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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, October 12, 1955, in the Dean's Office at 3:45 p.m.

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.

Use of Grade Point:

The Institutional Recommendations Committee, whose primary function is to recommend seniors who apply for directed teaching, has established the policy that one of the requirements for admission to directed teaching is a grade index of 1.0 for all courses with passing grades on the transcript. The committee has discussed the problem of how a grade index should be determined.

Last February 21, the report of the sub-committee of the Improvement of Instruction Committee carried a recommendation that the college should "change the present grade point average system from 1.00 for 120 hours to 1.00 average on all undergraduate courses taken."

Actually, there are three methods used in figuring a student's grade point:

1. For determining the grade averages in any given semester, as set forth at the bottom of page 45 and the top of page 46 in the 1955-57 catalogue, all of the courses in which a student has been enrolled in the previous semester must be used. This is the method used in determining the Honor Roll for a semester and it is also the method used for determining the Interfraternal and the Panhellenic competition.
2. For directed teaching, an applicant must have a grade index of 1.00 point in all courses in which he has passing grades on his transcript.
3. For graduation, it is stated at the top of page 46 in the catalogue that, "The quality requirements for graduation shall be a minimum index of 1.00 with a minimum of 124 semester hours of credit." (Last semester this was changed by faculty approval to: 120 hours of college credit and four hours of required physical education.) Courses with a grade of "U" or "Inc." are not counted for graduation.

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When figuring the grade index of students for competitive purposes, such as a scholarship shield, the courses with "U" grades are included with minus grade points.

For graduation, a student has been required to use all courses and grades necessary to meet the degree requirements of the college. The remaining hours to make 120 and give a total of 120 grade points are chosen from the purely free elective courses on the transcript.

The transcript shows every course in which a student enrolls and receives grades of A, B, C, D, U, I, or Wd. It was indicated that juniors and seniors sometimes purposely choose lower division courses in which they feel they can make good grades in order to bring up the grade average. Also they may choose lower-division courses because they desire the subject matter and have not previously had the opportunity to enroll in the course.

The chairman suggested that the Senate might discuss the meaning of grades and send a report to the whole faculty. Sometime ago a statement regarding the "Meaning of Grades" was formulated and given to the faculty. It was suggested that it might be well to review that statement and make any suggested changes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary