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FACULTY MEETING

October 15, 1957

The Fort Hays State Faculty met at 4:00 p.m., in Picken Hall. President Cunningham presided.

FACULTY SENATE RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the Faculty Senate Minutes of September 25, the following discussion and recommendation appeared:

"Should the college control the number of credit hours in which the Saturday-class students may enroll. At present it has been the policy to limit these students who are employed full-time to three credit hours. It was mentioned that the faculty members on our own campus may enroll for five credit hours and teach a full load. It was suggested that this is inconsistent. Also, the Saturday-class students may, if they wish, enroll for correspondence or extension courses at other institutions without consulting us. It was noted that last year a person in this area earned 15 credit hours and taught full time. It was suggested that the institution which employs these people should determine the restrictions or limits to be imposed on them."

REPORT: "RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the regulation applying to students in Saturday classes be removed. Seconded and carried."

MOTION: It was moved, seconded, and carried that the above recommendation be approved by the faculty.

In the Faculty Senate Minutes of October 9, 1957, the following recommendation was made:

"RECOMMENDATION: That the Faculty Senate recommends to the faculty that the Basic Mathematics and Basic English courses should not be offered for credit in the regular college program after September, 1960. Whatever opportunity is given students to make up deficiencies in these two areas should be provided in the summer session or in the evenings of the regular school year. Seconded and carried."

"This recommendation will be presented at the Faculty Meeting on Tues., October 15. President Cunningham would like to have your reactions to this recommendation in order that he may know the feeling of the faculty prior to the proposed meeting of the presidents of the five state schools."

In the discussion that followed the reading of this recommendation, faculty members expressed their views quite frankly. Such questions as "Who would teach the remedial courses, if they are not offered in the regular college program?" "Would examinations still be given to determine the deficiencies in English and mathematics?" "Would students be required to bring up these deficiencies before they could enroll in English 1, or another mathematics course?" "How can we teach students, unless we begin where they are and take them on from there?"

It was pointed out that the purpose of this recommendation was to remove the feeling, among the faculty and students, too, that we are giving college credit for sub-standard work, and that is a waste of college teachers and time that should be spent otherwise. Basic mathematics and Basic English, were first put into our curriculum to help those students who had been taught by poorly-qualified teachers during the war years and it was thought by some that this need is now passed, or should be passed, and the colleges should not have to assume this responsibility. If a student cannot, because of poor background, do college work, he should assume the responsibility of making up the deficiencies. Thirty per cent of our students enroll in Basic Mathematics and 25% of them enroll in Basic English. It was thought that the two parts of this recommendation could not be voted on at the same time and it was recommended that we take them up separately.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Coder that we do away with credit for the two basic courses (Basic English and Basic Mathematics). The motion was seconded and carried.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Edwin Martin that the second part of the recommendation, (concerning what should be done about helping students make up these deficiencies be tabled for further study. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### REPORTS ON ZONE SCHOOLS:

Dr. Eugene Craine and Mrs. Katherine Bogart reported on the Zone Schools they had attended at Hoxie.

Dr. W. Clement Wood reported on the Drive-In Conferences.

Dr. Calvin E. Harbin reported on the NCA conference he and others attended at Lincoln, Kansas, last week.

**APPRECIATION** was expressed by the President for the way that the semester had started off and he also thanked everyone for helping with the Parents' and Band Day activities.

**DISMISSAL OF CLASSES:** It was announced that we would cooperate with the Homecoming Committee and dismiss classes on the afternoon of October 25, Friday, in order that students may complete the decorations of houses and floats and get ready for Homecoming.

On Friday, November 8, it will be necessary to dismiss classes because of the KSTA Sectional meetings and the use of so many of the college classrooms.

**VETERANS' DAY:** This year Veterans' Day falls on Monday (November 11) and there was a discussion about what the college should do about holding classes. It will be the Monday following the KSTA meetings and would mean a vacation from Thursday, November 7 through Monday, November 11.

A discussion of the loss of another day of class meetings pointed out many facets of the problem:

It is pheasant season.

The college play will be given that night.

Several veterans will want to participate in the parade, etc.

Some faculty members said they would need a vacation by then.

If the Governor declares a holiday, the office employees would not want to work.

MOTION: Dr. Thompson moved that classes be held on Veterans' Day and that the Veterans be excused, if they wanted to participate in the parade, etc. The motion was seconded.

Further discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion lost.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT FLU:

President Cunningham told of the plans for care of the students, if the flu strikes. Shots are being given to the food service people, the house mothers, and nurses. If faculty want the shots there are about 70 available. More may be available later.

Dollie B. Thomas, Secretary