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Discussion: Field Studies course --
RECOMMENDATION: That the course, Field Studies, be numbered 400.
Preforeign Service Curriculum -- discussion.

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RECOMMENDATION: Preforeign service program be included in curriculum and be printed in the Guidebook.

Probation students may enroll for summer session.

"Minors" discussed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, May 20, 1959, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Bogart, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. E. Martin, Dr. J. Martin, Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Tomanek, and Dr. McCartney, Chairman

Member absent: Dr. Coder

Request for approval of the course, Field Studies: The following request was read from Dr. Coder: "Since this proposal involves changes in course numbers and a new course to be added to the catalogue, I am asking for the approval of the Faculty Senate as well as of the Graduate Council. I ask that the following numbers and courses be adopted:

288 Master's Report 2 credit hours
390 Thesis 5 credit hours
395 Field Studies 5 credit hours

"Since the master's report is the least of these three papers, the number is the least. Thesis has been reduced from 399 to 390 in order to make room for Field Studies which is the written report for the research that must be done for the Specialist in Education Degree.

"Field Studies needs to be adopted immediately so that the programs for summer students may be completed." /s/ R. V. Coder

This numbering was discussed. It was suggested that it might be better not to change the number of Thesis which is 399. Number 400 could be given to the Field Studies course and this would not make it necessary to disturb the present numbers, and would be the least confusing it seems.

RECOMMENDATION: That the number for the course, Field Studies, shall be 400.
Seconded and carried.

Preforeign Service Curriculum: The following request was read: "A number of students are becoming interested in a career in foreign service. Colleges and universities are offering courses that will enable the student to pass the Civil Service Examination and also prepare him to take advanced degrees for the higher classifications. The History Department is requesting that the Senate approve a Preforeign Service Program Curriculum so that it can be inserted in the next Guide Book and the next Catalogue. The enclosed Preforeign Service Program is based on the program offered by Georgetown University, a pioneer in offering such a course. If the student come to college with two or more years of a foreign language, the language requirement may be reduced and the student will have more electives or might start another foreign language. I think Dr. Craine would be an excellent adviser for such a curriculum as he is especially interested in Diplomatic History and Foreign Affairs. The advanced history courses in the enclosed program are necessary fields for the foreign service officer. The instructors in these courses can assign library readings and term papers to aid the student to get a background he will need for this career and also the Civil Service examination.

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"Fort Hays can also give a master's degree in this field from selected courses in history, political science, economics, and geography. The library has some good materials for research in this field." /s/ Raymond L. Welty.

This was discussed. Dr. Craine explained that this program requires a good background and only the strong students should be counseled to enroll. Most of the preparation is in languages, logic and philosophy.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the preforeign service program be included in the curriculum and that it be printed in the Guidebook. Seconded and carried.

Probation students enrolling for summer session. Students who are on probation during this semester and who are not doing creditable work have asked if they may remove the probationary status by enrolling in summer session and doing creditable work. This was discussed. It was the concensus of the Senate that students may enroll for the summer session but the work will not affect the probationary status for the fall semester. The agreement was that students would not be allowed to enroll in the fall of 1959 if the work during the present semester is unsatisfactory and that agreement should not be changed.

Minors: For many years it was possible to earn a minor of twenty hours. Students are urged to spread their college work and in addition to a major it was suggested that they take a minor in another subject field. This was a general pattern for those preparing to teach at the secondary level. When the State Board was prevailed upon to increase the number of hours beyond fifteen required of a teacher to teach in a given subject area, our minor become somewhat meaningless. At that time the Faculty Senate recommended that we abandon the minor. This was approved by the faculty.

Recently, there have been suggestions from faculty members that we recognized a minor for those who are not going to teach. One reason for the suggestion is that it is difficult for students to complete a second major.

This matter will be considered later.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary