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Discussion: Commencement Exercises and activities in general. (\*\*Dr. Zinn Assembly cancelled.)

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Thomas that it be left to the discretion of each graduation class of nurses to decide whether they come across the stage once or twice. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that faculty march in the spring and summer Commencement Exercises. Motion seconded. Those in favor -2; opposed -8. Motion failed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that we star or mark the names of those students plus a general explanatory footnote to indicate students who have completed the Honors Program. Motion seconded. Motion carried. RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that we dispense with the faculty processional at the Spring Commencement. Motion died for lack of a second  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, April 29, 1968, at 4:30 p.m., \*\*\***  
in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Bachkora, Dr. Tomanek (substituting for Mr. Schroder),  
Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Smith, Dr. Wilkins,  
Miss Gangwer, Dr. Witten, Mr. Heil, Mr. Dalton and Dr. Garwood,  
Chairman.

Members Absent: Mrs. Popp.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

COMMENCEMENT. Prior to today's meeting, copies of the Spring, 1967, Commencement programs were sent to the Senate members. Dr. Garwood stated that Dr. Darrell Holmes, President, Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado, would be the Commencement speaker this year, and that the Rev. William C. Miller, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Hays, would give the Baccalaureate Sermon. Dr. Garwood stated the Commencement Program cover is designed by Information Services.

One member asked why the presentation of degrees was not done in the order listed in the program, i.e., Specialist in Education, Master's, Bachelor's and then Nursing. Our method is the reverse of this order.

Is it necessary for graduates to come to the platform to receive their degrees? Approximately 530 undergraduates' names were read last year. Some students and their parents like the recognition afforded each student. The student likes to hear his name called; there is picture taking and the individual receives attention at an important time in his life. The Registrar stated the Commencement Exercises, including the Processional, takes no longer than one hour and a half.

Dr. Garwood stated he has been asked whether students have to participate in

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all the Commencement activities, i.e., Alumni dinner, Commencement processional, and Baccalaureate services. This is an important period in a young person's life and Commencement week culminates four years of study.

Another member stated at the large schools where there are thousands of graduates not all the parents are present, neither do all the graduates march across the stage. He felt as the college (FHKSC) gets larger some change will have to be made; there will be objections when any change is made. Another member questioned if seniors would like to receive their degrees en masse. He felt the students should make this decision. It was the opinion of another member that both students and parents look forward to Commencement.

Could the seniors be polled to see how they feel about graduation? Dr. Garwood stated his office would contact graduating seniors.

ORDER OF CONFERRING OF DEGREES. The members felt the conferring of degrees could be in the following order: Nursing diplomas, Bachelor's, Master's, then Specialist's degrees. It was noted at KU, all march - Bachelor's, Master's then the Doctor's.

NURSES' REQUEST REGARDING COMMENCEMENT. The nursing students have requested that they be permitted to wear black dresses and black shoes like other graduates. At the present time, they wear the white uniform, white hose and white shoes when they receive their diplomas. They return to their seats and don the black robe then cross the stage again for their bachelor's degree. There were comments about the feeling of pride when the nurses crossed the stage in their white uniforms; it was an indication of their profession.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Thomas that it be left to the discretion of each

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graduation class of nurses to decide whether they come across the stage once or twice. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Discussion followed as to whether the names would be read twice. Dr. Garwood stated the nursing students contacted him about the manner of dress. They felt it looked archaic to be dressed in the white uniform. They felt the event should be more sophisticated. Dr. Garwood also visited with Miss Stroup who prefers the nursing students cross the stage twice - once in nurse uniform and then in the black cap and gown for their degree. This is a recognition for her students.

The question was asked if each group would have to be polled each year? The answer was "Yes." It was stated by 1970 only the degree in nursing will be conferred.

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT. The order of graduation exercises will be reviewed as to the order of march and the conferring of degrees.

FACULTY MARCHING IN SPRING COMMENCEMENT PROCESSIONAL. It was stated that some faculty want the same pomp and ceremony for the summer graduates as is accorded the spring graduates. It was noted that many of the students in summer work harder and over a longer period of years than do the spring graduates to obtain their degrees and they look forward to an impressive ceremony. The number of faculty marching in the summer would be considerably smaller than in spring due to the smaller number of faculty employed in the summer.

One member asked why not dispense with Commencement altogether? He was not present for any of his Commencements. It adds to the Commencement ceremony to have faculty marching in their colorful robes.

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RECOMMENDATIONS It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that faculty march in the spring and summer Commencement Exercises. Motion seconded. Those in favor - 2; opposed - 8. Motion failed.

HONORS COURSES. Dr. Garwood stated he had received a communication from Dr. Parish that the students who complete the Honors Program be given recognition at Commencement. Those who graduate with distinction are mentioned. Honors people should be indicated in some manner.

One member stated if we are getting away from the formality of Commencement, paying recognition for Honors is not consistent with our current line of thinking.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that we star or mark the names of those students plus a general explanatory footnote to indicate students who have completed the Honors Program. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

FACULTY ATTENDANCE AT PRESIDENT-FACULTY RECEPTION. Can the Division Chairmen and major advisers of the various fields represent the faculty rather than have 250 faculty members and wives in attendance? Perhaps three or four people from each Division and the major advisers might represent the faculty at the President-Faculty Reception. Other faculty who wish to attend should be able to choose whether they wish to attend the Reception but Division Chairmen and major advisers should be required to attend Commencement Exercises.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that we dispense with the faculty processional at the Spring Commencement. Motion died for lack of a second.

DR. ZINN ASSEMBLY, MAY 6, 1968. Dr. Garwood stated that after the Senate

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had granted approval for an assembly, Dr. Gordon Davidson contacted him to advise that Dr. Zinn could not be here for the assembly. Dr. Garwood stated that notices were sent out to all faculty members that the assembly has been cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**John D. Garwood, Chairman**

**Lucille Drees, Recorder**