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Minutes of the regular meeting of Faculty Senate, Wednesday, February 9, 1955,
at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, S. V. Dalton, Ralph Coder, Doyle Brooks,
Alice Morrison, Katharine Nutt, L. W. Thompson, Gerald
Tomanek, Margaret vanAckeren.

Members absent: Don Adee, Calvin Harbin, Joel Moss.

Others present: Mr. Fickert, Miss Parish, Miss Radke, Mr. Rematore.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman who asked Dr. Coder to
present the language faculty members present.

Report regarding language classes on this campus:

Dr. Coder gave the following report regarding the language classes:

"The Senate has discussed the problems of the language classes on this
campus and has postponed action until now. The language teachers have met and
have made the following suggestions concerning the future of languages at Fort
Hays State:

1. Languages should be given an equal opportunity with required sub-
jects at enrollment.
 - a. Freshmen may choose languages and postpone general education
courses until junior and senior years.
 - b. Advisors and administration should be asked to cooperate in
this plan.
2. Language teachers have plans for breaking present habit and stimulating
new habits of thinking about languages.
 - a. Prepare language brochure for distribution to prospective students.
 - b. Set-up majors and teaching requirements for catalogue.
 - c. Pass printed sheets to students at opening of school, explain-
ing language and its use and value.
 - d. Speak to freshmen before enrollment.
 - e. Ask Mr. Dalton to stress languages to advisors and tell them
about schools attitude toward language.
3. Suggestions for motivating interest.
 - a. Various publicity above.
 - b. More conversational practice.
 - c. Modern laboratory techniques used in teaching.
 - d. Stress the social, economic, political and cultural backgrounds.
 - e. Use clubs for activities.
 - f. Develop field trips to nearby schools for exercise in language
use.
4. Make effort to develop language interest in public schools.
 - a. Languages at elementary level.
 - b. Language and activities at secondary level.
 - c. Popularize language for adults in business, arts, and travel.

The above report was discussed at length.

Commencement day:

In the Free Press from Emporia, it was noted that the earlier plan to hold
the commencement on Sunday was rescinded and now they plan to have their commence-
ment on Saturday. The Missouri Vally College bulletin shows that their baccalaure-
ate and commencement will be on Sunday.

(Signed) McCartney and Dalton