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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, May 16, 1956, at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members Present:  E. R. McCartney, Chairman; Mr. Dalton, Sec.; Dr. Coder; Dr. Adee; Mr. D. Brooks; Dr. Garwood; Dr. Moss; Dr. Nutt; Mr. Rematore; Mrs. Thomas

Members Absent:  Dr. Harbin, Dr. Tomanek

The meeting was called to order by the chairman for the transaction of business.

MAY STUDENTS EXEMPT THEMSELVES FROM THE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES.

The question was asked, "May a student be given opportunity to exempt himself from the general education courses, English, Speech, psychology, music, art, etc.?" There are high schools which offer speech, psychology, art and music. We have students entering college who have an excellent background in some of these fields.

Exempting from the English courses was discussed some time ago and it was decided not to exempt from the courses but offer a different type of course for those who made excellent ratings on the test. It was suggested that it is wise to have English 1 and 2 recorded on the transcript particularly if the student goes on with his college work. English is universally required. For the other courses, it may be that some other course in the department might be substituted.

This was discussed. The proficiency of students who have studied chemistry, physics, typewriting, etc., in high school was discussed also. It was suggested that the student should have an opportunity to prove his proficiency. It was asked if there would be a tendency to lower the cutting score for exemption in order to relieve the situation in case there is a great increase in enrollment and insufficient increase in faculty members to handle the general education courses.

No action was taken regarding this question at this meeting.

GRADE POINTS FOR CREDIT EARNED IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION SERVICE COURSES:

Copies of the attached report from Dr. Adee were given to the Senate members. The report included the request to count the grades made in the physical education service courses in the grade point of students. At the present time the grades made in the four service (required) courses are not counted in figuring the total grade point. It was asked if the grades made in these courses did not correlate with the grade point on other courses. The report was discussed and studied.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that grade points be counted for the grades earned in physical education service (required) courses and to be effective in the fall of 1956. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary