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Discussion. Continued discussion of Academic Probation proposal presented at a previous meeting by the Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, October 5, 1965 at 4:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Mrs. Cobb, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Evans, Miss Felten, Dr. Fleharty, Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Hollister, Mr. Osborne, Dr. Proctor, Dr. Rice, Mr. Schmidt, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Member absent: Dr. Coder.

Also present: Mr. Blickenstaff.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Garwood.

Probation. Dr. Garwood said that the Senate would continue the discussion of the report of the Committee for the Investigation of Academic Probation and Suspension Policy. Dr. Garwood said that he had tried figuring the grade point as suggested by the Committee on several sets of grades and also the actual grades on a transcript. He explained what the result would be using both plans of figuring.

Dr. Garwood asked for the comments which the Faculty Senate members received in visiting with the staff members in their divisions. The following are some of the comments which the Faculty Senate members reported:

1. Is there any real fundamental difference between the two methods?
2. One member noted that the members of his division would keep the current Probation regulations and change only that regarding the suspension at midyear. It was suggested that this may be resistance to change.
3. One reported that this plan is difficult to figure. (It was suggested that it would be well to explain how to figure it.)
4. How would this affect the transfer student who applies for admission?
5. Does the proposed plan have enough merit to make the change?
6. Some type of cumulative system especially for the freshmen at the end of the first semester should be an improvement.
7. The cumulative plan fits into the program better.
8. Probation regulations should not be tightened.

Dr. Rice suggested that it might be asked what are the good points of the present system. He also said that at Pittsburg they report that it is much easier to compute the grade point according to the suggested plan which is in use there. The Committee thought that it would be simpler to administer.

It was suggested that the fact that the words, "On Probation" are put on the transcript is discouraging. It was then asked if the words, "Academic Warning" would appear on the transcripts. The total grade points, the total credit hours, and the grade index appear on the transcript and it may be that the words should not appear on the transcript. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the words, "Academic Probation" or "Academic Warning" could appear on the grade slip

so that the student would be aware of this as soon as he gets his grade slip. It was stated that some of the students do not realize that they are on probation until they are notified. This could be put on the grade slip at the same time that the grades are recorded by the IBM equipment.

It was asked how the transfers would be handled. Mr. Dalton explained the present practice.

Dr. Garwood asked the Faculty Senate members to give the probation regulations careful thought in order to come to a decision soon. He said that if a change is made, we want to be sure that we have not overlooked any of the problems.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder