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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, May 10, 1965, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Cleland, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Edwards, Miss Felten, Mr. Forsythe, Mrs. Hellem, Mr. Osborne, Dr. Rice, Dr. Staven, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Nelson, Dr. Pierson.

Also present: Dr. Dick.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood, who said that Dr. Dick was asked to meet with the Senate today to report on the activities of the Committee for the Improvement of Instruction. Since one of the chief concerns of all faculty members is to improve instruction, the work of this Committee is of interest to all. Dr. Dick was asked to present his report.

Dr. Dick passed out copies of the report which was prepared at the end of the 1963-64 school year which showed the activities for that year.

Dr. Dick said that the purpose of the Committee is to stimulate improvement in instruction, and to help any individual instructors if they wish help. It is not the concern of the committee to criticize or isolate instructors in any way. There is no doubt that there is room for improvement and that is what the Committee is concerned with in its work. The Committee has had a variety of contacts with faculty members during the past two years with less contacts this year than last.

Dr. Dick said that the past year the Committee had been concerned with the following:

1. Independent study.
2. Testing techniques.
3. Provided discussion with specific people on the campus.
4. Met with the NCA Coordinator.
5. Interpretation of the results of the Evaluation of Instruction form. A committee of students and faculty prepared a form which was changed to the present form. The students felt that it was unfair that the form was not accepted.
6. This year six seminars were held for all faculty members. The purpose of the seminars was to stimulate interest in better teaching. The committee feels that all the new instructors should attend the seminars, although they should not be required to attend. The committee thinks that it would be better if there were enough interest to encourage attendance.

Dr. Dick said that the Committee met 15 times this year and a great amount of valuable time and effort had gone into these meetings.

Senate members were asked for their reactions. Some of the items discussed were:

1. With a full teaching load it may not be convenient to attend these meetings.
2. Instructors need the time for preparations, etc., as the main job of the instructor is to teach.
3. Are there any readings in connection with the topics discussed by the Committee.
4. It was noted that not all divisions are represented on the Committee.
5. What about a graduate program?
6. Even though a faculty member may be new to the campus, it would seem that he would be willing to take the time to attend meetings designed to help him become a better teacher.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder