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Discussion: Discussed the Report of the Committee for the
Investigation of the General Education.

to Pres. Office
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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, September 22, 1964 at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Miss Rowlands.

Others present: Dr. Moreland.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood, to consider the report of the Committee on General Education.

Dr. Edwards reported briefly on the meeting held in the Division of Language, Literature and Speech in which they recommended that two 3-hour courses in language be considered in the area of the Humanities as possible alternatives.

Concern was expressed about the music and art as planned as it was thought they would suffer from this program. Students would select the literature and language rather than music or art and it was felt that the students should have some study in these areas.

The use of advanced placement tests was discussed briefly.

Dr. Moreland was asked for his views of the program. He said that there is a national trend toward the teaching of more economics in the public schools. He said that he thought that the Social Science area should be given more consideration. He commented on the lack of similarity of the three courses, Sociology, American Government and Introductory Economics. At present there is only one staff member in the area of sociology. He said that he thought the social science area should be given more importance in a general education program.

It was noted that the students should be given more choice in the general education program. Too much direction vs. more freedom of choice in selection of courses was noted.

The number of hours in the general education program was discussed. It was suggested that the proposed program of 46 or 48 hours did not seem to be too much and particularly since within this frame of reference, there is opportunity to choose courses.

Dr. Pierson said that the use of the five-credit-hour courses is not very common, and that most colleges offer three- and four-credit hour courses and almost no five hour courses. If the courses were changed to four-credit-hours, this would make more courses available to the students. Other members of the Senate commented that they had no knowledge of five-credit hour courses until they came here. It was asked if the areas would be willing to accept such a change.

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Dr. Garwood said that the Senate would meet next Tuesday, September 29, to conclude the discussion of the general education program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder