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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, September 24, 1962, at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the Dean.

Members present: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Coder, Mrs. Colburn, Mr. Coulson, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Dick, Dr. Kinsinger, Mr. McKee, Miss Rinker, Mr. Slechta, Mr. Spomer, Miss Veed, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Dr. Garwood explained the composition of the Senate as stated by the Administrative Council—to be composed of eleven members, one from each division of the college, and three ex-officio members, Registrar, Dean of the Graduate School and Dean of the Faculty. The ex-officio members are non-voting members.

The chairman called attention to the duties of the Faculty Senate as given in the Faculty Handbook. This was discussed briefly.

For today's meeting Dr. Garwood stated that he would like to suggest some items which probably should come before the Senate for discussion and action at later meetings.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate has been composed of three members with the Dean, Chairman, Registrar, Secretary, and one other member. Dr. Coder was the third member last year. Most of the business of this committee arises in the Registrar's Office and the Dean's Office. The committee considers such items as credit for courses taken while in the armed services with requests for credit, permission to graduate with less than the college requirements, petitions regarding the probationary status, and other rather routine matters. It was suggested that it might be advisable to have a teaching faculty representative on the committee. After some discussion, Dr. Garwood said that he would appoint a member. Marion Coulson was appointed from the Senate to serve on this committee.

It was announced that the Faculty Senate would not meet next Tuesday, October 2, as that is the day of the Faculty Men's Barbecue. The next meeting of the Senate Will be Tuesday, October 9.

Probation. Copies of the present rules and regulations dealing with probation were handed to the members and they were asked to study these in the light of the fall enrollment. Probation is to be discussed at an early meeting of the Senate.

Saturday Class Enrollment. It has been the practice to restrict the enrollment of students enrolled in Saturday classes if they are employed full-time in an elementary or secondary school. The practice has been that these people should not be permitted to enroll in more than five-credit hours during the school year where they are degree candidates.

Transfer Students. Mr. Dalton was asked to explain the requirement that transfer students be required to take the ACT or equivalent entrance tests. He said that in the fall enrollment there were 225 transfer students and most of them did not know whether they took the tests at a former institution. He noted that it was probably bad public relations to contact these institutions and ask for the information as they were also busy with enrollment. In addition he said that the students know whether they have credit in English 1 and 2. The Registrar's Office has the student's transcript and Mr. Dalton noted that the information obtained from the testing probably is not worth the time given to it due to the fact that the students cannot enroll. The mathematics requirement can be checked at a later time.

Workshops. The question has been asked whether we offered too many workshops in our summer session this past summer. It was suggested that work-shops were "bleeding" the regular summer session enrollment. The chairman suggested that this probably should be studied to determine if this is the case. This information will be helpful when planning summer workshops and setting up the summer session schedule for the summer of 1963.

Honors Program. This fall there are no courses offered in the Honors Program. It has been asked what is to be the future of the Honors Program. One suggestion has been that a course, Great Issues, might be offered in place of the Honors Program.

Weaknesses of the College. It has been suggested that the Faculty Senate might be concerned with the weaknesses of the college and how to correct them. This would probably be in the area of instruction.

College Needs. Dr. Garwood said that the administration is attempting to assess what the future enrollments will be in the next 5 to 10 years. In addition to the question of increased enrollments, there is the question of the size of staff and physical plant required in the next 5 to 10 years.

New Business. Dr. Garwood asked that the members of the Senate visit with the faculty members in their divisions in an effort to determine if any existing practices need to be revised or changed. This, of course, would be in areas under the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate as outlined in the Handbook. It was asked how new business should be brought to the attention of the Faculty Senate. It was also asked how the agenda of the Senate would be sent to the Faculty members previous to the meeting. The Senate members said that it is difficult for them to contact the members of the division to give them such information. One suggestion was that the agenda for the next meeting might appear in the "Goldenrod." Suggested items should be reported to the chairman of the Senate and the next week's agenda could appear in the "Goldenrod" the next Monday.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Florence Bodmer, Recorder