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FACULTY MEETING

April 15, 1958

**ACTION ON FACULTY SENATE MINUTES:** The minutes of the Faculty Senate for February 26, 1958 contained the following: The Fort Hays Kansas State College Faculty met in Picken Auditorium, at 4:10 p.m., on April 15, 1958. Dean McCartney presided. Sixty-five faculty members were present at the beginning of the meeting; 23 others came in at various times during the meeting; between 40 and 50 faculty members were absent. Mr. Rematore, that the above recommendation of the Faculty Senate be approved. The motion carried.

Dean McCartney told of some of the problems he has been having to work out with students who were put on probation at the beginning of the semester because of low grade points. He has the feeling, and has had this opinion substantiated by visiting with students, that the faculty members are not making students work to the capacity of their ability. Such requests as permission for a fraternity to entertain a sorority on a Monday night to have a card party from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., and that "students have time for such events," made the dean skeptical of whether the faculty members are requiring enough work of college students. We should make sure that the standards are not lowered. He also suggested that each department or division make a study of its course offerings and see if there is anything in the catalogue that should be left out or any courses that are not offered frequently enough to justify a place in the college offerings. He emphasized that we should have courses that are established and maintained over a period of years rather than making continued changes in the offerings and changing the titles of courses all of the time.

**ACTION ON FACULTY SENATE MINUTES: (DEFICIENCIES IN CERTAIN AREAS)**

The recommendation of the Faculty Senate, January 8, 1958, that "the Basic Mathematics and Basic English courses shall not be offered for credit in the regular college program after September, 1959," was discussed.

It was explained that this sort of thing is taking place all over the country. There was considerable discussion on the subject. It was stated that the courses would be offered for those students who are deficient but that these would be offered "outside of the regular curriculum" either before 8:00 a.m., after 4:00 p.m., or during the summer session, when students will have the opportunity to make up these deficiencies. Are we penalizing students for something which is not their fault? Part of the purpose of doing it this way is to make them realize that it is knowledge they have to have rather than mere credit in courses, whether it be in high school or elsewhere. Dr. Wood asked whether we have consulted the Association of School Principals, and the answer was "No." Dr. Wood said that these men did not feel that these deficiencies in students is their fault, either. Dean said that the five state colleges are talking about this problem and it is possible that they will get together to adopt the same policy for all state colleges in Kansas.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Moss that this recommendation be approved as quoted above. The motion was seconded and carried.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Welty that the recommendation of the Faculty Senate Minutes of January 8, 1958, "... that all students who are deficient in English be required to enroll in Basic English in the first enrollment and the deficiency must be removed before the third semester enrollment. A student may not continue his program until these conditions have been satisfied," be approved. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Ray and seconded by Mr. Rematore that the recommendation of the Faculty Senate Minutes of January 8, 1958, "all deficiencies in mathematics must be removed prior to the third semester," be approved. The motion carried.

Dollie B. Thomas, Secretary

ACTION ON FACULTY SENATE MINUTES: (SCAT TESTS)

MOTION: The minutes of the Faculty Senate for February 26, 1958 contained the following recommendation: "that the Senate approve the request to change the SCAT tests for incoming freshman as outlined" in the minutes of the same date.

It was moved by Mr. Start and seconded by Mr. Rematore, that the above recommendation of the Faculty Senate be approved. The motion carried.

ACTION ON FACULTY SENATE MINUTES: (ACADEMIC PROBATION)

Dean McCartney explained that when our enrollment was smaller it was possible to handle the probation cases easily but, now that our enrollment has increased so greatly, there needs to be a different method of handling the probation cases. The probation policy has been under discussion by the Senate for quite a long time and the recommendations are included in the Faculty Senate minutes of February 26, 1958. The Dean read these recommendations to the group so that any questions might be answered. Dr. Moreland asked a question of Mr. Toalson, faculty representative on eligibility of athletes, whether any of the athletes would become ineligible if these strict regulations were put into effect. Mr. Toalson said he had been studying these regulations and he thought it would affect about 15% of our athletes. It was the opinion of some of the faculty members that, if the athletes knew in advance that they have to meet these regulations, they would work hard enough to do so. Someone asked what Dr. Harper thought about these regulations. Dr. Harper was not present but Dean McCartney said that he (Harper) had met with the Senate at times when this was discussed and that he had discussed it with the other members of the Division of HPER and they had not objected. It could not affect a freshman playing football but it could affect a freshman playing basketball. The HPER people were not present to express opinions on the subject.

MOTION: Mr. Palmer moved and Dr. Ray seconded that these probation regulations, as stated in the Faculty Senate Minutes of February 26, 1958, be approved; PROVIDED, that students be given adequate notice of this action. The motion carried.

Mr. Toalson objected because he says he has been working with the grades of athletes for a number of years and he thinks that about 15% of the athletes will be affected. Others thought that the athletes might make better grades if they knew they had to be eligible. Mr. Rematore said that if 15% of the athletes are affected, then, there is something wrong with our athletics.

REPORT FROM DR. CODER

Dr. Coder gave the highlights of a meeting of Graduate Deans which he attended in Chicago recently.

FACULTY ASSOCIATION MEETING:

Mr. Doyle Brooks asked for a few minutes for the Faculty Association meeting. He presented Mr. Robert Marple, chairman of the nominating committee, who presented a list of nominees for next year's officers, as follows:

President	Mrs. Katherine Bogart
Vice-President	Dr. John Martin
Secretary	Dr. Katharine Nutt

Ballots for the election of officers, delegates and alternates to KSTA, members of C of C, and WKDA will be sent to the members by the campus mail.

Dollie B. Thomas, Secretary