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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 20, 1957, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Coder, Mr. D. Brooks, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Moss, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek, and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Adee, Dr. Kuhn, and Dr. Nutt.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. McCartney. At the last meeting of the Senate the question regarding assemblies was discussed and a committee was appointed to study the question and submit a plan. Dr. McCartney asked the committee, Dr. Garwood, Chr., Dr. Coder, and Dr. Ray for their report.

Report from Committee on Assemblies. The following report was given to the members of the Senate:

Assemblies

I. Philosophy:

A. Any assembly which requires class time should make a significant contribution to the student's education, i.e., on balance, the gain derived from the assembly should more than offset the loss of class time in terms of educational opportunity.

B. The number of assemblies per year which interfere with class time should be reduced, not over six per semester.

II. Mechanics:

A. Artists and Lectures numbers:

1. Generally speaking, in terms of numbers they should be balanced between semesters, not over three per semester. This is not to be regarded as a completely rigid number which would prevent use of some outstanding program.

2. The Kansas University series should be discontinued.

3. The Artist and Lectures Committee should be instructed to arrange only assemblies which would indicate a high quality product in keeping with the philosophy noted above.

a. To this end, the Committee should be instructed to contact Emporia and Pittsburg to see if some arrangement might be made whereby an outstanding number might be shared by all three schools.

b. It is suggested that the Committee think in terms of securing outstanding academicians for at least one assembly per year. The fields of interest should be varied from year to year.
c. It is suggested that the Artist and Lectures Committee formulate a pattern for its programs covering several years so that a student during his four years be given a program with a purpose.

B. All pep assemblies should be scheduled in the evening.

C. Other assemblies:
   1. An Honors Convocation should be scheduled each spring.
   2. No assembly should be scheduled for career day. Those students having a part in such a program should be excused from class.
   3. Not over one assembly be allowed for campaign speeches for student body offices.

D. Attention is drawn to the possibility of conducting assemblies at regular class periods, i.e., rotating them during the morning periods.

E. Other than the frame of reference noted above, the administration should be allowed to pass judgment as to whether any other proposed assembly is in harmony with the philosophy of assemblies noted above.

This plan was discussed by the members of the Senate.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that we adopt the plan as set forth above. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary