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Request from Dames Club to discontinue activity credit.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senate approve the request of Dames Club to discontinue the activity credit for their group.
Low-orientation-test students: Discussed regarding some warning (letter) to students who make very low scores.
Tentative Program for orientation week: Personnel Committee sent copies of program as set up at present.
Report showing the number of advisees advised by each advisor, fall, 1956-57.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, May 22, 1957, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Mr. Brooks, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek, and Dean McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Dr. Adey, Dr. Kuhn, Dr. Moss and Dr. Nutt

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dean McCartney.

Request from Dames Club to discontinue activity credit:

The following letter was read: "Faculty Senate: Members of the Fort Hays State Chapter of the University Dames voted at the meeting of May 16, 1957, to discontinue the activity credit. The organization feels that too few of the members benefit as most of them are not college students." Signed: Roberta Allen, President; Merrilee Hester, Secretary; and Dollie Thomas, Sponsor.

It was explained that this group petitioned the Faculty Senate for activity credit a year ago and this was granted. As there are only a very few of the club members who are enrolled in college classes, the group would prefer to operate as a club and not observe the rules of the activity-credit groups.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Faculty Senate approve the request of the Dames Club to discontinue the activity credit for their group. Seconded and carried.

Low-orientation-test students: It was asked if some warning should be given the students who make very low scores on the orientation tests. Dean McCartney and Mr. Dalton prepared a letter which might be sent to these students before enrollment telling them that the scores were low and that they should enroll for a light program. The advisability of sending such a letter was discussed. Dr. Ray thought that sending this information to a student in a letter would be a rather poor method. It was suggested that the advisors might be alerted and then he or she could counsel with the student about it. Some of the colleges send a faculty member to the home of the student to discuss this with the parents and student. It was suggested that the experience of coming to college might offset the student's failing in college.

It was the consensus that it is too late to wait until a student comes to enroll to advise him of his very low record. It was felt that it would be a kindness to advise him of his limitations before he comes to enroll. The matter was left for further consideration.

Tentative Program for orientation week: The Personnel Committee sent copies of the tentative program for orientation week and these were given to the members

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of the Senate. It was suggested that the time allowed on Monday morning (from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00) for "Meet student leaders and go over program for the week," etc. might be shortened in order to give more time for the advising. This suggestion will be given to the chairman of the committee.

Report showing the number of advisees advised by each of the advisors in the fall semester, 1956-57: This report was information taken from the official enrollment cards. It showed that there are four areas which should be relieved as they have had too large a number of advisees. These areas are: Biological Sciences, Economics and Business Administration, Education, and Pre-engineering. In all of these, it was suggested that additional faculty members should be assigned as advisors. It was left for Dean McCartney to work out and assign the advisors in each of these areas.

The meeting adjourned.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary