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RECOMMENDATION: Classes be dismissed at 12:20, Friday, Oct. 21 (Adm. changed the time to 2:20 p.m.)

Meeting time of the Senate: 3:45 p.m., Wednesdays.

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Application for new courses: 3V. Modern Algebra, 40 V. Probability and Statistics. 140V. Teaching Prob. and Stat. 156V. Teaching Modern Algebra.

RECOMMENDATION: Approved the four math. courses above.

Arrangement of material in the catalogue--

RECOMMENDATION: Follow present arrangement of the catalogue.

Grading, discussed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, October 5, 1960, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mrs. Bogart, Dr. Dick, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Herren, Dr. Moreland, Dr. Parish, Mr. Toalson, Dr. Tomanek, Dr. Coder, Mr. Dalton, and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Others present: Mr. R. Burnett, and Mr. S. Staub, President, Student Council.

The chairman called the meeting to order.

Student Council request for dismissal of classes on Friday, Oct. 21, the day before Homecoming Saturday. The chairman explained that this year since the organized groups decided they would not participate in the parade, the college had decided that it would not be necessary to dismiss classes on Friday, Oct. 21. In the meeting of the Student Council last Tuesday, the members discussed the need for additional time to prepare for Homecoming and asked to present their problem to the Senate today.

Steve Staub, President, Student Council, said that the students thought that in order to have a really worth-while Homecoming, house and campus decorations, etc., some time during the day on Friday would be needed. If the classes meet all day Friday, the organized houses do not have enough students to complete their decorations by 5:00 p.m., Friday, when the judging begins. He suggested that all the students would be assigned to help with decorations. Those who do not belong to organized houses could help with the dormitories and campus. Steve asked about the possibility of dismissing classes without previous announcement which would tend to keep students from leaving the campus as plans for leaving could not be made.

This was discussed. It has been assumed that the Alumni appreciate the decorations and it was asked if the Alumni, townpeople, public, etc., really do appreciate the decorations. It was suggested that as the college enrollment grows, it will not be possible to dismiss classes for many events, particularly those which involve less than 25% of the student body.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that classes be dismissed at 12:20 p.m., Friday, October 21. Seconded and carried.

Meeting time for the Senate: The chairman asked if the hour, 4:00 p.m., as it was set up for today's meeting suited the members of the Senate. This was discussed. One suggestion was that the Senate might meet at 3:30 since classes begin on the half hour. It was suggested that 3:45 p.m. would give Senate members who have a 2:30 class a little more time than meeting at 3:30 would.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate meet at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Seconded and carried.

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Applications for new courses. Applications from Mr. Toalson requesting four new mathematics courses were presented to the Senate as follows:

3V. Modern Algebra. (Continental Classroom course). Three credit hours. A total of not more than five credit hours may be counted for courses, College Algebra 2, College Algebra 3, and Modern Algebra 3V. Prerequisite, one year of high school algebra and one year of high school geometry. Topics to be covered in this course include a brief survey of elementary algebra from an advanced point of view, subsets of the set of real numbers, complex numbers, simultaneous linear equations, two and three dimensional vector spaces, and matrices. The course will be concerned primarily with ideas and concepts. A minimum of attention will be paid to drill. Presented by the college in co-operation with the National Broadcasting Company and Learning Resources Institute. Nationally televised in the fall of 1960.

40V. Probability and Statistics. (Continental Classroom course). Three credit hours. A total of not more than four credit hours may be counted for course, Elements of Statistics 40, and Probability and Statistics 40V. Prerequisite, Modern Algebra 3V or permission of instructor. An introduction to that segment of probability theory and statistics which may be treated without calculus. Topics to be studied include an introduction to the concepts of "mean" and "variance," binomial distributions, and introduction to the theory of sets and of permutations and combinations. Presented in the spring semester, 1961, by the college in co-operation with the National Broadcasting Company and Learning Resources Institute. Nationally televised in the spring of 1961.

140V. Teaching Probability and Statistics. (Continental Classroom course). Two credit hours. Prerequisite, concurrent enrollment in Probability and Statistics 40V. This course is offered in conjunction with Probability and Statistics 40V for teachers and prospective teachers of secondary mathematics. Nationally televised in the spring of 1961.

156V. Teaching Modern Algebra. (Continental Classroom course). Two credit hours. Prerequisite, concurrent enrollment in Modern Algebra 3V. This course is offered in conjunction with Modern Algebra 3V for teachers and prospective teachers of secondary mathematics. It will be concerned with methods of presenting mathematics in the classroom. Presented in the fall of 1960 in co-operation with Learning Resources Institute and the National Broadcasting Company.

These courses were discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the four courses, 3V Modern Algebra, 40V Probability and Statistics, 140V Teaching Probability and Statistics, and 156V Teaching Modern Algebra, be approved. Seconded and Carried.

Arrangement of the material in the catalogue. It was asked if the arrangement of the subject fields in the catalogue should be changed. At present the subject fields are listed in alphabetical order. Advantages of this arrangement are

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that the subject field may be located easily, and the courses are also located easily. The numbering of the courses was also discussed. It was suggested that if a new numbering system is being considered, it would be well to investigate the possibility of using a numbering system which would fit the IBM cards.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the present arrangement of the catalogue should be continued. Seconded and carried.

Grading. The chairman distributed copies of the study, Survey of Grades on record during the last five years for the college. According to this survey the average grade is much higher than C in most areas. It was asked what is the concept of the faculty of an average quality of achievement as represented by the grade, C. This was discussed. Each faculty member will receive a copy of the survey showing his grading as compared with all other faculty members. The names of faculty members will not be disclosed to other faculty members except to the division chairman who will be sent the names of the instructors in his division. The concept of C or average achievement was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary