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Minutes of the meeting of Faculty Senate, Monday, March 27, 1972, at 3:30 p.m. in Frontier Room of the Memorial Union.


Also present: Dean Garwood.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Chairman's Report:

1. The Bylaws of Faculty Senate make no provision for a voting alternate for an absent member. An alternate may attend meetings, discuss issues, but he may not vote.

2. Dr. Staven asked the Administrative Council about changing the Sick Leave Policy provisions. Mr. Keating reported that until the Board of Regents makes a policy statement, we should live quietly with what we have. The College presidents will probably approach the Board of Regents with the question.

3. Any faculty members who want to have their views aired at the Board of Regents Retreat should communicate with the faculty representatives in writing. LaVier Staven, Arris Johnson and Ellen Veed are the representatives.

4. The election of at-large representatives to Faculty Senate will be conducted during the first week of April by the Senate secretary. Divisional representative elections will be conducted the second week of April by Division Chairman and departmental elections will be held the third week of April.

Dean Garwood distributed copies of material the Dean's Office has gathered on where Fort Hays students are from and gave enrollment figures for this year. He announced that Mr. Huffman and his staff attended 32 regional meetings of 202 high schools last fall. This spring they have visited nine regional Junior Colleges talking to prospective students.

We need to radiate friendliness to our students and prospective students.

The Dean asked all faculty members to work at enrollment problems.

Suggestions from the floor: Faculty members might visit high schools during intersession; the College needs to create a positive public image; we should encourage students to push FHS.

Dr. Staven read a note from President Gustad stating that he approves the Student Rights Statement.

Dr. Oliva moved that Faculty Senate approve the Student Rights Statement.
Seconded and passed.

Dr. Bartholomew moved adoption of the proposal: that the formal final examination schedule be abolished and that this period of time be converted back to regular class schedules with the proviso that instructors may give final examinations during this period if they so desire.

Dr. Sackett seconded the motion and discussion followed.

Dr. Sackett: The change enlarges the freedom of instructors to handle their classes.

Dr. Oliva said he was concerned about the student and the burden the change might put on him.

The vote on the proposal was 5 for and 14 against. The motion failed.

Mr. McConnell reported that the College Affairs Committee is working on several items.

Dr. Oliva moved that Senate recommend the abolition of mid-semester grades. Seconded by Dr. Parish. The motion passed.

Next month Senate will consider the withdrawal problem.

Dr. Miller asked what happens to proposals when they are approved by Senate.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 24, at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Ellen Veed, Secretary
LaVier Staven, Chairman