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Discussion: Psychology courses, 15 and 16, which were presented at the last meeting.

Saturday and Evening Classes as prepared for the coming year presented and discussed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, July 19, 1966, at 11:00 a. m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Dr. Edwards, Mr. Evans, Miss Felten, Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Hollister, Dr. Proctor, Dr. Rice, Mr. Schmidt, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Mrs. Cobb, Dr. Fleharty, and Mr. Osborne.

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

At the last meeting the applications for new courses in the area of psychology were presented. These courses are for students who work at the Larned State Hospital in the Hospital Improvement Program in the summer. Dr. Garwood read a letter which Dr. Dick had prepared to be sent to the Larned Hospital regarding the courses. Dr. Garwood suggested that these courses would have to be handled as extension courses since they are off the campus. If the courses are approved, our faculty should be involved with the courses to the extent of the course work, guiding the work, etc.

This was discussed. Extension credit approval would need to be obtained from the Board of Regents. It was suggested that the instruction of this work should not be left in the hands of someone not on our staff. Our College faculty should direct or supervise the courses. Since Larned Hospital employs these people, would they want to direct the work? It was asked how this program compared with the nurse education and the directed teaching program.

Saturday and Evening Classes. Copies of the brochure showing the Saturday and Evening Classes being offered for the 1966-67 school year were distributed to Senate members. The need for Saturday classes was reviewed. Saturday classes were offered so that students enrolled in them would get residence credit. Most of the students in these classes are teachers in the public schools in the area and they drive in for the classes. Our policy has been that our obligation is to the students on the campus.

Why do we not offer more classes on Saturdays? The resources are committed to the daylight hours and full-time students. It was asked if more staff should be allocated for the evening and Saturday classes.

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It was asked if there was a possibility of classes being scheduled on Tues. -Thurs. -Sat. In the Division Chairmen meeting, this question was asked and the division chairmen said that there are enough classrooms available during the five days by scheduling classes in the afternoons so that it is not necessary to go to the TTS scheduling. One objection is that instructors should have Sunday and another free day from classes. Instructors do not like to be tied up for six days. It was asked if instructors who teach Saturday classes in addition to a full-time load might be paid for the additional work. The philosophy has been that it is better if instructors give full time to the regular teaching load and that additional classes dilute the efforts of the instructor.

The amount of the meeting time of the Saturday classes was discussed. It was noted that some classes lend themselves to Saturday classes better than others. It was asked if a study had been made of the students in the Saturday classes. It was also noted that the quality of the class on Saturdays may not be as high as that in the regularly scheduled time.

It was asked what would happen if the Saturday classes were discontinued. ^Would the students enroll for classes elsewhere? It was suggested that there probably would be a decrease in graduate students. Last year there were some 400-numbered courses offered on Friday evening for graduate students.

The Faculty Senate will meet next Tuesday, July 26. Dr. Dick will be asked to come to the meeting in connection with the applications for new courses which the area has presented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder