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RECOMMENDATION: Geology course, 35 Rocks and Minerals.
Report: Miss Lacey reported on the Reading Program -- Written
report attached. **Faculty Bulletin,**
Honors Convocation Committee-- See **Vol. XVIII, No. 19**
below--to go ahead with plans **Page 4**
for the honors convocation.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, June 17, 1953,
3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present:

E. R. McCartney
Standlee V. Dalton
Ralph V. Coder
Mrs. Katherine Bogart
Harold S. Choguill
Geneva Herndon
Ivan Richardson
Emmet Stopher
Leonard W. Thompson
Margaret van Ackeren

Others present:

Mabel Lacey

Members absent:

C. Thomas Barr
Joel Moss

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

Geology courses, 35 Rocks and Minerals:

The following request from Dr. Wooster was read:

"To the Faculty Senate: There needs to be added to the list of Geology courses a course in mineralogy. In accordance with that need, I herewith submit the following write-up of such a course, for your consideration."

"35. ROCKS AND MINERALS. Three credit hours. Prerequisites, 1 and Chemistry 1. As the name indicates, this course is a study of origins, processes of formation and identification of rocks and minerals."

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 35. Rocks and Minerals, be approved. Seconded and carried.

Miss Lacey reported on the Reading Program:

Miss Lacey presented the report on the Reading Program, 1952-53, which was sent to the N. C. A. Committee on Liberal Arts Education. A copy of the report is attached. This report lists the objectives, the equipment and the management of the course, Reading Comprehension 20. Miss Lacey presented the progress and the achievements of the students who were enrolled in the course.

Miss Lacey said that the membership of the classes in Reading Comprehension was predominantly freshmen. In the fall semester, freshmen who ranked low in the entrance tests put in the Reading Comprehension class regardless of their wishes. Miss Lacey said that this is not a very good plan. In the second semester, students elected the course--some had heard

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about the program and others were advised by faculty members or other students to take the course. Some of the students remained to the end of the semester; others stayed only a short period of time. Results will be better if the students discover their need for help in reading and then work at improving.

Miss Lacey said that it seemed to her that the reading program was more important than Basic English because many of the students will not go beyond one or two years of college and the reading ability will be more valuable to them than the writing, etc.

The results of the reading program have been quite satisfactory in most cases. Students praise the course. Most of the students have more than doubled their reading rate and that alone is helpful.

Miss Lacey was commended for the excellent work done in the improvement in reading among the students.

Honors Convocation:

The Honors Convocation as recommended by the Faculty Senate, which was the report of the Honors Convocation Committee, was approved by the faculty at a recent meeting. Dr. McCartney asked if the same committee should be appointed to go ahead with the plans for the Honors Convocation. Mrs. Bogart suggested that someone else take charge. After some discussion, the following committee personnel was selected:

Dr. Calvin Harbin, Chairman
Mrs. Katharine Bogart
Dr. Harold Hopkins
Two students appointed by the
Student Council--preferably,
one male and one female.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary.