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Discussion: Report of the Faculty Senate Committee for the Investigation of General Education at FHKSC.

It was decided to ask two division chairmen--Dr. Choguill, Physical Science, and Dr. Tomanek, Biological Science--to meet with the Senate next Monday.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, June 29, 1964 at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

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

Members absent: Mr. Berland, Dr. Coder, Mr. Rice.

Dr. Garwood called the meeting to order. At the last meeting it was decided to discuss the Report of the Committee for the Investigation of General Education at this meeting and then call in the division chairmen to act as consultants. One of the questions not resolved at the last meeting was the time allowed for the courses in the social science division, i.e., six hours in the history area alone, and six hours in the other areas, i.e., political science, sociology, economics, and geography. Dr. Garwood suggested that the report be discussed from the beginning.

I. English and Speech: 9 hours. The footnote stating, "Students showing marked ability in English Composition I may be granted, upon the instructor's recommendation an "excusatory A" or excusatory B" in English Composition I and may elect an advanced writing course instead of English Composition II." was discussed. It was explained that this would be an optional plan and if students did not wish to participate, they would not be required to do so. The English staff probably should be asked to do the screening and decide about those permitted to participate in this plan.

II. General Psychology: 3 hours. There was a great deal of discussion about whether this should be in a place by itself or combined with another area.

III. Mathematics, philosophy and logic: 3 cr. hrs. It was asked if the Introduction to College Mathematics would be in lieu of basic mathematics. The present plan regarding the basic mathematics was discussed. It was noted that philosophy was included in this group and it did not seem to belong with mathematics and logic. It was asked if the logic and mathematics could be left in group III and put the philosophy with the psychology. The committee reported that they considered the question of the logic and philosophy but the question of sufficient staff was one of the reasons that they were put in this group. The cut-off score for the basic mathematics requirement was discussed.

One suggestion was that the philosophy, logic and psychology should be combined in one area and leave the mathematics by itself. The need for additional staff members in the area was discussed. It was asked if the

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general education program could be changed without changing the existing faculty--that is, if general education courses are dropped and other courses substituted. This probably should be presented to the division chairmen for their reaction.

IV. Humanities: 9 cr. hrs. The sequence of courses was discussed. It was the intention to require two courses in American Literature, English Literature, etc., in an effort to give more depth which would not be obtained with the requirement in only one course. It was noted that the general education courses are designed to give breadth rather than depth. The present general education course, Intruduction to Literature 26, is a survey course.

V. Social Sciences: 12 cr. hrs. This was discussed at the last meeting. It was asked if the requirement could be three hours of history and then take the other nine hours in any of the other areas, economics, political science and sociology. If the history requirement is only three hours, the course would necessarily have to be very different from the present one. It was suggested that the student be allowed to elect two three-hours courses in history and take the other six hours in the other areas.

VI. Physical Science: 6 cr. hrs.

VII. Biological Science: 6 cr. hrs. The science people are very much opposed to the change as suggested and feel that the present plan is much better.

It was suggested that chairmen from two of the divisions should be invited to the next meeting and ask them for their reactions to the suggested plan as related to their divisions.

In order to complete the study of the report of the general education committee before the end of the summer session it was asked if additional meetings could be scheduled. It was not possible to find a time when all Senate members could be present. It was decided that the Monday meetings probably would have to meet longer than one hour.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder