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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 21, 1956, at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, Chairman, S. V. Dalton, Secretary, Dr. Coder, Mr. D. Brooks, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Harbin, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Moss, Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Tomanek

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

Final Examination Schedule:

Previous to this meeting the members of the Senate had been asked to contact the instructors of the sections of the general education courses which in the final examination schedule have had a specific period set aside for these courses. This spring commencement will be on Tuesday, May 29, and the customary examination days would be Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. If the examination schedule began on Wednesday, all examinations would be completed by Saturday afternoon.

The chairman said that if the six sections provided for the common examinations were not set aside, it would be possible to begin the schedule of exams on Thursday and finish by Saturday noon. Two questions for consideration were:

1. To what extent is the common period more valuable than the regular period,
2. Would it be just as well to give all the examinations in the regular schedule.

The following reports were given:

Biology: Prefer a period set aside for this final examination. Instructors teaching more than one section think it is a saving in time, etc., and it was suggested that if a study is to be made comparing the small and large classes it would be better to have a common exam. time.

Psychology: Prefer the common examination time but have not liked the position in the schedule as it is on third day of the test, and would like to have their examination earlier in the schedule.

Man and Society: One of the instructors is satisfied with common examination and has no preference as he does not give a final examination.

Physical Science: Prefer the Common examination.

Art and Music 20: Prefer it as it is but have been crowded for space for giving the tests.

English: Do not like the common examination period as there are too many students for the space and the number of instructors to supervise the tests. There were 1,047 students at the close of last semester examination and there was not sufficient rooms and space for this number. The instructors would prefer to give their exams in the regular final exam periods.

Modern Civilization: One instructor said that it would be possible to give the examinations in the regular schedule but the other instructors said that they thought they could not manage and felt that they needed a common period.

The reports were discussed and a recommendation was deferred to the next meeting on April 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary