

UNOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 15, 1970

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Olson. The following members were present:

V. E. Arnsdorf	J. R. Mosznyski	A. J. DeArmond	E. H. Kerner
M. M. Anapol	D. F. Bray	E. E. Bohning	R. Hogenson
F. W. Roeming	W. D. Osborne	R. V. Austin	P. W. Rees
J. R. Krum	R. M. Nielson	K. J. Kerrane	
S. Salsbury	G. R. Bonner	D. W. Harward	
E. E. Schweizer	J. J. Kramer	M. Sasser	

I. EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Dr. Mayer of the Records Office presented the history behind the decision to use this schedule. Some of the factors which were taken under consideration were the conditions in Carpenter Field House, that a normal schedule would be seven days but we had been using eight days plus one period. The utility of space available for conducting examinations, the use of computer technology to generate an exam schedule, and the making of an exam schedule in advance places constraint on registration. This program allows registration, then forms an exam schedule free of conflicts.

The decision to use this schedule was made in a joint meeting between the deans and the Provost. It uses evening exam periods. Exam week is shorter and does not use Carpenter Field House. The exam schedule was constructed by a consulting firm, Computer Associates. They tried several alternative schedules such as five days with 25 periods, six days with 30 periods and so forth. The results were presented to the Provost, where the decision to accept one of them was made. The decision was not made by the Records Office. A major reason for selecting the six day-30 period exam schedule was that the dates coincide with the schedule required for next semester. This would provide a test for the 1970-71 calendar.

Dr. Mayer was asked if this company had done scheduling for other institutions. He indicated that it had performed similar work for several other institutions. He further indicated that former schedules contained up to 350 conflicts. The new schedule has practically no conflicts. A conflict is defined as two examinations occurring at the same time, two examinations in a row, three or more examinations on a given day. Under any one of these conditions, a student could reschedule his examinations. One hundred four students have conflicts under these definitions.

An ad hoc committee consisting of A. J. DeArmond, J. R. Moszynski, W. D. Osborne, J. H. Olson and M. M. Anapol was formed to meet with the Provost and Dr. Mayer to resolve the problem concerning those people who wish to schedule three-hour examination periods, which are not allowable under the current schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry B. Tingey, Secretary