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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, May 6, 1959, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Bogart, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. E. Martin
Dr. J. Martin, Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Tomanek, and Dr. McCartney, Chairman

Member absent: Dr. Coder

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney.

Application form for approval of new courses. Copies of the attached form to be used for application for new courses were given to the Senate members. The form was discussed. It was asked how the forms would be handled—sent to the heads of departments or kept in one of the offices, such as Dean or Registrar. This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate approve the form, Application for New Course, as presented and that the supply shall be kept in the Dean's Office for distribution. Seconded and carried.

Report on special methods courses. Dr. J. Martin, who was asked to contact the Education faculty regarding the methods courses in areas or departments, reported that he had discussed this question with Dr. Broach, Dr. Harbin and Mr. Youmans, the Education Faculty Members who teach the secondary methods course. In general, they are not opposed to the plan but feel that the education methods course should not be eliminated. The education methods class meets eight class periods per week and is combined with the principles course. They do not meet during the time the students are in the training schools.

Dr. Martin said some of the questions asked were:
1. Would all the departments participate in the special methods plan,
2. What about the size of the classes for the special methods—in some of the departments or areas there would be only one or two students,
3. What about the faculty personnel for the special methods—should be faculty members who have had experience in secondary school teaching,
4. Some of the departments have special methods courses now—would these be discontinued or incorporated, or would another methods course be added.

Dr. Martin suggested that it might be well to have a meeting of all the department heads and the education faculty in an effort to discuss the special methods courses and work out the mechanics of a possible plan.

"Dead Week" which was discussed at the last meeting was presented for further discussion. The details of the "Dead Week" at Union College were read. The chairman reported that students have reported that in some classes written examinations have been scheduled for Friday during the last meeting of the class before the final examination schedule which begins at 3:10 that day. One student reported that there is to be a one-hour test in his 2:00-o'clock class just previous to the beginning of the final examination schedule and he has an examination in that first period. It was asked if there should be a regulation
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that examinations lasting longer than 30 minutes should not be given during the
week prior to the beginning of the final examination schedule. It was suggested
that instructors plan their courses and arrange tests for classes and that they
probably are the best judges regarding planning of the course work, tests, etc.

It was suggested that the question regarding the "dead week" should be
presented to the faculty to get their reactions. They probably should have a
voice in deciding this question. Also, it might be well to have some students' opinions regarding it.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary