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(See Minutes of next mtg. for action.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, February 6, 1957, at 4:00 p.m., in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Coder, Mr. Dalton, Mr. D. Brooks, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Kuhn, Dr. Nutt, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek and Dr. McCartney, Chr.

Members absent: Dr. Adee, Dr. Moss, Dr. Ray.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney, who presented the question regarding the scheduling of classes in order to make better use of the present facilities.

A letter from President Cunningham was read in which he recommended that the Faculty Senate give consideration to the scheduling of more classes in the afternoons in order to relieve the congestion of classes in the mornings and to make use of the classrooms the whole day.

Previous to this meeting, copies of "Possible Solutions for Room Problems" were sent to the Senate members with the request that they get the reactions of faculty members on the various items proposed. The following is a copy of

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR ROOM PROBLEMS

1. Shift Schedule to meet:

7:30	12:30
8:30	1:30
9:30	2:30
10:30	3:30
11:30	4:30
2. Require 40% of the classes to be scheduled in the afternoons.
3. Schedule some evening classes.
4. Schedule Saturday classes - Tues., Thurs., and Sat.
5. Schedule large lecture sessions for some courses.

The first plan above, shift schedule to meet on the half hours and begin at 7:30 a.m., was discussed. The Senate members reported that in discussing this plan with the faculty members it was not acceptable with most of them. One group, the education faculty, felt that this plan would be helpful to them in their scheduling. The science faculty did not like the plan and felt that it would be of no help in their scheduling. Others said that this would not be a good solution but would have the effect of starting the day earlier and would not actually tend to move the classes to the afternoon periods. Student employment and the inconvenience for those students who drive from nearby towns would be complications of this plan.

The second plan, require 40% of the classes to be scheduled in the afternoons, was discussed. It was suggested that some classes do not lend themselves to afternoon classes and in some departments where there are field

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trips this would be an interference, however, if those classes which do not have field trips, etc., are scheduled in the afternoons, this would be helpful. It was asked if the laboratories would be considered in the 40%.

The third plan, schedule some evening classes, was discussed but it was reported that this plan did not seem satisfactory to any of those contacted. It was suggested that there would be the conflict with activities, mealtime, etc. Scheduling classes at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. hours might be possibilities later when needed.

The fourth plan, schedule classes on TTS, was in use on the campus a few years ago but was discontinued. It was suggested that students who enroll for Saturday classes should not enroll for Monday morning classes which would give a two-day weekend.

The fifth plan, large lecture sessions for some courses, was discussed. It was explained that Picken Auditorium and Room 301 in Science Hall will be available for some class periods and might be used to advantage for scheduling classes of 80 to 100 and thereby require less sections. In general it was the consensus that the lecture method of teaching, which would have to be used, with little student participation and objective tests is not very satisfactory and except in some few instances should not be used.

It was the consensus that:

1. The scheduling of classes should begin on the hour beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continue through the 4:00 period with classes scheduled at 12:00 noon.
2. Schedule classes on TTS during the mornings at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00.
3. Schedule three-credit-hour classes for seventy-five minute periods on TT at 11:00, 12:35, and 2:00.
4. Schedule 40% of the classes in each subject field in the afternoons beginning at 12:00 noon.

It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman :

S. V. Dalton, Secretary