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Discussed: Grade Indexes  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 1, 1961, at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

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

Others present: Mr. R. Burnett.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney, for the transaction of business.

Sophomore-Senior Institutional Testing Program: The Bureau of Research and Examination Services, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has proposed a cooperative testing program and correspondence has been received from them asking if Fort Hays Kansas State College would participate. Copies of the correspondence were given the members of the Senate. According to this, there are tests available for the Sophomores and for the Seniors. The main purpose of this would be to build norms. It would provide valuable information for each participating institution for use of internal study and evaluation. Each institution will receive the scores of its students direct from the Educational Testing Service, and will make such analyses and reports as it chooses. Each institution will be able to compare the performance of its students with the total group of institutions. The cost of the testing would be \$4.50 per student for the Area Tests and the Advanced Tests.

The proposed testing program was discussed by the Senate. It was the consensus of the members that the testing of the sophomore class members would not be very valuable on this campus because the general education program of study is not completed in all the fields of study by the end of the sophomore year. Previous experience has shown that the sophomore testing was not worthwhile. It was the opinion of the Senate that the testing of the seniors would be worthwhile as indicated by previous experience. The cost of the testing was discussed. It was asked if the seniors could be required to pay the fees for the tests. Seniors who felt they could not pay the fees would probably object to being tested. Since all students in a class should take the test in order to get a true picture, it was suggested that the cost of the testing should be borne by the college.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the program of testing of the Senior Class be adopted and that the institution pay for the cost of the test. Seconded and carried.

Grade Indexes: Report of a study of the grades and honor roll practices of Kansas colleges was given. Honor rolls are based on different indexes according to this report--some colleges use the 4, 3, 2, 1 numerals for A, B, C, D grades and some do not give minus grade points for the U grades. In view of these differences, it appears that our standard is quite high.

Optional minors: The questions regarding minors for non-teachers were discussed. It was asked if we should provide for an optional minor. The minor as such was

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abandoned about 12 years ago. The minor has some advantages for the non-teaching graduates. It was suggested that most major advisors do counsel students to concentrate their elective courses in a given area rather than to scatter them over many areas. It was suggested that the Senate members discuss this question regarding minors with staff members and bring the information to a meeting at some later time.

Transfer Students: Should transfer students be required to take the orientation tests here. It has been a requirement of the college that transfer students take our tests. The purpose of this testing has been to determine if the students are in need of additional general education courses. With the ACT testing being administered quite generally and required in many of the Kansas colleges, it is likely that the transfer students will have taken this test. It was asked if it would be necessary to take the same test twice and whether the scores could be obtained from the students' previous college. The scores probably could be obtained but the question of time makes that almost prohibitive. It would be the simpler not to require the testing of transfer students. No action was taken regarding this question.

It was announced that the Faculty Senate would not meet Wednesday, March 8.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary