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Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, October 12, 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.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood, who presented the Probation question which was discussed at the last meeting.

Probation. The discussion included the following:

1. What would be the range? Would it be as figured by the Committee? Dr. Rice explained that the Committee showed several ranges of grades in the report, and it was not the intention of the Committee to decide on the range. They thought that should be decided by the Faculty Senate.
2. Some cases of grades were discussed. It was suggested that a student having C and D grades might not be suspended until the end of the fourth semester, but under the present plan he would be suspended at the end of the second semester. It was agreed that our plan is harder on the student who is just under the required .70 grade index.
3. It was asked if we have suspended too many under the present system. Last spring we suspended about one out of six freshmen.
4. If the new system is approved it would be put into effect at the end of this semester.
5. It was stated that freshman should not be suspended at the end of the first semester of college work.
6. The academic warning as used in the report was discussed. Under the present system students are warned only once, that is, when they are placed on probation; but under the proposed system, the student might be warned many times. During this period of time the student could be improving a little each semester.

7. Would the words "academic warning" appear on the transcript?  
It was suggested that this would have no special value since the figures would be there and that would be sufficient to indicate the status.
8. It was suggested that the report and the suggested method of figuring the student's status be explained to faculty and especially to the advisers to get their reaction to the proposed plan.
9. It was asked if the suggested plan is better than the present one. Dr. Rice said that some of the reasons why the Committee thought this would be a better plan are that: (1) the use of the cumulative average seems to be better, (2) this plan protects the first semester freshmen. It takes into consideration a slow increase in the student's grades, and does not require a big, sudden jump, (3) the simplicity of this plan--easier to operate, and (4) does away with the possibility of being put on probation as the result of being enrolled in the summer session in a two- or three-hour course.
10. It was asked if this question might be submitted to a group of students and get their reaction. This was discussed. It was the consensus of the Faculty Senate members that students should not be consulted in this matter.

Dr. Garwood said that he hoped that the question of probation has been covered, and that probably at the next meeting, the Faculty Senate would be ready to vote.

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder