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RECOMMENDATION: That a study of the testing program be made. Dr. Anderson to handle the study.
Discussed G.E.D. Testing Program. ~~Page 5~~
RECOMMENDATION: That our College participate in this G.E.D. testing program.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, January 7, 1954, in P 204 at 3:30 p.m.

Members present:

E. R. McCartney
S. V. Dalton
Ralph V. Coder
Katherine Bogart
Calvin Harbin
Joel Moss
Katharine Nutt
Emmet C. Stopher
L. W. Thompson
Gerald Tomanek
Margaret van Ackeren

Members absent:

Ivan Richardson

Others present:

Mary Anderson
W. D. Moreland
Marjorie Simons
Ira O. Scott

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney, who said this meeting was called to consider the possibility of improving the freshmen week program.

Suggestions concerning the freshmen week program:

Copies of the summary, "Suggestions Concerning the Freshmen Week Program," for the fall of 1953, were prepared by the committee and had been sent to the members of the Faculty Senate previous to this meeting.

A greater choice of courses for freshmen; prerequisites that prohibit enrollment in many courses; and classes closing were discussed. It was suggested that students who are barred from Speech 29 because of the prerequisite might enroll in Parliamentary Procedure or Debate for which there are no prerequisites. The work schedules of students is a factor in the choice of classes too. In some cases, classes are closed and then later opened for a few more enrollments which seems unfair to students who tried to enroll and were told the class was closed.

The testing was discussed next. This was mentioned many times in the "Suggestions." Machine scoring would have been a great help last fall but a machine was not available. One suggestion was that the reading test might be given in the English classes. Another suggestion was that the tests might be given before the students come to enroll in September. This might be done either the previous spring or in August. It was asked if the Iowa High School Content test might be eliminated. The statement was made that results of this test do not appear to be given too much consideration by some of the advisers. The profile cards are needed by the advisers at the time they confer with their advisees because the results are used as a guide for placement in the English and mathematics classes.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that a study of the testing program should be made. Seconded and carried. It was suggested that this testing program might be studied in comparison with that of other colleges in the area. Dr. Anderson was asked to handle the study of the testing program.

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G.E.D. Testing Program: Dr. Scott said that letters have been received asking if the college would participate, without cost to the college, in a testing program prepared at the University of Chicago by Dr. Ralph Tyler for the purpose of establishing additional forms of existing General Education Development (G.E.D.) tests for the United States Armed Forces Institute which are reliable. These tests would be given sometime between February 1 and March 12, and would be given to the second semester sophomores. It was suggested that this would be of value for the upper division advisers and also could be used in connection with the general education program. These test scores would indicate where our students range in the complete pattern.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that our college participate in this G.E.D. testing program. Seconded and carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. -- [] --

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary