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Chgd. name of Course 170 to 167 International Relations.

Request from Student Personnel Committee -- (See Minutes.)

RECOMMENDATION: That the exemption tests for Biology, Mod. Civ. and Physical Science be discontinued beginning with the fall, 1957.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, February 20, 1957, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

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

Members absent: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Adée and Dr. Moss.

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

Revised course for Political Science Department. The following request from Dr. Moreland was read: "We would like to change the course, World Politics 170 to International Relations, 167 for three credit hours. The members of our department feel that the International Relations title will indicate more nearly the content of the course for those in the Social Science Field.

"In the secondary school handbook, International Relations and American Problems are mentioned along with World History, Constitution, Civics, Economics, and Sociology. We feel that changing the title of the course will be worthwhile although the change in the content of the course will not be too great."

This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, International Relations 167, be approved and that this course will take the place of World Politics 170. Seconded and carried.

Request from Student Personnel Committee regarding the general testing program as follows: "To the Senate: "The Student Personnel Committee has been reviewing the general testing program now in effect at Fort Hays. Considerable thought has been given to the value of the exemption tests in Biology, Physical Science and Modern Civilization. The following points have been discussed by the committee together with Dr. Tomanek, Dr. Craine and Mr. Brooks.

- "1. That other schools contacted are no longer using the exemption tests except in a skill course such as typing.
- "2. That in some cases the exemption tests do not represent the content of the course.
- "3. That in addition to giving out facts in the field, a general education course should be developing attitudes, concepts, growth and the ability to think, which cannot be measured in an objective test.
- "4. That a student's high school preparation in these areas has generally not been broad enough to justify his being exempt from a 5-hour college course.

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- "5. That a very small percentage of those taking the tests were actually exempt. Last fall 613 tests were given with a total of 78 (12.7%) who passed one or more of the tests. In many cases the students are taking the course anyway and in some cases are doing below average work.
- "6. That each department concerned was very willing to discontinue the exemption tests.

"Therefore, the Student Personnel Committee would like to recommend that the exemption tests as now given for Modern Civilization, Biology, and Physical Science be discontinued. This would mean that every student would be expected to take the general education courses." /s/ Jean Stouffer, Chairman.

It was stated that when the general education courses were set up and the present plan started, it was mandatory that all students take the complete set of tests which included Biology, Modern Civilization, and Physical Science. The percentage of those making passing scores in these three was so small that this testing was abandoned and it was made optional with the student to decide whether he wished to take these tests.

Those students who exempt themselves from the general education courses, Biology, Modern Civilization, and Physical Science, do not gain any credit but are allowed to enroll in more advanced courses if they wish. It was noted that students may take examinations for advanced standing as explained in the catalogue on page 44. Hours of credit are recorded on the transcript for satisfactory completion of these tests.

It was noted that the present certificate requirements are 45 credit hours in general education and those students who exempt themselves from the general education courses would have to substitute courses. It was suggested that it probably is better to enroll for the general education courses.

The tests in English and mathematics are given for the purpose of placement and not for exemption.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the exemption tests for Biology, Modern Civilization, and Physical Science be discontinued beginning with the fall of 1957-58. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary

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