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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, February 15, 1962 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Cain, Dr. Dick, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Marple, Dr. Moreland, Dr. Parish, Mr. Richards, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Herren, Dr. Tomanek.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the Graduate Record Examination as administered to the graduating seniors in the spring of 1961.

General Education course at the senior level. It was asked if we should consider another general education course at the senior level. Such a course might be named Great Issues or a similar title. A number of college and universities have established such a course in recent years. This is used as a capstone course for the general education program. Perhaps the basic purpose of such a course is to show the relation of the humanities and the sciences, natural and social. Our present general education program is a total of 41 credit hours.

It was asked if the Honors Seminar program might be considered to be the Great-Issues type of course. It was noted that at present, there seems to be a lack of interest in the Honors Program. This may be due to the fact that students are required to prepare a research paper, and also to the fact that the awarding of honors at graduation time has not materialized. Students who are going on to graduate study feel that the Honors Seminar courses are not as valuable as specialized study in the specific areas.

It was asked if the course, Man and Society, was intended as a sort of capstone course, and whether there would be overlapping if another high-numbered course is added. Another question brought up in connection with such a course was that of instructors. Regarding the overlapping of courses it was suggested that perhaps a committee should study this problem on the campus.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Florence Bodmer, Recorder