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Discussed: Language Requirement for the A. B. Degree  
RECOMMENDATION: (See below for details) Language require-  
ment for the A. B. Degree - 9 hours of one language. Students  
who have had one year or more of a language in H. S., an  
examination will be given to determine the proficiency, etc.)  
Discussed: Introduction to Bibliography <sup>Page 7</sup> 2 cr. hrs  
Recommendation: That the course, Introduction to Bibliography  
21, 2 cr. hrs. be approved.  
Report from N.C.A. Sub-Committee on Gen. Ed. <sup>Handed</sup> ~~copies~~  
to ~~be read by~~ Senate members.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, May 9, 1956,  
at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, Chairman, Mr. Dalton, Sec., Dr. Coder,  
Dr. Adee, Mr. D. Brooks, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Moss, Dr. Nutt  
Mr. Rematore, Mrs. Thomas.

Members absent: Dr. Harbin, Dr. Tomanek.

Other present: Mr. Friesner.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman for the transaction  
of business.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR THE A.B. DEGREE: This question which was dis-  
cussed at the last meeting of the Senate was presented again. It was  
suggested that foreign languages taken in high school should be validated  
only by examination. The present arrangement of allowing students to  
substitute two years of a foreign language taken in high school for the  
nine semester hours of college language does not seem to be a sound educa-  
tional practice. However, any student who has achieved a level of profi-  
ciency equal to that demanded of students at the end of three semesters  
(9 credit hours) of college work should be permitted to exempt himself  
from the language requirement by examination.

There was some discussion regarding the interpretation of "years"  
of high school credit as compared with the college credit hours. It is  
possible that the high school language is not equal in quality to the  
college course and should be evaluated on the basis of placement. It  
was asked when the student would be expected to declare his intention  
of taking the language examination to determine his placement.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the language requirement for the  
A. B. degree shall be fulfilled by taking nine hours of one language  
in college. For those students who have had one year or more of a  
language in high school, an examination will be given to determine the  
proficiency. On the basis of the results of the examination the student  
may be excused from taking additional language courses, or he will be  
placed in the appropriate courses. Seconded and carried.

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLIOGRAPHY: Mr. Friesner was asked to come to this  
meeting to explain the proposed library course which was presented to  
the Senate at the last meeting for approval. Mr. Friesner explained  
that the students need help in finding material and there is not suffi-  
cient staff to help every student. Frequently, the student tells his  
instructors that the material is not in the library. Students need this  
type of course to broaden their backgrounds and learning beyond the  
textbook; and to become reasonably well acquainted with the resources

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of the library and the aids which make these resources available. The course would present the practical significance of the library as a tool.

It was noted that even some of the students who are enrolled in the Honors Program did not know how to handle the library. At present the only guide to the use of the library is taught in the English classes which is brief and is not intended to be a complete library course as the English classes cannot allow that much time from their own course work. It was pointed out also that the presentation in the English classes is too early in the freshman year for good results. It was suggested that this library course might achieve the purpose best if offered in the sophomore year. This course would make an excellent background for those students who enroll in the graduate course, 350 Introduction to Graduate Study.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, Introduction to Bibliography 21, Two credit hours, be approved. Seconded and carried.

N.C.A. SUB-COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION: Copies of a report from the N.C.A. Sub-Committee on General Education were handed to the Senate members and they were asked to read it and consider how it should be approached. It was suggested that "general education" should be explained to the freshmen. One suggestion was that this might be explained to the freshmen students when they come for advisement and enrollment during the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary