

April 15, 1896 -

At three o'clock P.M. in accordance with a motion passed at the last meeting, the faculty convened to consider Prof. Anderson's Resolution to change the ^{existing} method of awarding honors. Before entering upon the discussion of the resolution, the minutes of the post meeting were read, ~~and approved~~.

Prof. Anderson's Resolution to change the method of awarding honors.

Prof. Kastle then moved the adoption of the resolution - Prof. Miller seconding it -

Prof. Anderson strongly advocated its adoption, arguing along this line; that there are distinct differences existing between some of the Departments of the College in respect to the character of the studies pursued and the methods of working; and that these incompatibilities vitiate a comparison of the class standing of the students in the Departments thus differing from each other. He thought advanced work in each Department should be honored.

Prof. White while favoring the resolution as a whole, thought that the valedictorian and the salutatorian should be selected from the honor men - He also called attention to the fact that while in the Classical and Scientific Department a student recites to a number of professors, in the school of Mechanical Engineering the matriculate there would have a great many classes under one professor. He showed how this might or might not favor that matriculate, according as the professor marked severely or leniently - Prof. Miller thought that Technical Schools are more severe in the matter of examinations as well as class work, and that, for this reason, some Departments of the College are handicapped under the present system of awarding honors -

Prof. Roark said that he was

not convinced that there is any disparity or unfairness in the comparison of the class standing of students in the various departments - He called attention to the fact that many studies, and few studies count alike when the average of the various marks is made - that standing, not number of studies is the basis of awarding honors -

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After several other members of the faculty had expressed their opinions with reference to the resolution, it appeared that no unanimity of sentiment could be reached at this meeting of the faculty, therefore on motion of Prof. Roark the resolution was referred to a committee to report at the next ~~regular~~ meeting - This motion was carried, and President Patterson appointed Prof. Roark, Anderson, Nelson, Neville and Wernicke to constitute this committee -

The meeting then adjourned - to meet at three o'clock in the afternoon of April 22^d -
A. L. Clawson

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