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Mr. Suran and Mr. Gross presented the problem regarding academic probation as it affects the athletes in the Conference eligibility. This was discussed but no change was made. Further consideration at a later time.

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Faculty meetings - discussion continued and also examination of the questionnaire. Jan. 12 faculty mtg. cancelled. Questionnaire to be sent to faculty immediately.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, January 6, 1960, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Bogart, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Martin, Dr. Moreland, Dr. Herren, Dr. Parish, Mr. Toalson, and Dr. McCartney, chairman.

Member absent: Dr. Coder

Others present: Mr. Gross, Mr. Suran

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

The chairman stated that Mr. Gross and Mr. Suran had encountered some problems in the Athletic Conference regarding the scholastic standards which we inaugurated last fall. He asked Mr. Suran to Explain the problem to the Senate.

Mr. Suran explained that the problem is that the rule of the athletic conference is that each athletic participant must complete 24 credit hours of work for the school year, or 12 hours per semester. The poor student, who is required to take Basic English and/or Basic Mathematics and the Reading Improvement is enrolled only for 12 hours of credit, since he does not receive credit hours for the Basic English, Basic Mathematics, and Reading Improvement. If the student is on probation the second semester, he should reduce his enrollment; and if he must take Basic Mathematics, he cannot complete the required 24 hours as set by the conference. At present we are the only institution in the conference requiring this standard scholastically. The other colleges do not have a grade point average which they must achieve. The problem chiefly concerns the freshmen. Mr. Suran asked about the possibility of allowing credit for the students who complete the Basic courses with a C grade or better.

This was discussed. It was suggested that the students who are deficient in English and mathematics should make up the deficiency in the summer previous to the freshmen enrollment. This would make it necessary for the students to take the May orientation test to determine if they are deficient. Another objection to summer enrollment is that students would lose their summer's employment and the finances which are, in most cases, needed for the fall enrollment.

Mr. Suran stated that he did not like to ask for special favors, but that the present policy did seem to put our athletic teams at a considerable disadvantage in comparison with any of the other teams in the conference.

Mr. Toalson, the faculty representative of the C.I.C., said that we have by far the most stringent scholastic requirements of any school in the conference.

It was asked if there is a trend toward raising the scholastic standards. The other colleges in the conference should be moving in this direction.

At present, the consensus of the Senate was that the standards should not be changed. Further consideration may be given to this at a later time.

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Faculty meetings: The questionnaire which Mrs. Bogart and Dr. Craine prepared was considered and discussed. It was suggested that the meeting scheduled for Jan. 12 be cancelled and the questionnaire be sent to the faculty members for their reactions.

Request from Education Department for new courses, etc: The request from the Education Department was not considered due to lack of time and also information on the request. It was suggested that this wait until the next meeting and additional information be obtained.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary