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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, February 25, 1964 at 4:00 p.m. in the office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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

Member absent: Miss Rowlands.

Others present: Dr. Broach, Dr. Harbin.

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

Report on Released-time. Dr. Garwood asked Dr. Falls, Chairman of the Subcommittee, to present his report regarding the released-time. Dr. Falls explained that the committee had contacted all the areas and asked for their reactions and the two main items which came from this survey were: 1) there is very little need for this released time in the areas, and 2) the released time has imposed an extra load on the people in the area. He said that the Council for the Preparation of Teachers has been working on some changes which they will submit to the Senate at a later time and Dr. Falls said that with this in mind the committee thought it would be best to wait for their recommendations.

Dr. Harbin explained that the use of the released time was granted at the request of the areas, and that he has had some good reports on the use of the time, although he has not checked regularly but rather only now-and-then basis.

Dr. Harbin explained that the methods courses were taught in the areas and then it was thought that it was too specialized and the block plan was used and seemed to be operating very well. When the released time was requested, it was thought that this was a step back rather than forward. He also said that the whole Secondary methods program is being revised and they have the released time as one of the five items under consideration by the Council for the Preparation of Teachers.

The released time was discussed. The following questions and comments were made:

Some of the areas used the released time and some have not.
Some of the areas have special techniques courses in the area.
It was suggested that if the released time is to be used, the teacher should go to the high schools to see how the students are doing—they need to have a better idea of the situations to be met in the high schools.
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Are there areas which do not need either the released time or the special techniques?
Some of the members thought that the area teachers could be helpful to these students.
One of the questions about the released time is the unsatisfactory manner in which it is scheduled. Some of the instructors have to "hunt up" the student. One of the reasons for this study was brought about by the request to schedule these released-time students for a specific time to meet with the area instructors.
Perhaps the most important problem connected with this is the question of time which the area teacher would need to spend to handle the released time in a worthwhile manner.

It was suggested that this should remain in the hands of the Committee on Teacher Preparation since they are working on it, too, and the Senate should wait for their report on the question.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman
S. V. Dalton, Secretary
Florence Bodmer, Recorder