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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, February 19, 1958 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Garwood
Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek, and Dr.
McCartney, Chairman

Members absent: Dr. E. Martin, Dr. Richardson

Other present: Dr. Harper

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

Speech Department request:

A request from the Speech Department was read, requesting the privilege of reinstating the course, 20 phonetics. This course appeared in the 1951-1953 catalogue. It is a course that is basic in speech and is especially useful for students in speech correction.

The course, 20 Phonetics, may be reinstated without action of the Faculty Senate.

Biological Sciences division:

The following request from the Biological Sciences Division was read: "We would like to suggest the following changes in our offerings. Each subject field adviser made an intensive and thorough investigation of the courses in the respective fields and have suggested the following changes:

1. Delete Economic Entomology 39
2. Lower course numbers of the following courses:
Problems for Zoology 200 to 199
Problems in Botany 268 to 168
Problems in Biology 285 to 185
3. Raise course numbers in the following courses:
Change Field Entomology 38 to Field Entomology 51.
51. Field Entomology. Three credit hours. A course especially designed for teachers. Collection and identification of the more common families and species of insects are stressed. Life histories are also studied.
4. Change:
Life History of North American Mammals 29 to:
50. Mammalogy. Three credit hours. Prerequisite, 1. A

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survey of the class mammalia, with emphasis on systematic and ecological data. The course should be useful to prospective teachers and others who wish to learn the mammals of Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the above changes in the Biological Sciences division be approved. Seconded and carried.

Music Department request: The following letter from the Music Department was read: "The applied music credit should be reduced from two semester credit hours to one semester credit hour, for one thirty-minute lesson per week per semester, and from four to two semester hours credit for two thirty-minute lessons per week per semester. It was further recommended that all credit in applied music courses 91 and above, be set at two credit hours for one thirty-minute lesson per week and four credit hours for two thirty-minute lessons per week per semester.

"If this recommendation is accepted by the Faculty Senate, it will necessitate the revision of the credit set-up in the Music Department. If we can get action on this recommendation right away, we can make our necessary revisions for the new catalogue material."

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the applied music credit be reduced from two semester hours to one semester hour of credit for a thirty-minute lesson and from four to two semester credit hours for two thirty-minute lessons per week per semester, and that all credit in applied music courses 91 and above, be two credit hours for one thirty-minute lesson per week and four credit hours for two thirty-minute lessons per week per semester. Seconded and carried.

Academic Probation: The discussion of probationary status of students with low academic standing discussed at the last meeting was presented:

The problems regarding probation were presented as follows:

1. Definition - See Catalogue - Page 45
2. Base - Midsemester and/or semester grades?
 - A. Should grade index be less for freshmen?
 - B. Should minimum grade index for sophomores, juniors, and seniors be 1.00 or higher?
 - C. Should it be higher for juniors and seniors than for sophomores?

Average Grade Index for College		
Year	Fall	Spring
1949-50	1.50	1.56
1950-51	1.53	1.69
1951-52	1.55	1.63
1952-53	1.54	1.64
1953-54	1.61	1.65
1954-55	1.56	1.58
1955-56	1.44	1.48
1956-57	1.39	1.42

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3. When a student is on academic probation what is involved?
Restricted Program? See page 45, A, Paragraph 2 of the
catalogue.
Should students hold office in any activity or organization?
4. How long may a student continue on probation? One semester?
One year?

These problems were discussed. Mr. Dalton reported on how Kansas State College handles this problem.

Dr. Harper, who was asked to come to this meeting, reported that he had checked with the coaches of the teams regarding their reaction to a stricter probation period. He said that the coaches as well as the whole dept. want to have high standards. They feel that the intercollegiate program is an integral part of college. He suggested that the Senate be aware that the CIC League is composed of private colleges, municipal and state colleges which would make it difficult to instigate the same overall plan.

No action was taken and probation will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary