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Discussion: Saturday and evening classes.
Discussion: Summer Session -- Teaching load, etc.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, July 26, 1966 at 11:00 a. m.
in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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

Members absent: Mrs. Cobb and Mr. Osborne.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood. He announced that the discussion of courses, number 15 and 16, giving credit to Sociology and Psychology students would be postponed until the fall.

Dr. Garwood also announced that he has asked the Division Chairmen to have all new course proposals turned into the Dean's Office no later than October 1, so that they can be presented to the Senate and incorporated in the new college catalog for next year. It was explained that much time is needed by the State Printer to print a catalog.

A continuation of the discussion of our Saturday and Evening classes was suggested by Dr. Garwood. It was stated that the Saturday program is not a perfect situation and the members of the committee were asked for comments on this area of the academic program.

Following are some of the statements which were made:

1. Saturday and evening classes are generally for off-campus people.
2. The Saturday classes are particularly appealing to graduate students.
3. In most cases the time allowed for teaching a Saturday class is not enough time to teach the course material required.
4. Many of the Saturday students travel many miles to attend class and do not have access to a library, therefore adequate preparations for the course cannot be made.
5. Many of the students teach five days, attend class on Saturday mornings, which leaves very little time for study.
6. Faculty members report that lecturing for three hours is a demanding thing physically.
7. It was suggested that the Saturday program should be eliminated entirely or steps taken to improve the situation.

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Some problems in changing the Saturday program were discussed:

1. It was stated that Saturday classes were needed by some people in order to complete their programs.
2. Could the program be set up so that these people could complete the same amount of work in the summer sessions?
3. If the classes were not offered here, would the students turn to another college for their work?
4. The evening classes have an advantage over the Saturday classes as they meet every week and many of the students are residents of Hays and have access to the library. A number of the evening students are also regular full-time students.
5. If we were to offer TTS classes it is conceivable that some students and faculty would have classes six days per week.
6. Mr. Dalton stated that there are times when it is impossible to get a degree unless the evening and Saturday classes are made available to the students.

The Division Chairmen will be contacted this fall for the evening and Saturday class schedule for the next year and the items discussed today will be passed on to them at that time.

Another item discussed was the improvement of the Summer School Session. The summer school load was questioned. A six hour load per faculty member with consideration to be given to those faculty who are supervising graduate students was suggested. Mr. Dalton stated that there were 400 graduate students enrolled in the fall-spring semesters and 1,000 graduate students enrolled in the summer session. A six hour teaching load for the summer session would bring the work load in line with the fall and spring work loads which is twelve hours per faculty member. Dr. Garwood stated that in the past years fall-spring teaching loads were 15 and 16 hours per faculty member but we gradually drifted into the twelve hour teaching load for the fall and spring semesters.

Another question raised was an inquiry concerning the possibility of a two-six week summer session. Dr. Garwood said that it had been presented to the Board of Regents, but it was turned down due to the lack of funds at the time. It is possible that two-six week session will be reconsidered at some future date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Cecilia Leikam, Recorder