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counseled very carefully re. the amt. of time and work required for
participation in such groups.

Committee: Brooks, Moss, Nutt -- Formulate a statement for advisors.

Committee: Dalton, Garwood, Tomanek--Formulate a plan re. record of enroll-
ments in activity groups, etc.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, January 9, 1957,
at 4:00 p.m., in the Dean's Office.

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

Members absent: Dr. Adee.

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

The meeting was called to order by the chairman to consider the ques-
tion discussed at the last meeting regarding credit hours or activity credit
for participation in such groups as Band, Choir, etc.

Dr. Herren presented the following plan proposed by the faculty members
in the Music Department who direct such groups:

"It is recommended that:

1. The option of enrolling for credit hours or activity credit remain.
2. The ultimate decision regarding the number of the so-called activities in which a student is engaged be left with the student.
3. The advisors, together with the student involved, review a situation where the grades fall below an expected level.
4. Any student falling below a "C" average in any current semester be restricted to one activity of his choice for the following semester with reinstatement privileges granted when grade average is restored.

"Activity credit is defined as being credit in those organizations which may be taken either for one hour credit or for activity credit."

The above proposed plan was discussed. It was noted that the first two items are no change from the plan which is being followed at present.

Regarding the third item in the plan, it was brought out that frequently the advisor does not know that students have been admitted to these groups as they enroll in the groups after the academic enrollment has been completed. In cases where enrollment in these groups is by audition, it is not possible for students to enroll in the groups at the regular enrollment time. It was suggested that in some instances the advisors are not aware of how much time is required for participation in these groups.

Regarding item 4, it was asked if the penalty was needed. Students who are employed and work several hours a week cannot give as much time to their class preparation if they participate in these activity groups. It was suggested that counseling students regarding this practice would be of much value.

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It was asked what was the reason for giving one hour of credit for participation in these groups to those students who are not in the Music Department. The value of participation in these groups was pointed out and especially in comparison with wasting time in undesirable activities.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate rescind the recommendations in the meeting of November 14, 1956, (1. ----- that band, choir, ensembles, orchestra, debate etc. which have been offered as courses with a credit hour or activities without credit hours be listed only as courses ---- and 2. ----- that activity credit shall be recorded on the matriculation card and not on the transcript -----). Seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the problem of student program load in such activities as Band, Choir, etc., can be solved in a large measure by better advisement; that the freshmen students should be counseled very carefully regarding the amount of time and work required for participation in such groups. Seconded and carried.

It was suggested that the advisors should be given this information. Next Wednesday, January 16, the advisors will be asked to meet with the Faculty Senate and this will be presented to them.

Mr. Brooks, Dr. Moss, and Dr. Nutt were asked to formulate a statement to be given to the advisors.

Mr. Dalton, Dr. Garwood and Dr. Tomanek were asked to formulate a plan regarding the record of enrollments in these groups and how they should be handled.

NOTE: It was announced that in the Faculty Senate Minutes of November 28, 1956, in which the English Department requested the approval for ten new courses in English and languages, there should have appeared the statement that they were deleting nine courses as follows: English, 1 course, No. 302; French, 2 courses, Nos. 61 and 62; German, 2 courses, Nos. 62 and 68; and Spanish, 1 courses, Nos. 55, 61, 63, and 67.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary