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FACULTY MEETING

February 17, 1959

A faculty meeting was held in the Memorial Union Black Room at 4:00 p.m., with Dean McCartney presiding. He announced that future faculty meetings will be held in this room, unless otherwise specified.

APPLICATION FOR TEACHER EDUCATION:

For some time the Faculty Senate has been working on a set of criteria that could determine whether or not a student should be permitted to go into teaching. A committee, including some members of the Education Department, had been asked to bring recommendations to the Senate and on January 28, 1959, the Senate approved a recommendation to be presented to the faculty for approval. (See Faculty Senate Minutes of January 28, 1959.)

In the discussion these points were mentioned:

Dr. Graber thought the school hiring the teacher should be the one to pass on his physical fitness and social and ethical attitudes.

Dr. Thompson said it should read, ". . . form must be filed in the Education Office by the student at least a semester prior to the first day of the semester or summer session," (underscoring indicates the change.) After considerable discussion, Dr. Cunningham moved that this section of the recommendation be changed to read, ". . . form must be filed in the Education Office by the student at least sixty days prior to the first day of the semester or summer session, effective September, 1960--after that it should be one semester prior to the first day . . ." (underscoring indicates the change.)

The motion was seconded by Dr. Wood and it carried.

Miss Davis brought up the question of whether or not students should be permitted to take the principles and methods of teaching and not be permitted to take the directed teaching courses. Could they go to another state and get the directed teaching and still qualify to teach in Kansas? There are students in Course No. 84 and 85 now that are not taking 86. Should they be permitted to do this until they have been approved. Mr. Dalton asked what we are going to do about students who take the courses for credit before they take the professional education courses. Shall we accept them?

Dr. Clark thought that we would be defeating the whole purpose, if we set up standards and let students take all of the courses except directed teaching and then let them go to some other state and take the directed teaching and qualify to meet the state requirements.

There were so many questions yet unsolved that Dr. Welty moved that we take this matter back to the committee for further study. The motion was seconded and carried.

HONORS AT GRADUATION:

Attention was called to the action and recommendation of the Faculty Senate at its February 4, 1959, meeting whereby students would be graduated "with honors." The recommendation was read to the group. Dr. Cunningham said he was in favor of graduating students "with honors" but he was not in favor of adding a "sash" or other symbol to the academic dress. He thought it would cheapen it rather than give stature to it. He said he had never seen it done on any campus.

Mr. Marcus asked if this Graduate Record Examination would be the "general cultural test" or would it just be a test in the subject field. It was the feeling of the group that it should be the general test.

Dr. Welty moved that the section about having a fitting symbol for honors, such as a sash, be removed from the recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Welty moved the the recommendation be adopted with the words "General Section" inserted in two places where reference is made to the Graduate Record Examination. Dr. Nutt seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS FROM FACULTY MEMBERS:

Mr. Dalton reported on a speech he had heard Dr. Conant make about our high schools today.

Dr. Cunningham reported on a meeting of the A. A. C. T. E. which he attended in Chicago last week.

Dr. Cunningham also reported that, in visiting with the administrators from other states, he finds that they are having about the same kinds of problems as we are. They are concerned with the quality of instruction, emphasis on scholarship, and making more restrictive requirements on those whom we let go into the teaching profession.

He also mentioned that he and Mr. Keating will be meeting the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the Board of Regents on Friday, February 20. There is no need to "panic" or start to look for other jobs, yet. If you know any legislators, it might be well to put in a good word for education.

Adjournment.

Dollie B. Thomas, Secretary