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Discussed: Probation regulations.

Part 1 of Section E was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senate recommend that Part 1, under Section E in the regulations be retained. Seconded and carried.

Discussed: Withdrawals from class

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, April 2, 1963 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Bartholomew, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Coulson, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Dick, Dr. Kinsinger, Miss Rinker, Mr. Slechta, Mr. Spomer, Miss Veed and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Mrs. Colburn and Mr. McKee.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood.

Probation. Dr. Bartholomew suggested that the Senate consider Section E, Part 1 in the probation regulations. Part 1 reads:

"A student who has placed himself on academic probation at the end of the fall semester will be permitted to represent the college on or off the campus during the following spring semester. A student who places himself on academic probation during the spring semester and fails to remove it in the summer session will not be allowed to represent the college on or off campus in the following fall semester."

What does the term "represent the college" mean? It seemed to be the general consensus of the Senate that exhibitions or organizations which take students off the campus that are sponsored by faculty members, such as gymnastic meets in the P.E. area and Band tours in the Music area, would be termed "representing the college." It was pointed out that field trips taken during class periods are not to be considered "representing the college" but are merely class assignments.

Dr. Bartholomew felt that students should not be prohibited from being active in these groups if they are on probation. It was asked if it is fair to students on probation to be permitted to be enrolled in college and not have all the rights and privileges as students not on probation. The feeling seemed to be that if a student is enrolled he should earn these rights through his class work, and if he does not earn them he should not be allowed to participate in groups, etc.

It was noted that some do poorly in their general education courses but do well in areas where they might earn credit and represent the college at public functions. The present probation rule prevents these people from enrolling in courses where they make their best marks.

The view was expressed that this part of the probationary rules might encourage students to do better work. By preventing them from representing the college, this may provide more time to study and get better grades.

If students feel that they were treated unjustly by the probation regulations, they may send an appeal to the Dean of the Faculty and the

Committee on Reinstatement. Dr. Garwood said that very few appeal their probationary status.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Coulson recommended that the Senate retain Part 1 under Section E in the regulations. Seconded and carried.

It was noted that students on probation in the fall and academic suspension in the spring semesters must lay out a semester before they may apply for reinstatement. If a student places himself on probation in the spring and academic suspension the following fall semester, he is permitted to enroll in the spring semester since students are not dismissed at mid-year. Therefore, the second semester probation student is allowed a year and a half of school while the first semester probation student is allowed only one year.

It was pointed out that dismissing a student in mid-year may cause him personal embarrassment at home and may prevent college programs which are planned for the year, from being successfully carried out.

Withdrawals. Withdrawals from class were discussed. If a student withdraws during the first three weeks of school, the grade that goes on the transcript is WD (withdrawn.) If a student withdraws later in the semester the grade will either be WDP (withdrawn passing) or WDU (withdrawn failing.) The view was expressed that students have the right to enroll in classes and should also have the right to drop the classes. Faculty members should think in terms of the welfare of the student. In many cases, a student finds he must drop classes due to sickness or other extenuating circumstances. This area will be explored at a future meeting.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be April 23. The NCATE visitors will be on campus April 9 and April 16 is part of the Easter vacation.

Topics to be discussed at the next meeting are Dr. Moreland's request for a new course and the six weeks, midterm, and final grade reports.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder