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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, September 25, 1952, in Picken Hall, Room 205, at 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

E. R. McCartney, Chairman
S. V. Dalton, Secretary
Ralph V. Coder
C. Thomas Barr
Katherine Bogart
Harold Cheguill
Geneva Herndon
Joel Moss
Ivan Richardson
Emmet C. Stopher
D. W. Thompson
Margaret van Ackeren

Others present:


The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney, Who explained that this meeting was called in order to discuss the problems of enrollment and how it might be improved. One of the things noted was that the students were getting by the advisers without filling out the enrollment cards completely—the section of English was not given or whether it was Basic or English 1; the hour of the class meeting, etc. The signature of the adviser should be written on the next line after the student’s program.

This fall for the first time the students were assigned to their advisers on Monday afternoon in place of Tuesday morning as has been the custom. Some of the reactions to this were as follows:

1. This meeting with the whole group of advisees made it possible to answer questions and explain procedures which made the actual advising on Tuesday go more smoothly.

2. The groups had to stand in line too long at the cafeteria and that was very tiresome.

3. The problems of advising were not solved by eating together and the picnic as such was not too successful. Students were separated into advising groups and probably would have preferred to choose their own groups for the picnic. It was suggested that the social hour for instructors and students is a fine thing later in the program but very unnatural and difficult at this time.
4. One of the problems is that the classes close and then a student's program must be rearranged which is difficult.

5. The testing program and the enrollment makes a very busy two-day schedule. It is particularly difficult for those students who wish to take the additional exams for exemption. By the time they finish these tests, many classes are closed and it is late in the day. The student is bewildered. The late enrollment fee is also a problem.

6. The changes in student's programs are caused by classes being closed when they come to pick up the class slips; audition necessary for enrollment in such groups as band, chorus, etc.; the work programs; etc.

It was asked whether a three-day enrollment period would help to relieve the congestion and give the students and faculty members more time. This was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

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