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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, July 5, 1966, at 11:00 a.m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Evans, Miss Felten, Dr. Fleherty, Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Hollister, Dr. Rice, Mr. Schmidt, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Mrs. Cobb, Mr. Osborne, and Dr. Proctor.

Also present: Dr. Dick and Mr. Witt.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood, who said that the applications for two new courses were being presented. Copies of the Applications were given to the members.

Education, Philosophy and Psychology. The descriptions of two courses requested by the Psychology area are as follows:

15. Social Psychology of Living. 3 cr. hrs. Readings, discussions, and lectures on the psychology and sociology of problems in living as they are demonstrated on the campus of a state mental hospital. Students taking this course must be participants in the Hospital Improvement Program at Larned State Hospital. The student is assigned to work and study activities which are coordinated with the treatment program of the hospital. This course is taken in conjunction with Psychology 16.

16. Laboratory and Problems of Living. 3 cr. hrs. Experience and working on problems of living by assisting in the programs of treatment, recreation, and ward living at Larned State Hospital. Students in this course are participants in the Hospital Improvement Program at Larned State Hospital, which entails working on the hospital campus with patients for three summer months. This course is taken in conjunction with Psychology 15.

Dr. Dick was asked to explain the need and value of these courses. He said that they originated with the Larned State Hospital and not on our campus. These courses would be for the students who work in the Hospital Improvement Program which is financed by a grant from the government. The program is expected to continue for ten years. Students live on or off the hospital campus, and are paid $200 per month. These students are at all educational levels including high school students, undergraduate and graduate students. There are two aspects of the program, 1) academic, and 2) practical, and the courses are designed to fit these aims. The routine of the students and their activities were explained. Those who have less college work will work in the wards with the patients, and those who have had more advanced work will assist the psychologists.
The students in this program are not necessarily psychology majors. They are from all fields, maintenance, business, agriculture, nursing, etc.

These courses would be for the students in the lower division level of college work who go into the HIP program. The upper division people would enroll in readings.

Senate members were asked if they had any questions or suggestions about the courses. The word, "Living", in the title was questioned and discussed. It was asked who would be teaching these courses? There will be many people involved with the supervision and training. It was asked how the students would be evaluated. At the present time it is planned that the professional staff at the Hospital will have the supervision of these students and the Psychology Adviser of FHKSC will act as liaison between the Hospital and the College. It was asked about the students who become dissatisfied with the program, and how the credit will be used.

There are 34 students at Larned this summer in the program. There were about 200 from whom these were selected. About one-third to one-half are freshmen in college. Dr. Dick asked if those in this summer's program could be given college credit if the courses are approved. Fort Hays Kansas State College could not give college credit for activity at the Hospital this summer as the proposed courses do not appear in our Schedule or Catalogs.

After Dr. Dick and Mr. Witt left, the Senate members discussed the proposal. It was suggested that these students should be supervised by someone from the College. Since much of this work is practical work it was asked if this would be of college caliber. It was noted that this is similar to the course, 170, Internship in Accounting. No action was taken regarding these two courses.

Dr. Garwood said that the Faculty Senate would not meet Tuesday, July 12. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 19.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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