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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, October 26, 1961, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Cain, Dr. Dick, Dr. Herren, Dr. Parish, Mr. Richards, Dr. Coder and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members absent: Mr. Friesner, Dr. Marple, Dr. Moreland, Dr. Tomanek

Others present: Mrs. Hopkins.

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

REQUEST FROM DR. PARISH TO INCREASE THE AMERICAN FOLKLORE 132 COURSE FROM A TWO-CREDIT-HOUR TO A THREE-CREDIT-HOUR COURSE. The following from Dr. Sackett was read:

"This is to request expanding the course in American Folklore 132 from two to three hours. There are two reasons for this request: (1) American folklore is such a large and varied subject that three hours rather than two would be more appropriate for an effective and detailed presentation; and (2) there have been requests from students in the Education area for an extension of credit hours in this course so that it can be used to meet their credentials requirement in American Literature. S. J. Sackett

This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the credit for the course, American Folklore 132, be expanded from the present two credit hours to three credit hours. Seconded and carried.

REPORT REGARDING THE SIZE OF CLASSES FOR THE CURRENT SEMESTER WAS GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN. The Board of Regents have suggested that classes in the lower division should not be taught for less than 10 students and for five students in the upper division courses. This, of course, is an effort to keep the cost of instruction as low as possible.

There is a committee composed of representatives from 36 cooperating colleges from Muncie, Ind., to Fort Hays Kansas State and from Minn. to Missouri which have been studying the cost of instruction per credit hour. The instructional cost is the largest one naturally. However, there is some difficulty in determining whether the reports were all made in the same way. According to these reports the cost is \$27.08 here at Fort Hays Kansas State College, \$23.45 at Emporia and \$32.09 at Pittsburg. The highest cost was \$36.05 for an institution in Illinois and the lowest was a college in Wisconsin with \$17.47 per credit hour.

It was asked if there had been any discussion or planning about the possibility of going to a three-semester-per-year plan. The teachers training institutions feel that they cannot fit their programs to the three semester plan. These institutions have suggested that the quarter system would be much more

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suitable for their purposes. Some of the colleges are using a duplicate--three semesters for some students and two semesters for those who are in the teachers-training program.

It was asked if there was some possibility that the public schools might change their school to three semesters. Right now there seems to be considerable talk about extending the public school terms to ten months sessions.

There are some institutions who do not admit students who are in the lower one-third of their high school classes. It was asked what would be the effect if such a plan were to be practiced quite generally across the country. This would have the effect of making these students in the lower one-third of the class enroll in technical schools, junior college, etc. It was suggested that the students should have the opportunity to prove that they are not capable of doing regular college work. Let them select and prove their ability. Then there is the question regarding the state supporting the technical schools, such as, business colleges, beauty schools, industrial arts and library schools, etc. These are problems in connection with selection of students which need to be given a great deal of consideration.

It was announced that the Faculty Senate would not meet next week as that will be the first day of the KSTA Convention.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Florence Bodmer, Recorder