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DISCUSSED, MINORS.  
RECOMMENDATION: We allow a signed minor of 20 hours for non-teachers in a second field. Seconded and carried.

Discussed, amount of credit allowed for RN's who wish to complete work for an academic degree. No action taken. Page 5  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 15, 1961 at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

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

Members absent: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Mr. Friesner and Dr. Parish.

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

Minor. At the last meeting of the Senate, the question regarding a signed minor was discussed. This was presented for action at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that we allow a signed minor of twenty hours for non-teachers in a second field. Seconded and carried.

Amount of college credit allowed for registered nurses who wish to complete work for an academic degree. At present a registered nurse who enrolls in college is allowed thirty hours of credit for the R. N. work done prior to matriculation in college, and is required to complete 90 credit hours for a degree. Miss Stroup has asked that more credit be allowed for the R.N. degree, and she has suggested that this might be raised to 45 credit hours. After next year, our nurse education program will be for the degree only. Miss Stroup has been very particular regarding the enrollment, etc., of the nurse education students. These students have always made excellent records when they go to the affiliated schools--the hospitals have been impressed with the preparation of these students. Many institutions have their nurse education programs arranged so that the students may complete their work for the degree in 36 months. At present our program is for 39 months. There is some difference in requirements and programs from one institution to another. We are working toward recognition by the League of Nursing and would not want to lower our standards.

More and more of the R.N.'s are interested in getting their degrees. Some institutions are allowing as much as 50 hours for the R.N. degree. It may be that we should have a flexible allowance for the R.N. degree, such as "up to 45 credit hours" or "30 to 45 credit hours." Then later this might be changed.

It is entirely possible that in ten years there will be very few if any hospital schools of nursing. It is an expensive program for the hospitals. There are other plans such as the one-year program for aides and the two-year program for floor-duty personnel. Most of the Registered Nurses are in supervisory work. Many of the hospitals in Western Kansas are in charge of a Registered Nurse. Kansas University is offering a master's degree in nursing education.

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It was suggested that this should be given further consideration and be taken up at a later meeting.

It was announced that the Faculty Senate would not meet next Wednesday, March 22.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary