r Butler - Are we entitled to speak as a committee any more than they Sir James Barrett told them to put it in writing and they have not done so, but how do we stand?

r Middleton - This committee will make a report to the School of Mines Council and I take it that the Council will take the matter in hand

r Darrow - The simplest thing for the Council to do would be to send to representatives of bodies interested in the Arts course to formulate a proposition to the department - As we have much of the equipment and staff that can be used it seems a very much simpler matter to press the Government for an increased grant for this special purpose than we are building on sound foundation - It is quite clear that no new institution could be formed on account of the financial position of the University

r Maxwell - Do you suggest that the Mayor should do that?

r Middleton - No that would come from the School of Mines Committee - There is room for number of good active members - We could make room for more than 6 as there are some who do not attend regularly and if the word was passed to them they would drop out -

r Martin - The position to me is that we already have more recognition than the University could give to any new body, - If we teach up to the standard of the University. We cannot hope to get any further recognition - We should first see that we get the student - I would like to see the University not recognise any other body as they have one institution in this district that they recognise. One looks to the University for education of a high standard, and if small bodies throughout the State are formed they are going to reduce their standard - With the majority of the professions most of the people who go into them do so for the purpose of earning their bread and butter - If with the population we have in Victoria you are to multiply these small colleges the result will be lowering of the standard. I do not think it is going to act with any benefit if the University recognises more than one body in this district.

School of Mines wants the college established here and if not here will not agree to it being anywhere else. That is not true - The Committee have the Government an estimate of the cost. We considered that estimate much too low - They left out altogether the question of dealing with office work, the equipping of an office and the appointment of an office staff. We have a complete organisation to deal with this work - We have thousands of pounds worth of equipment in the engineering and science laboratories. Mr Hurley speaks about the University atmosphere. What is the University atmosphere ? There are scores of students taking University courses who are not getting the University atmosphere. The boys who really get the University atmosphere are those residents in the University colleges. Do you mean to say that the student taking an arts course would learn any less from a lecturer in a classroom connected with this institution than he would in a class conducted in the Town Hall as Ballarat Mech ? I did hope that a full attendance of the committee would have been here so that we could have discussed the whole matter thoroughly.

Mr Darrow - Have the committee done anything in writing or sent in their claims to the University ?

Sir James Barrett - They have done nothing at all - I asked them to put their case in writing and so far it has not been received - Until their case is written and so far it has not been received - Until they form themselves into a corporate body they could not do anything. I suggested that they form themselves into a corporate body - If they were as individuals it could be decided and so me effect -

The Mayor - What is the best way out of the difficulty ?

Mr Hurley - The only way could be to bring more people together in consultation

Mr Harrison - Is it worth while ? This opportunity has been given and I think their non attendance is on itself - They know that Sir James Barrett is here and they have been asked to attend - and they have been given an opportunity to speak and they treat the circular and Sir James Barrett as with disrespect - I think we should not bother any further