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Discussed; List of advisers and number of advisees.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve "not more than a total of 4 cr. hrs. in semi-
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nar courses (?) be offered within a given subject field."
RECOMMENDATION: English Dept. Approve: Reporting 40 for 3 cr. hrs.
Delete 20 Reading Comp and 131 Kans. in Song and Story; and
115 Readings in Literature, 1 to 3 cr. hrs.

Meeting of
Minutes of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, October 15, 1958
at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Mrs. Bogart, Dr. Craine, Dr. Parish
Dr. Ray, and Dr. McCartney, Chairman

Members absent: Mr. Friesner, Dr. E. Martin, Dr. J. Martin, Dr. Richardson,
Dr. Tomanek

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

List of advisers and number of advisees. A list was presented to the Senate members which listed the advisers and the number of advisees for each one. This information was obtained from the fall semester enrollment cards. Some of the advisers have far too many advisees. It was suggested that the heads of the subject fields would be contacted asking them to try to distribute the load of advisees more equally. With so many advisees, it is impossible to counsel with students. It was suggested that students should be allowed to make their own decisions in working out a program. Dr Ray suggested that the student should feel some "belongingness" and this should come from his meeting and talking with the adviser.

Request from Graduate Council regarding Seminar courses. The following motion from the Graduate Council was read: "That the Graduate Council present the following request to the Faculty Senate: The Graduate Council recommends that the limit of one to four hours of credit for Seminar be construed to mean one to four credit hours for each seminar covering a given topic within a subject field. This means that more than one seminar (and more than a total of four hours) might be offered within a given subject field."

The Seminar has been interpreted as being a total of four credit hours in one subject field only. Now it is being asked if a student could enroll in "seminar" in more than one phase of a subject field, such as seminar in European History, American History, etc., each for 1 to 4 hours. A graduate student who was an undergraduate student at FHKSC may have taken most of the courses offered in a given subject field. It was asked if students might enroll for "Readings" in the same way. The difference between seminar and readings was pointed out--the seminar is more of a classroom situation and several students may be enrolled in the same seminar, whereas in reading courses the instructor meets only one student.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate adopt the above suggested idea regarding seminars, that is, that more than one seminar (and more than a total of four credit hours) may be offered within a given subject field. Seconded and carried.

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Request from the English Department regarding course offerings. "The following changes in catalogue material are suggested:

"40. News Reporting, raise from two to three credit hours. The following reasons for the change were given:

"Course 30 News Laboratory, is an introductory course in news reporting and writing; News Reporting is an extenuation of News Laboratory and consequently is more technical and more demanding of the student.

"The amount of work that should be required of News Reporting students is in line with a three-hour course, not a two-hour.

"To attract more students--possible. It is apparent that, for better or worse, two-hour courses are less popular with students than three-hour varieties. We need to attract more students into journalism courses (for reasons that are sufficient but not relevant to the subject at hand) and it is believed the three-hour status would be of some benefit."

This request was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate approve the course, 40 News Reporting, for three credit hours. Seconded and carried.

"The Department wishes to delete the following courses:

"20 Reading Comprehension (because of arrangement with Dr. Martin and his reading services.)

"131. Kansas in Song and Story (because the course rapidly became a history course rather than a literature course.)

This request was discussed. It was suggested that the Reading Comprehension has filled a real need and members expressed regret that it would be discontinued. Some kind of service will be set up to take the place of this course. It was stated that the "Song and Story" phase of course 131 would be very worthwhile but if the course is being taught as a history than it probably should be discontinued for the present.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate approve deleting the courses, 20 Reading Comprehension and 131 Kansas in Song and Story. Seconded and carried.

"The Department wishes to suggest the following new courses:

"12. Literary Background. Two credit hours. No prerequisite. Especially helpful for freshmen students who have not had a fourth year of English in high school. Selections from English and American literature are presented so as to stimulate the student's interest in reading, and to give him a basic knowledge of the outstanding works which are a part of our general literary background.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate approve the course, 12 Literary Background, two credit hours. Seconded and carried.

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"115. Readings in Literature. One to three credit hours. Prerequisite by permission. This course is designed to assist students gain background in areas in which they have not taken regularly organized courses. Students enrolled will be assigned reading lists of primary and secondary materials in the areas of their deficiencies and will give reports on the reading. Departmental instructors who are teaching courses in the major areas of literature will prepare reading lists of major works in literature and criticism. The student will be advised to select from these lists those materials necessary to fill in the gaps in his course work."

This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate approve the course, 115 Readings in Literature, one to three credit hours. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary