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Inter-Religious Council--Copy of constitution, minutes of one of the mtgs., presented to Senate.
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Request from Mr. Davis to offer two courses, 170 & 171 in second semester. No action taken.
RECOMMENDATION: The course, 145 Workshop, Speech, be approved.
RE-CONSIDERATION and discussion regarding activity credit or credit hours for such groups as band, etc. No action taken.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, December 12, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Kuhn, Dr. Nutt, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Adee, Mr. Brooks, Dr. Moss and Dr. Ray.

Others present: Mr. Ballinger, Dr. Herren, Dr. E. Martin, Dr. Parish and Mr. Stout.

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

Inter-Religious Council:

The Inter-Religious Council has been organized and meeting for a couple years. They sent a copy of the constitution and a statement of the minutes of one of the meetings. The purpose of the Council is to promote the religious atmosphere on the campus. The membership is composed of two student representatives and one adult advisor from each religious organization on the campus; and two student representatives and one adult advisor from interested church organizations in the community of Hays. One of the activities of this group is to bring a representative of the three faiths, Catholic, Protestant and Jew, to the campus for a day.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate extend a word of encouragement to this group. Seconded and carried.

Request from Mr. Davis, Industrial Arts Department, to offer the two courses, Carburetion 170 and Automotive Electrical Systems 171, in the second semester of the current school year. These two courses were approved during the present semester and a former request to offer them in the coming semester was refused as it is the policy that a course may not be offered for enrollment until it has been printed. The Senate has approved the offering of new courses before they have appeared in print if the case is an emergency but if the case is not an emergency it has been felt that the policy regarding new courses should be followed. Mr. Davis' request was discussed but no action was taken.

Request for course, 145 Workshop, in Speech Department. The following request from Mr. Start was read: "The Speech Department recommends that the following course be added to the speech curriculum:

145. Workshop. Three credit hours. Prerequisite, junior standing (56 hours college credit). The purpose of this workshop is to help the student develop proficiency in directing the speech activities in high school.

"The workshop will include lectures, demonstrations, and discussions aimed at helping teachers who are engaged in directing the various speech activities in high school, including debate, oratory, interpretative reading, discussion, manuscript reading, and the production of one-act plays." /s/ J. R. Start.

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RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 145 Workshop, be approved. Seconded and carried.

Activity credit or credit hours for such groups as band, choir, Ft. Hays Singers, etc. The chairman explained that the five people present who are not members of the Faculty Senate were asked to this meeting to help with the question regarding activity or hours credit for such groups as band, choir, etc. In its meeting of Nov. 14, the Senate recommended that these groups give only credit hours. When this recommendation was presented to the faculty in the meeting on December 4, their action was that it should be returned to the Senate for further study.

In a brief review of the past history of this recommendation, Dr. McCartney explained that this question was studied in the fall of 1953 by the Faculty Senate. At that time, the Senate's action was to discontinue the activity credit and to allow only credit hours for participation in these groups. At that time, the Music Department asked that this action be rescinded for the time being in order to allow some time to become oriented.

Dr. McCartney asked Dr. Herren to explain his point of view regarding this question. Dr. Herren said that the music groups are expected to appear in public, give concerts and go out on trips for public relations purposes. For this sort of thing, they need to present the best possible program and need the best talent if they are to make a creditable appearance. These groups make a real contribution to the college and to themselves. Many of the members of these music groups are not music majors and are not particularly interested in receiving credit hours.

Dr. Herren reported that they made a check of the present groups to determine how many would not participate if only credit hours are given. From the choir, he would lose eleven of the present personnel. Mr. Ballinger reported that the effect of the proposed ruling on the orchestra would be that it would take out one key player in each division and it would be impossible to replace these people. Mr. Stout reported that the Fort Hays Singers would not be affected as much as the other groups. He said that they are interested in having the best people available for these groups and generally speaking the personnel of these groups would be above the grade average for the college.

Dr. Martin said that he looked at the question from the standpoint of the excellent students. There is the possibility that to have to enroll in these groups for credit would deprive them of an experience which they should be allowed to select if they wished to do so. It may be better to allow the students to choose whether they would rather stay in the groups and participate even if by doing so they will earn B's rather than A's which they might earn if they devoted all their time to the academic program.

Since the Music Department recognizes only four semester hours of credit for band, orchestra, choir, etc. as applied music in a major, it was suggested that the Music Department provide a series of four courses which would meet their requirements for participation in one or more of these activities. Music

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majors would enroll in these courses to fulfill the requirements. Subsequent participation in these groups would be for activity credit only. Non-music majors would enroll in these groups only for activity credit.

It was suggested that it might not be possible to find a solution of this question for the coming school year and it would be necessary to delay any action until the fall of 1958.

Since no decision was reached, it was decided to discuss this question further at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate on January 9, 1957, with the same people present.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary