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Student Representation on the Faculty Senate was discussed.
RECOMMENDATION: That the request of the Student Council for a non-voting representation on the Faculty Senate be refused. Seconded and carried.
Annual Follow-Up Study was discussed. See below.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, May 3, 1966, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Dr. Edwards, Miss Felten, Dr. Fleharty, Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Hollister, Dr. Proctor, Mr. Osborne, Dr. Rice, Mr. Schmidt and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Mrs. Cobb and Mr. Evans.

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

Student Representation on the Faculty Senate. At the last meeting the request of the Student Council for student representation on the Faculty Senate was presented, and discussed briefly. This request was presented and discussed as follows:

1. Many subjects are discussed in the Senate which are of no interest or concern of students. Students might be invited to attend those meetings where their interests are directly concerned.
2. Students probably would become disinterested in meeting each week with the Senate.
3. The first reaction, it was reported, of the divisions was that it would not make a great deal of difference whether students were present.
4. Why should students be invited? The students are represented through the offices of the deans of students.
5. Students would be given a hearing at any meeting if they wished to present a problem.
6. Each Senate member reported regarding the reactions of the division he or she represents. It was the consensus that there would be little or no value to the students in having representation on the Faculty Senate. Any problems students wished to present could be heard and they would be asked to present the problem. During the past year there have been few, if any, items of business which would involve students. The Probation and Suspension change was presented to the Student Council before action was taken.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the request of the Student Council for a non-voting representation on the Faculty Senate be refused. Seconded and carried.

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Dr. Garwood said that he would write a letter telling the Student Council of the action of the Senate.

Annual Follow-Up Study. Copies of the Annual Follow-Up Study made by the Office of the Dean of the Faculty and Placement Office were given to the Senate members previously. Dr. Garwood explained that the reason for making the study is to get the point of view of those who have been students at Fort Hays. These replies represent opinions and some of them may be very biased.

The discussion included the following:

The report on the evaluation of instruction in the General Education was discussed. It was asked if these ratings would have been helpful when the changes in the Basic Studies program was arranged.

The area of the Major was discussed. It was asked if results of this kind were not to be expected.

In the Advising section it was asked if the percentages would be helpful in comparing one year to another. The percentages were not reported. The advising always seems to get much criticism. Dr. Edwards said that at Michigan they used a plan whereby instructors volunteered for advising and then taught six hours and the balance of the load was given to advising. These people were instructed regarding advising and they advised for all fields. This seemed to be a satisfactory method.

The Evaluation of the Total College Program was discussed. The report indicated that the graduates feel strongly about poor instruction. Why should an instructor with little ability or "drive" be retained? The initiative for retention of staff members rests in the hands of the Division Chairmen.

Tenure was discussed. It was noted that at some schools a candidate is asked to give a lecture or lead a discussion as part of the application. It was noted that in the music areas some colleges require the candidates to give a recital, teach a private lesson and a class. It was observed that Fort Hays is lenient in its retention policy.

The Faculty Senate will not meet next Tuesday. There will be a faculty meeting at 3:30 p.m. that day. Mr. Don Davis will discuss the use of the ACT scores. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Tuesday, May 17.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder