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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, November 9, 1961, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Cain, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Herren, Dr. Marple, Dr. Moreland, Dr. Parish, Mr. Richards, Dr. Tomanek, Dr. Coder and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Member absent: Dr. Dick

Others present: Mr. R. Burnett, Mrs. Hopkins.

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

REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES. The following request from Dr. Moss was read: We feel that we need the following two courses in order to strengthen the offering of our area.

45. Lettering and Illustration. Three credit hours. The student will have the opportunity to practice developing a technique of lettering. Students will study letter styles of the past; create new letter and type styles and eventually combine illustration with suitable letter designs.

173. Organization of Projects. Three credit hours. Prerequisite 3. The course will give advance students an opportunity for experimentation with the organization and presentation of art projects. A number of children of elementary age will participate in order that an evaluation of the project may be made.

These courses and the need for them in the art area were discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the courses, 45 Lettering and Illustration and 173 Organization of Projects, be approved by the Senate. Seconded and carried.

HIGH NUMBERED COURSES: There seems to be an overabundance of low numbered courses in the curriculum. One of our degree requirements is that the student must have forty hours of high numbered courses. In the offerings it would seem that there should be a relationship between the high and low numbered courses.

Different areas may need different requirements. The general science major has to take low numbered courses in many fields in order to qualify for teaching, and actually he is better prepared to teach particularly in the small high schools. In political science, the supreme court and the bar association suggest certain courses. By the time these suggestions are followed there is not much time and space left in the student's program for many high numbered courses. In some areas students have 60 credit hours in the major with only 15 of these being high numbered courses. It was the concensus of the Senate that the records made in the Graduate Record Examination last spring would seem to indicate that our students lacked depth. In many of the national meetings, there is some discussion about increasing the number of high numbered courses required for the major and for a degree.

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Mr. Toalson sent the October issue of the Bulletin of the Kansas Assn. of Teachers of Mathematics in which he marked some items. One of the items was a report of plans of Kansas State College of Pittsburg to raise the minimum requirements in mathematics for a teaching major and requiring the student to complete a second course in each of the three areas of algebra, geometry, and probability and statistics. The resulting program will then be on Level III as recommended by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics of the Math. Assn. of America. Another item from the University of Kansas was as follows: "Beginning with the present entering class of students, eligibility for Calculus and Analytic Geometry I is a graduation requirement for all students in the College of Arts and Sciences."

The chairman reported that according to the Intercollegiate Press Bulletin the Trinity College Committee on Curriculum has proposed three major changes as follows: 1) Reduction in the number of degree requirements-- all students would take six Basic Requirements in fields designed to give them a general view of fundamental areas of human knowledge, 2) Increased strengthening of the major field, more intensive course work and more independent study; 3) adoption of comprehensive examinations in the major field.

These items were discussed briefly.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Senate would be Nov. 30 unless it was necessary to call a meeting before that time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Florence Bodmer, Recorder