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Discussed the library hours for November 11, Veterans Day.  
RECOMMENDATION: Library be kept open on Friday, Nov. 11, on a limited basis--two hours during the morning and 2 hrs. during the p.m., 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.--and that a check be made as to the use of the library during this time. Page 8

Report from the committee on the Superior Student (See minutes.)  
RECOMMENDATION: That the program of Honors Seminars as outlined be instituted and go into effect immediately.

RECOMMENDATION: Advisory Board of 5 members for selection of students

RECOMMENDATION: Members of Committee constitute the Advisory Board.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, October 5, 1955, at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, S. V. Dalton, Ralph V. Coder, Donald Adey, Doyle Brooks, John Garwood, Joel Moss, Katharine Nutt, Andrew Rematore, Dollie Thomas, and Gerald Tomanek.

Member absent: Calvin Harbin.

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

Should the Library be closed on November 11, Veterans Day.

The chairman presented the question regarding the closing of the library on Friday, November 11, Veterans Day. There will be no classes on the campus on that Friday which is a legal holiday. This year the Saturday classes are scheduled to meet on the campus on Saturday, November 12, and it would be necessary for the library to be open that day. It was asked if there would be enough students using the library to warrant keeping it open on Friday. If the students know that the library is to be closed on Friday, it may be that they will arrange their study so that there would be very little need for the library to be open. What other libraries do regarding this question was discussed. Graduate students and others have to do much of their study in the library and cannot check out the necessary material. Many of these graduate students will be in town and probably will wish to go to the library.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that our library be kept open on Friday, November 11, on a limited basis--two hours during the morning and two hours during the afternoon, 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.--and that a check be made as to the use of the library during the time it is open. Seconded and carried.

Report from the committee on the Superior Student:

The following report from the Committee on the Superior Student regarding the Honors Program was placed in the hands of the Faculty Senate members:

"Dean McCartney and the Faculty Senate, Campus

"Dear Dean McCartney: On May 4, 1955, the Senate approved the report of the Committee on the Superior Student, and asked the committee to work out the details of the Honors Program with the idea that it be put into action in the fall of 1955. To its original report the Committee on the Superior Student would like to add the following:

"The program of Honors Seminars should be established before further implementation of Tutorial Study is undertaken.

"The program of Honors Seminars should begin with the offering of at least one seminar during the spring semester, 1956. Such a seminar should meet for a two-hour period every two weeks, and should carry two hours of college credit.

"Theme for the first seminar should be Contemporary America. Topic for the seminar should be chosen from the following:

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- "Honors Seminar 101. Contemporary America as Reflected in Fiction.  
(Humanities)
- "Honors Seminar 102. The Role of the Scientist in Contemporary America.  
(Natural Sciences)
- "Honors Seminar 103. The Concept of Conformity in Contemporary America.  
(Social Sciences)

"Work in the Honors Program should receive one of two grades: "S" for satisfactory, or "U" for unsatisfactory. Work in the Honors Program should not be counted in computing the grade point average.

"Faculty members should send to the Honors Board the names of potential candidates by November 1, 1955. A potential candidate is a student who has demonstrated exceptional ability through intellectual achievement, and who has given evidence of intellectual curiosity in addition to earning superior grades. Any faculty member may name any student he considers qualified. Any student named must begin his junior year no later than the spring semester, 1956.

"The selection of students to be invited to participate in the Honors Program should be completed by December 1, 1955.

"Students should formally accept the invitation before the beginning of Christmas vacation.

"All publicity for the program should be correlated, and no publicity should appear until candidates have been selected by the board.

"Respectfully submitted," Doyle Brooks, Robert Marple, Edwin Martin, Judith Radke, Andrew Rematore, Chairman.

It was asked if one student might enroll for more than one of these suggested courses. It was explained that the students would not select these courses but that the students would be selected. A board should make the final selection of candidates upon the recommendation of faculty members.

The place in the catalogue and the schedule of classes where these courses would be listed was discussed. Mr. Rematore said that some of the colleges list this type of course in the catalogue in the H or Honor section in the alphabetical listing of the courses.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the program of Honors Seminars as outlined above by the committee be instituted and go into effect immediately. Seconded and carried.

The selection of students and an Advisory Board for the final selection of students were discussed. It was suggested that there might be value in selecting for the members of this board faculty members who are not heads of department or who are not connected with the administration. The members of the board should be selected from many areas of the college.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Advisory Board consist of five members who would be recommended by the Faculty Senate to the administration. Seconded and carried.

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RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that this year the members of the Committee on Superior Student constitute the Advisory Board. These members are: Andrew Rematore, Chairman, Doyle Brooks, Robert Marple, Edwin Martin, and Judith Radke. Seconded and Carried.

It was the consensus of the Faculty Senate that the members of the Advisory Board would serve for a period of five years, and that one new member be appointed each year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary