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Applications for new courses: 177 Gaucho Literature and 73 Projects in Journalism.

RECOMMENDATION: Approved the course, Gaucho Literature 177. Sec. and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: Approved the course, 73 Projects in Journalism. Sec. and carried.

Discussed WDP and WDU-"grades" given for withdrawing.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, March 17, 1964 in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Dr. Bartholomew, Mr. Berland, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Falls, Mrs. Hellem, Dr. Pierson, Miss Rowlands, Dr. Staven, Miss Veed and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Spomer.

Others present: Dr. Reindorp, Mr. Spangler.

The chairman called the meeting to order for the transaction of business.

Copies of Applications for two new courses were sent to the Senate members before the meeting.

New Course: Dr. Garwood said that the Language, Literature and Speech Division requested approval of a new course, Gaucho Literature 177, 3 cr. hrs. The description of the course is as follows:

177. Gaucho Literature. 3 cr. hrs. A study of the Gaucho literature of South America with references to the U.S. Western cowboy novel.

Dr. Reindorp was asked to explain the need for the course. He said that there are enough courses being offered in Spanish to offer this type of course. The enrollments in the Spanish courses are high and this is an indication of the need for the course. Students who have had our program in Spanish would be interested in this course for further study of the literature. This is a valid course as it presents the great literature of the Spanish American culture and manners. This will balance the course in Spanish literature and is an important type of literature for students of Spanish.

It was asked if there are similar courses in other languages. Dr. Reindorp explained that at the present time the enrollments and interest has not warranted similar courses in the other languages but as these increase requests will be made for such courses.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Staven moved that the course, Gaucho Literature 177, 3 cr. hrs. be approved. Seconded and carried.

The request for the course, Projects in Journalism 73, 1 cr. hr. was presented. The description of the course is as follows:

73. Projects in Journalism. 1 cr. hr. Individual study of specialized topics chosen by student with approval of instructor and advisor. May be taken more than one semester.

Mr. Spangler was asked to explain the need for the course. He said that this would provide opportunity for study of areas of journalism in which the
student is particularly interested. Such specialized work as community journalism, sports writing, the editorial, journalism law, typography and readings would be included. He said that the present course, Editorial Writing 64 would be deleted and Editing 72 will be numbered 45. There is a pressing need for more variety in the course work and the areas in the proposed course would give such variety. This might be considered somewhat as a readings course. Mr. Dalton suggested that the instructor should indicate the project or area of study so that the transcript would give the information. This is necessary when a transcript is being sent to another college because they wish to know what is covered in the course. Other areas have this in their offerings. In Art, they indicate whether it is sculpture, painting, etc.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Bartholomew moved that the course 73 Projects in Journalism be approved with the understanding that the credit be reported to the Registrar designating the specific study covered. Seconded and carried.

The use of WdP and WdU was discussed. Since the WdU carries minus grade points, it was suggested that the student should be allowed to withdraw from a course without designating whether he is passing. This was discussed. It was suggested that each Senate member check his division members on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman
Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary
Florence Bodmer, Recorder