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Discussion: Recommendation from Social Science Div. (copy attached) regarding Prerequisites for Basic Study Courses in Music. Dr. Bartholomew's reply attached.

RECOMMENDATION: After the Senate reviewed the material from the Social Science Division, Mr. Heil moved that Music 58, 59 and 60 be deleted from the Basic Studies courses on the basis that they are too difficult for the Basic Studies Program. Motion seconded.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Hamilton moved that we table the motion until Dr. Oliva could be present at the Senate. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion: Recommendation attached from Social Science Div. regarding Student Summary Forms. Form is being revised. Mr. Heil deferred any motion until the Senate had an opportunity to consider the revised form.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, March 18, 1968, at 4:30 p.m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Bachkora, Mr. Schroder, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Popp, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Smith, Dr. Wilkins, Miss Gangwer, Dr. Witten, Mr. Heil, Mr. Dalton and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman and Dr. Bartholomew.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Prerequisites for Basic Study Courses in Music. At the previous Senate meeting of March 11, Mr. Heil, representative from the Social Science Division, distributed two recommendations from his Division. The statement dealing with the prerequisites for the Basic Studies in Music reads as follows:

"Whereas it seems unfair and discriminatory for any course included in the Basic Studies Program to carry a prerequisite which is not a part of the Basic Studies Program, and

"Whereas Music 58, 59, and 60 are included in the Basic Studies Program and carry the following prerequisites: Music 58 has prerequisite of Music 22 (Theory of Music II); Music 59 has prerequisite of Music 30 (Theory of Music IV) or Music 58 (Music Literature); and Music 60 has prerequisite of Music 30 or Music 58,

"The Social Science Division moves that the prerequisites be removed from Music 58, 59, and 60 and they be taught as Basic Studies courses, or that Music 58, 59, and 60 be deleted from the Basic Studies Program."

Dr. Bartholomew, Chairman of the Division of Music, was asked to meet with the Senate to respond to the proposal affecting the prerequisites in the Basic Studies courses in Music. Dr. Bartholomew had responded initially to the proposal in a memorandum dated February 20. The memorandum reads as follows:

"I have received the proposal from the Social Science Division relative to Music 58, 59, and 60 and their prerequisites.

"The Division of Music is aware that the prerequisite for 58 should read '20 or 22' not '20 and 22' as stated in the current Catalog. It is correctly stated in the current Schedule of Classes. Thus, it is possible for any student to get into 58 via 20; or into 59 and 60 via 20 and 58. As a matter of fact, the next edition of the Catalog will make it possible to take 58, 59, or 60 with '20 or 22' as prerequisite.

"I note that one part of the Social Science Division's proposal calls for the elimination of prerequisites for the courses in question. I would point out that to require one Basic Studies course as a prerequisite for another is a well-established practice--as with American Government, the prerequisite for which is History 4."

The question was raised as to whether Music 58, 59 and 60 were courses for Music majors only. Dr. Bartholomew responded that a major in Music was not a requirement to enroll in these courses. He noted that some of the best grades made in these courses had been achieved by non music majors. Dr. Bartholomew pointed out that many times a non music major will wish to take further work in Art or Music and the various alternatives in these areas offer acceptable alternatives for students wanting more depth in these areas.

One of the criticisms levied at these courses in Music and some of the Basic Studies courses in Art has been that these courses are too sophisticated for people not majoring in Music or Art. Sometimes students enroll in these courses because they are not able to get the particular Music or Art courses they would like to have.

RECOMMENDATION: After the Senate reviewed the material from the Social Science Division, Mr. Heil moved that Music 58, 59 and 60 be deleted from the Basic Studies courses on the basis that they are too difficult for the Basic Studies Program. Motion seconded.

Dr. Bartholomew expressed the view that non Music majors seemed to have no particular difficulty in the courses in question. These three courses permit alternatives for people wishing to take further courses in Music. None of these

courses is required. They simply permit alternatives for those wishing to take further work in the area of Music. In referring to his memorandum to the Senate, Dr. Bartholomew said as the courses are now offered that the proposal from the Social Science Division was not pertinent as the Division of Music does not require prerequisites of courses which are not Basic Studies courses.

Dr. Hamilton moved that we table the motion until Dr. Oliva could be present at the Senate. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Bartholomew noted that a "federal case" was being made over something relatively insignificant. Dr. Bartholomew said that he would poll the Music 58, 59 and 60 classes as to the number of non Music majors in them.

STUDENT SUMMARY FORMS. The second part of the material from the Social Science Division dealt with the form being utilized for student summaries. The material from the Social Science Division reads as follows:

"Whereas the Basic Studies Program (Lower Division Form) and the Student's Degree Summary (Upper Division Form) states that students planning to teach must take in the field of Biology, in addition to Biology 1 or 10, one of the following courses in Biology: 43, 51, 70, or 154, in order to meet state certification requirements in the field of natural sciences, and

"Whereas the Certificate Handbook (State of Kansas, 1968) states that the general requirement in the field of natural sciences and mathematics for state certification is 12 hours of natural sciences and mathematics, thus physics, chemistry, geology, and mathematics, as well as another course in biology will meet those requirements,

"The Social Science Division moves that the Basic Studies Program (Lower Division Form) and the Student's Degree Summary (Upper Division Form) be corrected and reprinted to show that the requirements for teachers is 12 hours of natural sciences and mathematics (with all possible fields designated), and that all advisers be so informed."

The new summary form which is in the process of being formulated will overcome the objections in the statement. The summary sheet as it is now utilized deals with courses required in the Basic Studies Program. The information regarding certification which is included on this form is intended to provide

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information for those who are planning to teach. The manner of stating the Basic Studies courses required was discussed. Mr. Dalton said that he would review the form and bring a revised form to the Senate for their consideration. Mr. Heil stated that he would defer any motion until the Senate had an opportunity to consider the revised form.

The question was raised as to why the Basic Studies Program in Humanities included "literature in any language." This provision was included so that if some student wished to utilize a Literature course in some language other than English, this would be acceptable for meeting the Basic Studies requirement. In practice, very few people follow this route but it is available for those who wish to read in another language.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder