	1	6	3	10	14	12
Bachelor of Divinity	2	1	1	-	3	-
Bachelor of Arts	81	66	76	64	139	84
Bachelor of Sciences	33	39	41	44	46	32

In line with generally strict administration, the University has not yet granted honorary degrees.

Because of distance from New York we have tried to supply you with all the relevant information about us that we can think of, erring on the side of too much rather than too little detail perhaps. In your Report it is stated that "no

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college will be accredited until it has been inspected and reported upon by a representative regularly appointed by the Committee on Classification." It is apparently difficult to carry out this clause in our case. If it is possible for you to consider a substitute procedure at all, we should like to refer you to Professor W. E. Hocking of Harvard University and Vice President Frederic Woodward of the University of Chicago, who examined us rather carefully only two years ago as members of the Christian Layman's Commission. Further reference may be made to Professor E. S. Corwin of Princeton University and Professor R. E. Park of the University of Chicago who have recently spent each a semester as visiting professors in our University. If because of technical considerations, our University may not be regularly approved and classified by your Committee, we would still appreciate an indication of the unofficial opinion about us by your Committee in comparison with American institutions which you have regularly considered and approved or rejected. We would appreciate receiving a copy of your approved list. We feel sorry to be giving you this additional work, but we hope the reasons for our request will enlist your kind assistance.

Thanking you for your trouble in anticipation,

Sincerely yours,

Y. F. Mei
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Approved _____
PRESIDENT

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believe will be satisfactory until it has been inspected and
reported upon by a representative regularly appointed by
the Committee on Accreditation. It is especially difficult
to carry out this clause in our case. It is possible
for you to consider a suitable representative of all, we should
like to refer you to Professor J. M. Jones of Harvard
University and Vice President of the Council of the Uni-
versity of Chicago, who are among the most carefully only
two men who are members of the National Academy of Sciences.
Further references may be made to Professor J. M. Jones of
Harvard University and Professor J. M. Jones of the
University of Chicago who have recently been elected members
of the National Academy of Sciences. It is possible of
course that you may have some other representative who is
equally qualified. This representative may not be regularly
appointed and classified by your Committee, we would still
appreciate an indication of the character of the person
of your choice in connection with these institutions.
When you have made up your mind and approved or rejected
a certain representative, we would be glad to hear from you.
We feel sure that you will find this a most useful
and the person for our report will be glad to hear from
you.

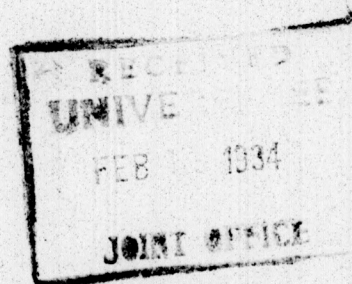
Thanking you for your role in this situation.

Sincerely,
J. M. Jones

J. M. Jones
Harvard University

Approved

J. M. Jones



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January 18, 1934

Acknowledged 3/19/34

Mr. N. Gist Gee, and
Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Sirs:

As I have written to Mr. Gee before, I have been trying to get the academic standards of Yenching tested and classified by some competent authority. The enclosed is a copy of our letter for this purpose addressed to Mr. Jones of the Committee on Classification of Universities and Colleges. I enclose^x also a copy of the material sent to him which is not already in your office. We hope this correspondence will be of interest to you, and there might be occasion for him to consult you on this matter.

In the list of topics sent to Dr. Stuart on which you wished articles about Yenching, there is one on the academic standard of Yenching. The present effort has been made also partly to enable us to write such an article in more definite terms than merely our own estimates.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

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DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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January 25th, 1934

Dr Y. P. Mei, Director of Studies,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

Dear Dr Mei:-

Your letter of June 15th, 1933 reached me promptly last year and I sent you an answer on the 11th of July, 1933. If you will refer to that letter you will see that I asked for some outline of such specific information as you wished me to obtain for you. I think possibly it had best be put in the form of questions which I might get answered for you from the college authorities wherever desired.

I have found all the institutions which I have approached most eager to have some kind of relationship with Yenching and I have written to Dr Stuart two or three times asking him to draw up some tentative outline of what such a relationship might be to begin with. We would have to work out some type of cooperation as a starter and then develop this as the opportunities opened up in each case. Certainly the first thing to be done in each instance is to establish ourselves with reference to our standards with the college authorities and then the future plans may be laid gradually when times become a little better. No institution is now ready to put out any money for such a cooperation but after the interest is developed then when times become better, as they must soon now, our chances for carrying on will be much better than if we had not taken these initial steps. Dr Stuart now has a letter from Dr Deutsch of Univ. of Cal. asking about the form of cooperation which might be worked out. They are interested at U. of C. and it would be well to strike while the iron is hot there. Talk these matters over with Dr Stuart and then send me a note as to what is wished and what you both think can best be done now. I shall be starting back toward the coast within the next month and it would be well to have something in hand as a basis of my further conversations with the people out there.

W.P.S.

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Committee on the Classification of Universities and Colleges

321 University Hall, Columbia University

February 12, 1934

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Director of Studies
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Mei:

I have read with much interest your letter of January 10th together with the documents which accompany it. The question which you have raised is one which has been brought to us by certain other institutions, particularly some of those in southeastern Europe and Asia Minor. As you will see, a large question of policy is involved.

The Association of American Universities regards as cardinal the policy that no institution should be placed on its approved list until after a thorough examination and an inspection by an experienced inspector appointed by its Committee on the Classification of Universities and Colleges. A periodical re-examination of institutions on the approved list is also a settled policy. As you will see, this limits very decidedly the extent to which the Association can provide for the inclusion in its approved list of institutions in foreign countries. While it might be possible occasionally to arrange for an inspection of such an institution, such inspections would certainly be difficult and rarely possible. Moreover, if the Committee were to undertake to consider a given institution, it should be ready to perform a similar service for any other worthy institution which might apply.

It is difficult to see how, in view of these policies, the Association could accede to your request. However, I shall have great pleasure in bringing the matter before the Committee when it next meets. Unfortunately, it will be several months before the meeting takes place so that I shall be unable to send you the matured conclusions of the Committee until the autumn.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Adam Leroy Jones
Chairman

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Office of the Director of Studies

February 27, 1934

Vice President N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Your favor of January 25 following up the matter of ascertaining the academic standards of Yenching is to hand. About the same time I sent you and Mr. Garside a letter enclosing a duplicate and accompanied by a set of printed material informing you of our approach to Professor Jones of Columbia for the purpose of getting Yenching classified according to the standards of his Committee. I suppose this material has reached you by now.

In writing that covering letter to you I forgot to mention that your letter of July 11 had been duly received and led to a course of correspondence with Mr. Cressy. The General Information Bulletin On Christian Colleges In China is what he has at hand, and he is not planning to go at the matter in any more systematic way until a year or two later. Our Education Department called my attention to the opportunity of Dr. Jones' Committee. It has taken us a considerable period of time to get the stuff prepared for that.

Now that we have taken this step, I wonder if you feel there is anything further for us to do before hearing from them. If you could, from the New York end, supplement our information to the Committee and help hasten their proceedings, we could probably get a report from them sooner than otherwise. If you see anything that we could still do indepently, please let me know.

Chancellor Tsur and Dr. Stuart as well as others involved are all working extremely hard on the Million Dollar Campaign in China. It is still at the beginning stage, and naturally tangible results are not yet many. But everywhere there is interest and moral support.

Sincerely yours,


Y. P. Mei
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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March 19th, 1934

Professor Adam Leroy Jones,
Chairman of Committee on Classification
of Universities and Colleges
Association of American Universities
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Professor Jones:-

Dr F. P. Mei, Director of Studies of Yenching University, has sent me a copy of his letter of January 18th, 1934, to you. We are very much interested in this question of our classification and I would appreciate an opportunity to meet you personally to discuss the matter.

I have some very good pictures of the buildings at Yenching and it will give me much pleasure to show these to you and to discuss with you any questions arising in connection with Dr Mei's letter.

Will you kindly indicate some time at which I might call upon you when we might take this question up?

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee
Vice President

*Encl. 4 copies
each to
you. T. D. Day
& Princeton Address*

C. to Y. P. Mei

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
COMMITTEE ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ADAM LEROY JONES, CHAIRMAN
321 UNIVERSITY HALL
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK CITY

March 21, 1934

Professor N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Professor Gee:

Your letter of March 19th addressed to Professor Jones has been referred to me. Professor Jones passed away on March second and no successor has yet been appointed to his place.

Professor Jones replied to Dr. Mei's letter before his death. His position was that the Association of American Universities could not consider extending its field to colleges and universities outside of its present territorial limits. While it would be a pleasant gesture to include Yenching University, Roberts College and similar institutions which are well-known in this country and which have periodical visits from American educators, still the inclusion of such institutions in the Association might lay the Association open to applications of a similar sort from other institutions abroad.

The Committee has no method at present of arranging for an inspection every few years of such colleges and universities all around the world.

Cordially yours

L. G. Godrich

L. G. Godrich
Adviser to Foreign Students

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copy sent Dr. Mei

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March 24th, 1934

Dr Y. P. Mei,
Director of Studies,
Yenching University
Peiping, China.

Dear Mr Mei:-

Your letter of February 27th has just come and I send this at once.

Dr Jones is dead and Mr L.C. Goodrich has just written me for him explaining the situation of the Committee. A copy of this letter has already gone on to you. I do not see that we can do much more now than simply strengthen our position with the institutions where our graduates are at work, keep them informed and I shall make personal contacts wherever I go for Yenching among the colleges and Universities.

Of course, if some official document could be issued by the Council on Higher Education classifying the institutions it would have more influence here than something done by any one institution. I guess we will have to wait for that.

I am glad that you are pushing your campaign there for money. The hoped for "come-back" in America is retarded by the actions of the Government and "Big Business", or industry, is beginning to feel that it has taken about all it can bear. I do not know how much longer they will go without a break. There are all kinds of rumors now and they may take form later.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee.

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April 24, 1934

Professor N. Gist Gee
Vice President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Prof. Gee:

The President's Office has handed to me the following:

Your letter to me of March 19
a copy of your letter to Professor Jones of March 19
your letter to me of March 22
a copy of Mr. Goodrich's letter to you of March 21.

It was certainly a surprise for me to hear that Professor Jones of Columbia passed away so suddenly. His reply to our request was dated February 12, a copy of which I enclose herewith for your reference. In consultation with Dr. Lucius Porter, we were about to send him a reply asking him not so much to reconsider our case as to inform us what are the general standards adopted in classifying any college in America by the Committee, and how do Columbia and other popular universities evaluate the work of students done in Chinese institutions. It was also our intention to follow up the matter by writing Dr. Duggan of the Institute of International Education asking him whether the Institute is in a position to go into the matter of classifying educational institutions of the Far East, and especially Yenching. Dr. Jones' death and Dr. Duggan's absence from America would probably make any immediate action along these lines inadvisable. If it is convenient, you might like to sound out the other people at the Institute and Dr. Duggan, when he returns, whether such a request from us could be considered by them. If Dr. Jones' Committee cannot make use of the stuff that we have sent him, you might be able locally to effect its transfer to the Institute for reference.

The method of inquiry and questionnaire with individual institutions in America about individual graduates and students from Yenching might have to be used in the end, but I feel it is a very wasteful undertaking and the results cannot be conclusive unless a large number of cases could be discussed in detail. Therefore I am inclined to exhaust all the other possibilities before we resort to this method if we have to. I wonder if this is also your opinion. Any suggestion from you will be exceedingly welcome.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Mei
W. S. Mei

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May 14, 1934

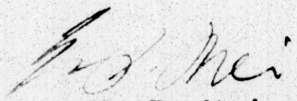
Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 14. We certainly appreciate all the efforts that you and the Institute of International Education have been making to secure scholarship aid for the Yenching candidates. As indicated in our original communication it was doubtful in our own minds whether the plan could be instituted this year. If some thing should be forthcoming this spring, it would be all the better. If that is not possible the three applicants should be given first consideration next year.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Y. P. Mei
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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May 23rd, 1934

Mr L. C. Goodrich,
Adviser to Foreign Students,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Mr Goodrich:-

Since it is not possible for us to get any action from the Committee on Classification of Universities and Colleges of the Association of American Universities, we would like very much to have back the materials sent to that Committee by Yenching as we wish to make other use of it. Would you kindly see that it is returned to us?

Dr Mei, our Director of Studies, has written asking just what methods are used by the committees in American Universities in classifying students coming from the Orient. Since we can not get any classification in this way, have you any suggestion of procedure that would enable us to be assured that our students will get proper credit for their work done at Yenching? Where we are known no question arises but we would like to have some general standing given by an investigation by some authoritative body.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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Columbia University
in the City of New York

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

321-322 UNIVERSITY HALL

May 26, 1934.

Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Gee:

Your recent letter has been received in Mr. Goodrich's absence and I am, therefore, writing to say that the material prepared for the attention of the Committee on the Classification of Universities and Colleges of the Association of American Universities has been forwarded to Dean Fernandus Payne, of Indiana University, who has taken over the duties of the Chairman of that Committee. I am immediately advising him that you wish its return. *cu*

I am sorry to say that I do not know of any procedure that would insure that former Yenching students who wished to pursue further studies in Columbia University would automatically be given credit for Their previous work. Our own procedure in the case of most students coming from the Orient who have not taken any studies in an American college or university of recognized standing has been to require that they complete a certain amount of work as unclassified students before determining the basis of matriculation. In the past such a procedure has been found to be quite satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Frank H. Bowles

Frank H. Bowles
Acting Director

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AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

May 26, 1934

Mr. F. R. Murrow
Institute of International Education
New York City

Dear Mr. Murrow:

-----The question was submitted to the Council's Committee on Standards at its meeting last month, and they adopted a resolution to the effect that the regional organization responsible for the area in which the American institution was incorporated or chartered should be asked to assume responsibility for accrediting. This would mean that institutions chartered in New York would fall under the jurisdiction of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. If an institution in China is so incorporated, the procedure would be to apply to the Middle States Association for recognition. Dr. R. N. Dempster, Registrar at Johns Hopkins University, is, I believe, looking after these matters for the Middle States Association. He is also secretary of the Council's Committee on Standards.

The difficulty with recognition from the Association of American Universities is that they require personal inspection and that is an expensive matter for foreign institutions, unless provision can be made to utilize the services of some visiting scholar.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) John H. MacCracken

Copy to Dr. Mac - 5/29/34

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May 28, 1934

Dr. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gee:

When we talked over the telephone the latter part of last week, I said that I should send you a resumé of Dr. Duggan's correspondence with President Paul Monroe of Robert College at Istanbul concerning the accrediting of his institution through the American Council on Education. This College is fully chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York. I think the attached copy of a communication from Dr. John H. MacCracken, the Assistant Director of the American Council on Education, seems to offer some solution for Robert College. Perhaps it may also for Yenching.

Sincerely yours

[Signature]
Assistant Director

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Copy to Dr. Lee - 5/29/34

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May 28, 1934

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Director of Studies
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Mei:

I have just received a letter from Dr. Frank H. Bowles of the Office of University Admissions, Columbia University, in which the following paragraph occurs:-

"I am sorry to say that I do not know of any procedure that would insure that former Yenching students who wished to pursue further studies in Columbia University would automatically be given credit for their previous work. Our own procedure in the case of most students coming from the Orient who have not taken any studies in an American college or university of recognized standing has been to require that they complete a certain amount of work as unclassified students before determining the basis of matriculation. In the past such a procedure has been found to be quite satisfactory."

This gives some idea of the procedure at Columbia. Doubtless each institution has its own plan for evaluating the work of the students who enter from the Orient.

I am expecting to hear in a few days from the International Institute, and when I receive their report I shall be glad to send a copy of it to you for your information. It will relate to the status of Robert College in the Near East.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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May 29, 1934

Dr. John H. MacCracken
American Council on Education
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. MacCracken:

I am writing to ask about the possibility of some recognition of the standing of Yenching University by some authoritative body in America.

We are fully chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York and we are well known by a number of institutions in which our students have already studied, such as Chicago, Cornell, Princeton, Harvard, etc.

We have very full information concerning Yenching, which has been submitted to the Association of American Universities but they are unable to take any action on account of the necessity for regular inspection. I would be glad to submit this information to you or to such other persons as you may indicate who would be able to pass upon the work at Yenching.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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CC: Q. Mei
Dr. Dempster

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AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
744 JACKSON PLACE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 31, 1934.

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
Vice-President, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

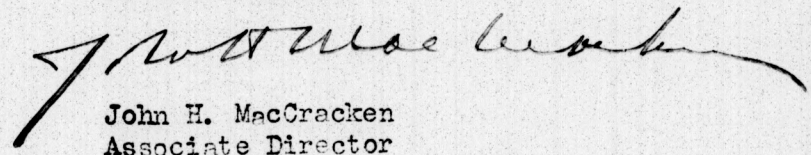
Dear Dr. Gee:

The method of according recognition to American colleges in foreign countries was discussed by the Council's Committee on Standards at its meeting in April, and the following resolution adopted:

"Voted, That American institutions in foreign countries seeking American recognition be accredited by the regional association in whose area the particular institution is legally incorporated."

Under this resolution, Yenching, being incorporated in the State of New York, should apply to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Since the death of Professor Adam Leroy Jones of Columbia University, Mr. R. N. Dempster, Registrar at Johns Hopkins University represents the Association in these matters, and I would suggest that you take up the question with him by correspondence. He is also secretary of the Council's Committee on Standards, so is fully informed as to the questions involved.

Sincerely yours,


John H. MacCracken
Associate Director

copy to Y. P. Mei. 6-8-34

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
COMMITTEE ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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June 4, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Gee:

Mr. Bowles sent me a copy of your letter asking for the return of the data which you submitted to our Committee on Classification of Colleges and Universities of the Association of American Universities.

Under separate cover, we are returning the data in two packages, one by first class mail, the other by second class.

I am sorry we find ourselves unable to give Yenching University consideration. I am wondering whether the study which was conducted a few years ago at the University of California might not give your University the rating which it ought to have in this country. At the present time, with conditions in China in such a state of unrest and also such a state of flux, I am wondering whether it would be profitable to attempt to give any university in China an exact rating. I am inclined to think that most of us would want to have information from year to year.

If there is anything that our committee can do, however, we shall be glad to give your University further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Fernandus Payne
Chairman

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copy sent y. P. Mei 6-8-34

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June 6th, 1934

Dr. Bernardus Payne,
Indiana University,
Bloomington,
Indiana.

Dear Dr. Payne:-

Thank you for your letter of June 4th and the two packages of material which you have kindly returned to us for our further use. I am now in communication with the American Council on Education and hope to get them to take some action if possible.

I understand that the main difficulty with foreign Universities is the question of inspection by some authority representing your Association. I should think that this might easily be arranged as well known educators are constantly visiting Peiping. We would be glad to cooperate with you in any way desirable in order to get a classification by the Association. Yenching is really an American institution and many of the Chinese students come over here for further work after graduation there. This being the case it would be an advantage to have regular standing recognized by American Universities.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee
Vice President.

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June 6th, 1934

Dr R. N. Dempster, Registrar,
Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore ,
Maryland.

Dear Dr Dempster:-

I have now received the necessary materials
for your consideration in connection with Yenching's application
for classification by your committee and I would be glad to
send this to you at once if your Committee will undertake
to give us a definite rating.

Please let me know as soon as possible if
you are prepared at this time to go into this matter for us.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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June 8th, 1934

Dr. Y. P. Mei,
Director of Studies,
Peking University,
Peiping,
China.

Dear Dr Mei:-

Your letter of May fourteenth concerning Institute
of International Education fellowships has just been received.

I have just talked with Miss Douglass and she confirms
what I had thought of half year fellowships. Awards are made
for the entire year and it is rare that a half year fellowship
is given unless it is to meet some emergency for a student already
here and at work. She thinks it will not be at all likely that
such aid could be found for a new student and that this might be
a handicap in our application for aid for the year 1935-36.

Miss Douglass promises to take up actively this fall the
question of a possible fellowship for one of the three applicants
for 1935-36. If more than one can be had she will let us know also.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

I am sending with this some correspondence which has come to me
in connection with our effort to get classification for Y.U. I
am still proceeding with this and hope to have something to report
soon. I am trying to get word from Dr Dempster but two letters have
failed to bring a reply so far.

N. G. G.

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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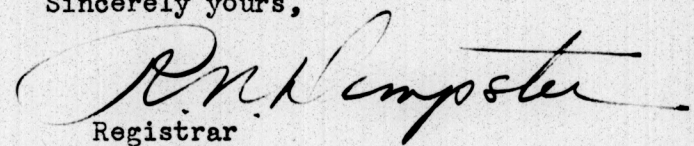
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Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
Peiping, China
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

My dear Dr. Gee:

In connection with the application of Yenching University for recognition, may I suggest that you write directly to Dr. Wilson Farrand, acting chairman of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Newark Academy, Newark, New Jersey. I am making this suggestion in view of the recommendation of the Committee on Standards of the American Council on Education, namely that foreign institutions seeking recognition should apply to the regional association in whose territory the institution is legally incorporated. Since Dr. Jones's death, Dr. Farrand has been presiding over the activities of our Commission.

Sincerely yours,


Registrar

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
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ADAM LEROY JONES, CHAIRMAN

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Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
June 9, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear sir:

I have your letter of June 6 concerning the receipt of materials which were sent to you and also concerning the question of the classification of Yenching University.

I am not sure how seriously your request was discussed previously, but if you like, I will again bring the question before our Committee next October in order to see if there is some way of evaluating your University.

Very truly yours,

Fernandus Payne
Fernandus Payne
Chairman

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Copy to Y. P. Mei

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June 11, 1934

Dr. R. N. Dempster, Registrar
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Dempster:

Thank you for your letter of June 9th which
has just been received.

I am taking up the application of Yenching
University for recognition by American universities with
Dr. Wilson Farrand, as you suggest.

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President

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June 11, 1934

Dr. Wilson Farrand
Newark Academy
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Farrand:

Some time ago Yenching University made application for classification to the Committee of the American University Association.

Dr. Jones's untimely death has interfered with final action on this matter and I have been in correspondence with Dr. John H. MacCracken, Associate Director of the American Council on Education. He informs me that the following action by the Council's Committee on Standards was taken in April:-

"Voted, That American institutions in foreign countries seeking American recognition be accredited by the regional association in whose area the particular institution is legally incorporated."

Dr. MacCracken advised me to communicate with Dr. Dempster of Johns Hopkins University and I have just this morning had Dr. Dempster's letter informing me that you were acting chairman of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. I am therefore writing to you asking for directions as to how we may submit the material which Yenching has prepared with a view to securing action on its standing with American universities.

If you will kindly inform me whether I am to send this material directly to you or to some other person, I shall proceed as you direct.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am,

Sincerely,

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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cc: Dr. Gee

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MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Wilson Farrand, Acting Chairman

Newark Academy

215 First St., Newark, N.J.

~~OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN~~

~~COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK~~

June 12, 1934.

My dear Dr. Gee:

In response to your letter of June 11th I am writing to say that your report in regard to Yenching University should be sent to me.

There will be no meeting of the Commission until November, but if I have the material early this summer I shall have leisure to go over it carefully and to ascertain what further information is needed.

We always have considerable difficulty in dealing with an institution outside of this country, for it is naturally not possible to make a personal inspection. At the same time, I am quite familiar with portions, at least, of the work at Yenching, and know intimately certain members of the Princeton Faculty who have been on the ground and have seen what you are doing there. I am sure that you will find the Commission predisposed in your favor.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Farrand

Acting Chairman.

Dr. N. Gist Gee.

copy to Y. P. Mei

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June 13th, 1934

Dr Fernandus Payne,
Indiana University,
Bloomington,
Indiana.

Dear Dr Payne:-

Thank you for your letter of June 9th
which has just been received.

I appreciate very much indeed your offer
to take up again with your Committee the question of
the classification of Yenching University. Will you
kindly let us know whether you desire to have the ma-
terials which were in your hands again or not.

There has been some action by the American
Council on Education which seems to refer our classi-
fication to the Middle States Association of Colleges
and Secondary Schools, Commission on Institutions of
Higher Education, and I am now in communication with
Dr Wilson Farrand of Newark, N.J. concerning the
handling of our case. Yenching University is incorpo-
rated in the State of New York and it seems that we must
be classified by this regional association. This Com-
mittee meets in November and it would be possible to have
our materials with your Committee and then get them back
to Mr Farrand in time for his Committee if this were desired.

I shall be glad to hear from you further if you
have any suggestions. We are very appreciative of your in-
terest in Yenching and your willingness to help us get the
proper recognition.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee.

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June 13th, 1934

Dr Y. P. Mei,
Yenching University
Peiping, China.

Dear Dr Mei:-

The correspondence goes merrily on and I am still hoping that we may find the proper group to take some definite action yet as to Yenching's standing as compared with our American Universities.

I am sending you copies of the last two letters relating to this matter and I shall keep you informed as to the progress made.

We would be glad to have a letter from you now and then giving us such information as we might send out to those who are especially interested. We are hoping to send special letters to special groups from time to time and one from you along the lines of the academic accomplishments and the place our students take in the life of China will be most helpful. We can print or mimeograph it here and distribute from our office.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

June 13th, 1934

Dr Wilson Farrand,
Newark Academy
Newark, N.J.

Dear Dr Farrand:-

Thank you for your letter of June 12th which
has just been received.

I am sending under separate cover the materials
which have been prepared by our Director of Studies for your
Committee and will be very glad to have you go into the matter
as fully as possible and, if it is at all possible, give us a
classification which will be helpful to us here in America where
so many of our students come for their graduate work.

If there is any additional information which you
desire it will give me pleasure to secure this for your Committee.
If you wish an interview I shall be glad to come to Newark to see
you or will be glad to have you drop in at our office here when you
are in New York.

We are glad to know that you have some knowledge of
Yenching already and that you feel sure that the Committee will be
predisposed in our favor. If inspection is desired, I am sure that
it will be possible for you to delegate this to some selected person
visiting the Orient.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee.

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
COMMITTEE ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
June 18, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Gee:

In reply to your letter of June 13,
I wish to say that you need not return the materials
which I sent you.

I shall take up with the Committee,
at its meeting next October, the question of whether
or not we may give your request for classification
further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Fernandus Payne
Fernandus Payne
Chairman

FP:HL

C. to G. P. Mead

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MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Wilson Farrand, Acting Chairman
Newark Academy

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

215 First St., Newark, N.J. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK

June 30, 1934.

My dear Dr. Gee:

I have at last found time to go through carefully the data which you sent me in regard to Yenching University.

There is, of course, a good deal of information in the various documents that we do not need. At the same time, they give, in most respects, a very good picture of the work that the University is doing. Our difficulty, of course, will be to determine how far we are justified in making allowances for the difference in aims and conditions between institutions in China and in the United States.

There are one or two things that I should like to talk over with you in order to clear up some points that are rather doubtful in my own mind, and I am writing now particularly to ask if you are going to be in New York during any part of the summer. I shall be at home during a good deal of the summer, and if I can hit on a day when you are also here, I shall be very glad to make an appointment to see you at your office and to talk over a number of matters with you.

Two of the things which I should like to understand are in regard to your entrance requirements and the compensation of the teaching staff. I gather that your entrance requirements are practically those of all of the universities in China, but I should like to know how the grade of the Chinese schools compares with that of the American high schools. Naturally the statement of definite sums will give little idea to an American mind of the relative value of salaries, but we are concerned in being assured that the compensation of the teaching staff gives its members sufficient for a reasonably comfortable life and for their scholarly improvement.

These are both points that I can get a more accurate picture of from talking with you than from statistics. When I get a fairly good picture of your work, I will write to a number of the men who have visited or worked in Yenching, to get their impressions. Both Professor Conklin and Professor Corwin several years ago told me how they felt, and it is possible that we may get from the testimony of a number of these men a sufficiently clear picture to warrant us in waiving our ordinary inspection.

Next week is rather broken with me, but it is possible that I may have a clear day in the course of it. The following week I expect to be at home most of the time, but shall probably be away for a day or two.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Farrand

Acting Chairman.

Dr. N. Gist Gee.

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July 2nd, 1934

Mr. Wilson Farrand, Acting Chairman,
Newark Academy,
215 First St.,
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. Farrand:

Your letter of June 30th has been received and I wish to thank you very heartily for the interest which you are taking in the problem which is facing us of securing recognition by American universities.

I shall be very glad to make arrangements to see you at almost any time that you will indicate during the Summer except between the dates of July 7th and July 14th as I shall be away part of that time in attendance upon the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

It will give me much pleasure to discuss with you the two questions which you raise in connection with Yenching. Of course salaries in China are on a missionary basis and are therefore very small even as compared with salaries in America at the present time, but provision is made for housing, for medical care, for travel and for furlough in addition to the compensation paid on the field. Also foreign families with children have an allowance during the school age of the children for their education. In addition to this there is available a retirement plan toward which the university contributes its share. The teacher may or may not take this at his own wish.

Possibly I can give you a better idea of the Chinese school system when we meet. College work is preceded by six years of what is termed Middle School in China. There are three years of junior and three years of senior Middle School work. I would say that this covers very much the same as our high schools in America. Of course these Middle Schools vary considerably in their efficiency just as similar schools would in America. Some are well equipped and do laboratory work in the sciences. In several cases the colleges have Middle Schools associated with them and the college laboratories are available for Middle School work. Naturally these schools do a better grade of work than those with less equipment. Yenching gives a regular entrance examination and only about an average of possibly one third of the applicants are granted admission. I think this situation guarantees our getting a pretty high grade of students for our Freshman year. Most of the eliminations take place in the first year or two of college work.

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Mr. Wilson Farrand

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Quite a number of American teachers of reputation know Yenching quite well. Dr. Paul Munroe, Dr. George H. Parker of Harvard, Dr. C. E. McClung of University of Pennsylvania, Dr. M. C. Guyer of University of Wisconsin as well as Dr. Conklin and Dr. Corwin have visited China recently and can speak for Yenching. Just recently also Dr. R. E. Park of the University of Chicago spent sometime there in sociology, also Professor Frank L. Martin, Dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri spent a term at the University in Journalism. Any or all of these, I am sure, will be glad to give you something of their impressions of the work done in Yenching.

If you will kindly indicate some date when you expect to be in New York City, I shall hold that day open for an opportunity to talk with you and I hope you will come over in the morning and make arrangements to have lunch with me while you are here.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your interest,

I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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Copy to Dr. J.L.Stuart

New York, N.Y.
July 6, 1934

Dr. Y. P. Mei,
Director of Studies,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Mei:

I have just come in from a three hour conference with Dr. Wilson Farrand who is temporarily acting in the place of Dr. Jones who as you know died sometime ago.

Mr. Farrand knows Yenching and I have answered as many of his questions as possible and believe that he is now satisfied on most scores. He still wishes to know however, something of the work of the Middle Schools in China and the nature of the Yenching University entrance examinations. If you are able to send us typical courses of study of the better Middle Schools, this I think would serve his purpose. I am also sending with this a formal application to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is necessary to be enrolled in this group before we go to the National Association. I think whatever this group does will place us with the National group. Kindly let us have this information as soon as possible as this meeting takes place in the fall when these questions will be discussed. It is likely that I shall have to meet with the group to answer any questions which they may ask.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee

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MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

WILSON FARRAND, CHAIRMAN
NEWARK ACADEMY
215 FIRST STREET
NEWARK, N. J.

FRANK H. BOWLES, SECRETARY
321 UNIVERSITY HALL
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK CITY

June 27, 1935.

My dear Dr. Gee:

I have been so busy during the last few months that I have been able to give very little thought to the matter of Yenching University, and at the two meetings of the Commission which have been held since my talk with you last summer, we have also been so pressed that there has been very little discussion in regard to it.

Since receiving your letter, however, I have refreshed my memory by going over the material which you submitted to me. This confirms very largely the favorable impression that I have of Yenching, but, at the same time, brings up with equal strength the feeling that this impression is limited by the fact that we have no first-hand judgments formed by men that we know in regard to a number of points.

There will be another meeting of the Commission in November, and during the summer and early fall I shall try to see if I can get from some of the men that you have named who have visited the institution some definite statements in regard to certain points about which we are in doubt. Our rule is that we place no institution on the list until it has been personally inspected by one of our own number, or by someone in whom the Commission has absolute confidence. Thus far we have placed no foreign institution on our list, and we shall want to be very sure before we make a beginning of their inclusion.

I shall have more time in the next few months than I have ever had before to pursue such inquiries. I am retiring this summer from my position here, and expect to move down to Princeton at the end of September. While there I shall have no regular duties, and expect to give as much time as may be necessary to the work of this Commission and of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Farrand

Chairman.

Dr. N. Gist Gee.

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June 28, 1935

Mr. Wilson Farrand
Newark Academy
215 First Street
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mr. Farrand:

Thank you for your letter of June 27th which has come this morning.

As you are going to live in Princeton I would suggest that you get in touch with Professor Edward S. Corwin, head of the Department of Political Science. Dr. Corwin has spent some time at Yenching and knows very intimately the work there. I hope very much it will be possible for you to get in touch with him before your meeting in November.

I trust too that it will be possible for you to break your precedent and add Yenching as the first of the foreign institutions to be recognized by your Association.

I would suggest that further communications concerning this matter be directed to President Stuart in Peiping.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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