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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, February 21, 1967 at 3:30 p. m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Miss Cotham, Mr. Crites, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Fleharty, Miss Gangwer, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. McGinnis, Dr. McMechan, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Tomlinson, Dr. Wilkins, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman

Member absent: Dr. Youmans

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

Cheating. At the last meeting the Senate discussed how cheating should be handled. What to do about the case if it is referred further than the division. Instructors might handle cases of cheating with the division chairmen and these would not be referred. Some of the violations may flow to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty. If the individual is dismissed from school, he may wish to appeal. If the individual appeals, to whom should the appeal be made? In other matters appeals are made to the president and then to the Board of Regents.

This procedure was discussed. It was suggested that there should be established a workable and equitable procedure to handle cheating. It is hoped there will not be many cases of cheating and in most cases the instructor would handle the situation. The instructor might drop a student from his class but could not suspend the student from school. If the student is dropped from school the Dean of the Faculty is involved in the procedure. It might be that other colleges have procedures which they follow in such cases.

At the present time cheating is regarded as an academic problem and handled by the Dean of the Faculty. Disciplinary problems are handled by the Dean of Students. Could one committee handle both types of problems? Should there be one clear-cut procedure through which the student may go when he is cheating in examinations, drinking, etc? Should cheating be handled in the Office of the Dean of Students with other offenses handled there and then the appeal could be made to the Dean of the Faculty. Any one of the three deans has the power to dismiss students: Dr. Coder for graduate students, Dean Garwood for undergraduates and Dean Jellison for problems outside the classroom, etc.

There is a difference in offenses since in some cases there are instructors involved while in other cases there may be only students. It was noted that students may be dropped from school for failure to pay fees, failure to file a health report, etc.

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Three suggestions were made as to how cases of cheating might be handled if referred to the Dean of the Faculty:

1. It was suggested that the Dean of the Faculty would make the decision regarding the case involved. If the student wished to appeal, it would be referred to a committee of six--three from the Faculty Senate and three students selected from the Student Council. It was suggested that the student involved ^{be} permitted to choose in selecting of Senate members. This committee would review the Dean's decision and recommend to the president.

2. A second suggestion was made that the student should be given a choice in the handling of the case if it came to the Dean of the Faculty. The student would have the option to ask that the Dean make the decision or the case might be heard by a committee of three members of the Senate and three members appointed by the Student Council.

3. The third alternative suggested for handling the case would be to present it to the Faculty Senate for discussion and recommendation. The student advisor and instructor might be present at the meeting.

It was asked if student-disciplinary problems might be handled by the Dean of Students, as well as cases of cheating reported by the graduate dean, and the Dean of the Faculty. There might be a common committee to which appeals might be directed.

It was noted again that the reason this question was brought up was that the Faculty Handbook is being revised. There were three cases of cheating this year and questions were asked about how these were handled.

Mr. Tomlinson was asked to brief President Cunningham regarding our deliberations. Dr. Jellison will be asked to be present at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Florence M. Bodmer, Recorder