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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING

After two amendments were made, it was moved that the question be tabled until the Senate has time to give it further study. The motion was seconded and carried.

December 4, 1956

The Fort Hays State College Faculty met in Picken Auditorium, Tuesday, December 4, 1956, at 4:15 p.m.

Dean McCartney presided and the principal items of business included certain recommendations by the Faculty Senate that require action of the faculty.

The first recommendation considered was the one on page 11 of the Minutes of the Faculty Senate for November 7, 1956, that "pre-law students who transfer here with the first two full years of college training from the junior colleges may fulfill the language requirement with six credit hours of language subject to approval of the executive committee of the Senate."

In the discussion that followed the motion to approve this recommendation, it was pointed out that this need would be over about 1960 because the requirements for entrance into law school are being changed. Also, that it would not affect pre-medical students.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved that the recommendation be approved. It was seconded and carried.

The second recommendation considered was the one on page 14 of the Minutes of the Faculty Senate for November 14, 1956, which read,

"It was moved that the Senate recommend to the faculty that band, choir, ensembles, orchestra, debate and any other such offerings which have been offered as courses with a credit hour or activities without credit be listed only as courses with credit after September 1, 1957. Seconded and carried."

After an expression of opinion from several faculty members about the advisability of adopting this policy, it was moved that the recommendation be turned back to the Senate for further study and that it be brought back to the faculty at a later date. It was seconded and carried.

The third recommendation was also on page 14 of the Minutes of the Faculty Senate, dated November 14, 1956, as follows:

"It was moved that beginning with the fall of 1957, that activity credit shall be recorded on the matriculation card and not on the transcript; that students will not enroll for activities on enrollment slips but at the end of the semester, the sponsor of each activity will turn in a list of the members who have met the requirements for activity credit. Seconded and carried."

It was the consensus that such activities are a very important part of the students' records and, if they are on the transcript, we know that the information is kept.

It was moved that the recommendation be adopted. It was seconded.

The discussion continued about how accurate the information might be, if it were left up to the sponsor to report it at the end of a semester. It was also mentioned that the information should all be kept in one place--not on two separate records. Many honorary groups, for which there is no provision for enrolling or getting activity credit, are very worthy of recognition on the students' records. It was agreed that this information should be kept and should be made available to future employers without their having to request it specifically.

After two amendments to the original motion, it was moved that the question be tabled until the Senate has time to give it further study. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Edwin Martin was asked to report on a meeting of the representatives of all Kansas colleges to the NCA, that he and Dr. McCartney and Dr. Harbin attended in Topeka recently. Out of this meeting there came three problems, as follows:

1. In what ways can we bring about more effective teaching?
2. How do college students learn?
3. How can imaginative thinking be developed in college students?

It was thought that an expression from our faculty might help this group select its topic of study for the next year.

It was suggested that Dr. McCartney have these problems typed and sent to the faculty for study before an expression of opinion was called for.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Dollie B. Thomas, Secretary