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Discussion: Report of the Faculty Senate Committee for the investigation of general education at F.K.S.C. (To be continued at next meeting.)

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, June 22, 1964 at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Mr. Dalton.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood.

Dr. Garwood asked Dr. Staven to explain the report of the Committee which investigated the general education program. Dr. Staven said that the Committee had tried to keep in mind the divisions, staff, facilities, etc., in an attempt to be fair to all. In the preparation of this report, the committee felt that this was a start in the direction of making changes which would tend to provide a general education program in keeping with programs of other colleges our size. It may be that some of the proposals are out of reach at the present time but could be used as a goal toward which to work. The limitations must be considered.

The report was discussed and questions were asked. Some of the considerations were:

The total hours as suggested would be 52 while the present plan is 41 hours which would mean that this plan would cover more of the total college program.
Each of the areas was discussed and the need for the courses as proposed. The social science area would allocate six hours to history and six to political science, sociology, economics and geography. Some Senate members thought this was weighing history too heavily.
It was suggested that it is difficult to employ instructors who are qualified to teach general education courses rather than specialized courses.
It was asked if general education and liberal education were to be considered as the same.

The committee explained the philosophy which they had followed in preparing this proposal.

It was asked if division chairmen or other faculty members should be asked to the Senate meeting to discuss this program. The Senate suggested that they should discuss this report further before asking division chairmen to act as consultants in their particular area of specialization.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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