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RECOMMENDATION: Basic Math. and Basic English shall not be offered in the regular college program after Sept., 1959.

RECOMMENDATION: Students deficient in English shall be required to enroll in Basic Eng. and deficiency must be removed before 3rd semester, etc. See below.

RECOMMENDATION: Deficiency in math must be removed prior to 3rd sem. of enrollment.

RECOMMENDATION: Strongly recommend that the deficiencies be removed prior to enrollment in 1st semester.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, January 8, 1958, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Martin, Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Tomanek and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney.

Should credit for the basic courses in mathematics and English be abandoned in the fall of 1959 or 1960.

The faculty approved the recommendation of the Faculty Senate that "the Basic Mathematics and Basic English courses shall not be offered for credit in the regular college program after September, 1960." (See Faculty Senate minutes, October 9, 1957 and Faculty Meeting minutes, October 10, 1957.) Since the catalogue is published biennially and the next printing will be in the fall of 1959, the above action would take place during the second year of the catalogue. It was asked if it would be better to have this action changed to 1959 and then it could be printed in the 1959-1961 catalogue. This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the motion be amended to read: "That Basic Mathematics and Basic English course shall not be offered for credit in the regular college program after September, 1959." Seconded and carried.

Questions regarding the removal of deficiencies which need to be considered. It is necessary to decide several questions regarding deficiencies in the handling of students' programs:

How long should the deficiencies in mathematics and English continue? Will students enroll in Basic English? Is the deficiency to be removed by enrollment and completion of a course in the department? If courses are to be offered, sufficient staff will have to be available. How long a period will the students be allowed to remove the deficiencies? It was suggested that we have students who complete the remedial course and are still very poor in English, or their writing in other courses would indicate this. Do we have any means of determining whether students are proficient and are using this proficiency? Would the student be required to enroll in the remedial work (courses?) in the first semester of enrollment? How would this remedial work be counted in the student's total enrollment? The ideal method perhaps would be that these students would remove these deficiencies in the summer session previous to enrollment as a freshman. These questions were discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that all students who are deficient in English shall be required to enroll in Basic English in the first enrollment and the deficiency must be removed before the third semester enrollment. A student may not continue his program until these conditions have been satisfied. Seconded and carried.
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RECOMMENDATION: All deficiencies in mathematics must be removed prior to the third semester of enrollment. Seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: It was strongly recommended that the deficiencies be removed prior to enrollment in the first semester. Seconded and carried.

It was announced that the Faculty Senate would not meet January 15, 22, and 29 because of other meetings and the close of the semester.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary