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Discussion: Spring Vacation of 9-days in place of Easter Holiday (beginning Thurs. a.m. before Good Friday and closing Tues. night after Easter Sun.) and closing classes during the Music Festival, Dist. on Friday.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senate recommend such a spring vacation (See below for recommended dates) Seconded and carried

Discussion: Payment of fee for failure to take semester examinations at the scheduled time. See page 2 of minutes.

Recommendation: (See minutes -- FAILED TO CARRY.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, February 11, 1964 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Bartholomew, Mr. Berland, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Falls, Mrs. Hellem, Mr. Marcus, Dr. Pierson, Miss Rowlands, Mr. Spomer, Dr. Staven, Miss Veed, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Member absent: Dr. Coder

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

Spring Vacation. Dr. Garwood explained that a plan for having spring vacation was being considered. With the present plan, we have Easter vacation of six days and then we close classes again the Friday of the District Music Festival. This spring according to the schedule, Easter vacation will start Wednesday evening, March 25, and school is scheduled to take up Wednesday morning, April 1. Classes would then be dismissed for the District Music Festival, Friday, April 3. It has been suggested that we dismiss classes, Friday evening, March 27, and resume classes, Monday morning, April 6. This would result in only one break and would seem to be more advantageous than breaking into two weeks. A plan being considered showing the dates for the District Music Festivals and the spring vacations was distributed to the Senate members as follows:

Year	Dist. Music Festival
1964	April 3 and 4
1965	April 2 and 3
1966	April 1 and 2
1967	April 7 and 8
1968	April 5 and 6
1969	March 28 and 29

- 1964--Spring vacation from Friday, March 27, 5:00 p.m. to Monday, April 6, at 8:00 a.m. (Easter, March 29)
- 1965--from Friday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, April 5 at 7:30 a.m. (Easter, April 18)
- 1966--From Friday, March 25, at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, April 4, at 7:30 a.m. (Easter, April 10)
- 1967-- From Friday, March 31, at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, April 10, at 7:30 a.m. (Easter, March 26)
- 1968--from Friday, March 29, at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, April 8, at 7:30 a.m. (Easter, April 14)
- 1969--from Friday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, March 31, at 7:30 a.m.

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Most colleges and universities have spring vacation and do not have Easter vacation. Spring vacation may not coincide with Easter.

This was discussed. It was suggested that the nine-day break at one time would be preferable to the six- and three-day breaks as it is now. It was noted that many students are required to help with the Music Festival and perhaps they would be required to return early. It was asked if the dormitories would be available for students who cannot go home or need to work at the Music Festival. It was noted that classes might be in session on Good Friday.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Staven moved that the Senate recommend such a spring vacation schedule. Seconded and carried.

Payment of fee for failure to take semester examinations at the scheduled time. Dr. Garwood asked the Senate for their reactions regarding the regulation we have for the payment of the \$3.00 fee for permission to take a semester examination at another time from the scheduled time. There have been many cases at the close of the past semester and it would be helpful to have suggestions regarding the interpretation of this regulation since there are many reasons advanced for missing the examinations. Some of the reasons for missing final examinations are illness, death in the family, misunderstanding as to the time, etc. Sometimes students seem to be absent from final examinations intentionally and they should be required to pay the fee but there are cases where the \$3.00 fee should not be assessed.

This was discussed. It was the consensus of the Senate that it had been administered satisfactorily, and it should be continued in this manner.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Spomer recommended that where a student has failed to appear for a test if he has a legitimate reason, the Dean of the Faculty may authorize his taking the test without paying the fee. Seconded.
MOTION FAILED TO CARRY.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder