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Statement rec'd from Uni. of Okla. regarding deficiency in math. was read to Senate.
Report from Nebr. St. Teachers College, Chadron, regarding exemption of seniors from final exams--Survey conclusions.
Report from Dr. Coder regarding students deficient in English-- English staff to work out the best plan for these students.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 12, 1958, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Dr. Craine, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. E. Martin, Dr. Richardson

The meeting was called to order by the chairman for the transaction of business.

Statement from Mr. Toalson regarding basic mathematics at University of Oklahoma. The chairman read a statement, sent by Mr. Toalson, regarding the pre-freshman mathematics workshop which was held on the campus of the University of Oklahoma last August. The purpose of the workshop was to present preparation for those who had a deficiency in mathematics as determined by the testing program for new students.

Report from Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron, regarding exemption of seniors from final examinations. A report was read from Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron, Nebraska. Early in the first semester a survey was conducted to determine the standard practice in exempting seniors from final examinations. The survey covered seventy-five teacher training institutions scattered throughout the forty-eight states. The conclusions of the survey conducted by the Nebraska State Teachers College are as follows:

CONCLUSIONS

The general practice throughout the country appears to be that seniors take final examinations. The survey shows that:

1. Sixty-nine (69) out of seventy-five (75) or 92% do not exempt all seniors.
2. Fifty-seven (57) out of seventy-five (75) or 76% do not exempt any seniors.
3. Those who exempt some do so on the basis of:
 - (a) a specific scholarship average
 - (b) the professor's judgment
 - (c) tradition or custom
 - (d) facilitating administration or
 - (e) convenience with reference to spring graduation.
4. One senses from the comments and the percentages listed above that the practice of excusing seniors from final examinations is not generally considered educationally sound nor of wide-spread acceptance.

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Report from Dr. Coder regarding possible methods of providing for students who show deficiency in English in the counselling tests. After considerable discussion it was decided to leave the question in the hands of the English staff to work out the best method in the light of suggestions which were made. This is to be presented to the Senate at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary