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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, May 11, 1953, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present:  
E. R. McCartney  
Standlee V. Dalton  
Ralph V. Coder  
Mrs. Katherine Bogart  
Harold S. Choguill  
Geneva Herndon  
Joel Moss  
Emmet C. Stopher  
Leonard Thompson  
Margaret van Ackeren

Members Absent:  
C. Thomas Barr  
Ivan Richardson

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney.

Honors Convocation report:

The report of the committee appointed last fall to study the possibility of having an "Honors" recognition service toward the end of the spring semester, was presented by Mrs. Bogart who was the chairman of the committee. Last year the Student Council asked that the faculty give some consideration to this matter.

After some discussion it was the consensus of the Senate that the first thing to do was to recommend to the faculty that an "Honors" convocation be established as a closing convocation for the year's work. It was thought that a booklet might be prepared which would include the names of the students who have received meritorious awards during the year, and it might include a small group of students who have been particularly outstanding during the year. How these people will be selected and other details would be worked out later if the faculty approved the recommendation for the Honors Convocation.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that:

1. An assembly on the subject of honors be held during the fall semester of each academic year. It should be so planned as to assist in the orientation of new students on the campus—freshmen and others. This assembly should be under the auspices of the Honor Society and should explain the types of honors achievement which are possible on this campus. To arouse the desire for such achievement on the part of the individual should be its primary goal.

2. A convocation should be held each academic year as near the end of the spring semester as is feasible. It is suggested that the first week in May would be particularly desirable. This convocation, planned as a morning assembly of the student body should be inspirational in character, presenting a speaker of excellence and
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personal merit, who would address the students and faculty on a subject in keeping with the significance of the day.

3. No actual awards are to be made at the convocation but that the thinking of the college group be directed by the speaker in his address to the value of outstanding achievement and that the honor of being named in the program booklet be emphasized.

This recommendation was seconded and carried.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate should be on Monday, May 18, in place of the Thursday meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary