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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, April 30, 1963 at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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

Member absent: Mrs. Colburn.

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

Probation cases. The chairman, Dean Garwood, reported regarding students on probation. He cited one case in which a student on probation enrolled for 13 credit hours and then during the semester withdrew from a five-credit-hour course which leaves a program of eight hours. In order to remove probationary status, he must complete ten hours of work in the next semester. The probation regulation is "a student who fails to remove the probationary status in the next semester or summer session of enrollment as set forth above, may not re-enroll until one semester has elapsed." This was discussed briefly. It was suggested that students who feel they are unjustly affected by this regulation should appeal.

Honors Program. The Honors Program which was discussed at the last two meetings was presented by Dean Garwood. At the last meeting, members of the Senate were asked to discuss the program with faculty members in their divisions.

Mr. Spomer said that one of the questions asked was regarding the students who transfer to schools of medicine, etc., and who have to have English appear on the transcript. Dr. Dick explained that those going into teaching have this problem also but it is taken care of by the Registrar's Office making a statement regarding the content of the substituting course. The Honors Program course might be treated in the same way. Dr. Dick also stated he thought transferring these courses to another institution would not create a problem.

Mr. Slechta suggested that any questions regarding the content of the Honors course might be avoided by indicating on the transcript following the Honors course in parentheses the name of the college course for which the Honors course was substituted.

If a student takes the full 24-hours Honors Program, he would have 13 hours in other areas or the area in which he is interested in the general education program. This would give him freedom to select other courses. It is conceivable that a student who transfers might be admitted to the Honors Program of that college.

It is expected that each teacher who is teaching in the Honors Program would submit a list of the work, books, readings, etc. which are required. This would indicate the areas which are to be covered in the program.

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Thirty upperclass students and forty-six freshmen students have been invited to take the Honors Program thus far. If all of these accept, there will be 76 students in the total program. It is probable that not all will accept the invitation, however.

The committee needs to go ahead with the program. It has been established that there are many problems and that this is a beginning. As the program progresses, problems will have to be met and solved.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Spomer moved that the Faculty Senate recommend the Honors Program to the administration with the consideration that adjustments be made as needed. Seconded. Carried.

Dr. Dick said that the comments and suggestions made by the Faculty Senate would be given consideration. He expressed appreciation for the confidence of the Senate in their action on the Honors Program and said that this would be very helpful to the committee.

Dean Garwood said the Faculty Senate would meet next Tuesday, May 7, and the two items to be considered would be the application for the new course in the Social Sciences Division and the request of the People to People organization. If necessary the Faculty Senate will meet on the 14th of May which would probably be the last meeting for the school year.

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder