

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

March 12, 1934

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Advanced Study was held at the City Midday Club, 25 Broad Street, New York City, on Monday, March 12, 1934, at one o'clock.

Present: Mr. Aydelotte, Chairman  
Mr. Flexner  
Mr. Leidesdorf  
Mr. Maass  
Miss Sabin

Absent and excused: Mr. Frankfurter  
Mr. Houghton

Mr. Aydelotte acted as Secretary.

The Director brought to the attention of the Committee the obligation assumed by the Trustees of the Institute for Helene Weyl in reference to insurance on her husband's life and asked the Committee to consider the best method of arranging this obligation.

After discussion, Mr. Maass and Mr. Leidesdorf were appointed a special committee to investigate the best method of arranging, at a minimum cost to the Institute, a pension for Mrs. Weyl in the event of the death of her husband, with power to take appropriate action.

The Director reported that he was continuing his inquiries in this country in the field of economics in the hope of being able to make a recommendation to the Board in the near future. Thus far he had not been able to arrive at any conclusion.

The Director also reported that the members of the faculty of the School of Mathematics had been making inquiries in the field of mathematical physics, which has already been opened by Professor Einstein and Professor von Neumann. He had, however, no recommendation to submit.

The Director further announced that, following the action of the Board at its January 1934 meeting, assuring an appropriation of \$10,000 for a visiting professor in the School of Mathematics during the year 1934-1935, he had, after unanimous recommendation by the members of the School of Mathematics, invited Professor P. A. M. Dirac of the University of Cambridge to be visiting professor for next year and that he had accepted. Professor Dirac, one of the most distinguished professors in contemporary mathematical physics, was born in 1902, is a Fellow of St. John's College, and since 1932 has been Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge. He was recently awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.

After informal discussion, there being no further business, on motion, the meeting adjourned.