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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, July 7, 1959 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Bogart, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Herren, Dr. E. Martin, Dr. J. Martin, Dr. Moreland, Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Mr. Toalson, Dr. Tomanek, Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Dr. Garwood

Others present: Dr. Harbin, Dr. Wood

E. R. McCartney, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

The chairman reported that at the end of the spring semester, the terms of the college scholastic attainment were put into effect. Those students whose grades were less than the requirement (.70 for freshmen and sophomores, and 1.00 for juniors and seniors) were notified of the terms of probation as shown in the Catalogue.

Professional education courses: Dr. Wood and Dr. Harbin explained the changing certification requirements which will go into effect, September 1, 1960. As previously discussed in the Senate, there have been requests for special methods courses to be provided by the department or division. In order to meet the changing certification requirements and to provide time for the special methods, the following revision of the requirements for professional education was proposed:

"The Department of Education is faced with the responsibility of realigning the professional education courses in order to meet changing certification requirements. It is anticipated that the changes proposed will strengthen the total program, as well as meet requirements for certification.

"Specifically the minimum requirements for certification after September 1, 1960, become:

a. Six semester hours directed toward understanding the individual in the area of pupil development and learning.

b. Six semester hours directed toward understanding the school as a social institution and devoted to developing a professional attitude regarding the role of education in the American way of life.

c. Eight semester hours directed toward attaining competence in instruction at the elementary or secondary level which must include at least five hours in directed teaching.

c. (Elementary) Four semester hours elective in professional courses.

"The Department of Education requests the following changes in professional courses required of Fort Hays Kansas State College teacher education candidates:

a. Six hours - Area I (no change)
(1) Human Growth and Development 56 - 3 hours
   (Second Semester sophomore or junior year)
(2) Educational Psychology 90 - 3 hours
   (Junior or senior year -- prerequisite, Psychology 1 Education 56)
b. Six hours - Area II
(1) Introduction to Education 27 - 2 hours
(Freshman or sophomore year; less emphasis will be placed on the developmental aspects of education)
(2) Principles of (elementary or secondary Education 84 or 94 - 3 hours
(Block class senior year; content to be revised)
(3) The Professional Teacher 92 - 1 hour
(Block course covering some material now included in Educational Organization and Professionalization 92 - 2 hours. It is proposed that the class will meet two class periods each week for lecture, reports, and discussion of professional problems.)
c. Nine hours (Elementary) and Ten hours (Secondary) - Area III.
(1) Methods of elementary Education 85 - 2 hours
(Block class concurrent with 84. The core will be social studies. Mathematics and science emphasis will be reduced.)
(2) Methods of Secondary Education 95 - 3 hours
(Block class concurrent with 94. It is proposed that a minimum of eight clock hours of time be released to each division or department to provide experiences with techniques and materials for majors and perhaps minors.)
(3) Directed Teaching 83, 86-89, and 96-99 - 7 hours
(Block class concurrent with 84-85 or 94-95 for seven weeks of full day off-campus student teaching.
d. (Elementary) - Other Professional - Six hours - Area IV
(1) Language Arts 79 - 3 hours
(2) Reading 80 - 3 hours
The reasons for requesting the proposed changes include:
1. Meeting the minimum requirements for certification in Kansas.
2. Expansion of directed teaching credit to conform with common practice in teacher education programs which is one hour of credit per week of time spent in student teaching.
3. Elimination of overlapping in Principles, Methods, and Educational Organization and Professionalization.
4. Extension of student teaching to meet the minimum requirement for certification in most states and approach the suggested standards of nine hours in NCATE for accreditation of teacher education programs.
5. Extension of Fort Hays State College Professional course work beyond the minimum state requirements.
This program was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that this program be approved by the Senate and presented to the faculty. The program to be effective at the beginning of the fall semester, 1960. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman
S. V. Dalton, Secretary