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Discussion: New members and ASC President introduced.

Duties of the Faculty Senate.

Selection of Candidates for Who's Who.

New Courses. (Subcommittee appointed: Dr. Thomas, Chairman; Dr. Oliva and Miss

Christopher meet with Division representatives then make recommendations to Senate)

Catalog: New catalog will be published this school year.

Schedule of Classes: Dates when material is due.

Duties of Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Student-Faculty Review Committee - Students desire a committee to which they might go with problems concerning their grades beyond channels now available to them.

Proposal from Div. of Lang. Lit. & Sp. distributed.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, September 24, 1968, at 3:30 p. m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Ginther, Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. Archie Thomas, Dr. Samuel Hamilton, Mrs. Nancy Popp, Dr. Samuel Sackett, Miss Rachel Christopher, Dr. Lewis Miller, Mrs. Ruth Theis, Dr. Leo Oliva, Dr. Jimmy Rice, Mr. S. V. Dalton, Mr. Mike Finnin, President, Student Council, and Dr. John Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Dr. Maurice Witten.

Also Present: Mr. James Kellerman.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman. He introduced the new members of the Senate who are Mr. Ginther, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis and Dr. Oliva. Last spring, the Faculty Senate approved the request of the Student Council that the student body be represented on the Faculty Senate by a member of the Student Council. Mike Finnin, President of the Student Council, will act as the student representative this school year.

DUTIES OF THE FACULTY SENATE. The Chairman referred the members of the Senate to the duties of the Faculty Senate as they are described on Page 18 of the Faculty Handbook. The Chairman read the description of the Senate's duties from the Handbook.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR WHO'S WHO. Fort Hays Kansas State College has been assigned a maximum of 34 students for nomination in the Who's

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Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. The directions for the selection of the candidates state that "Campus nominating committees should consider, in making their selections, the student's scholarship; his participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities; his citizenship and service to the school and his promise of future usefulness." A list has been prepared of 195 students who have an accumulative average of "B" or better and a minimum of 80 credit hours at the beginning of the fall semester.

Prior to the school year of 1967-68, the names of candidates, their grade points and summary of their activities, were distributed to the faculty. The faculty members would then vote on the students whom they regarded as worthy for inclusion in Who's Who. Those receiving the highest number of votes were submitted as representatives of the College. The chief criticism of this method of selection was that faculty members were being asked to make appraisals of students whom they did not know. Last year the Chairman distributed the names of the students by Divisions to the Senate members and requested that Division staff members make the recommendations of outstanding students in their Divisions. It was the consensus of the Senate members that the Divisions should select the best third of the students listed in their Division. This will narrow the list from 195 to 65 students. The names of these students along with their grade point averages and summaries of their activities will be sent to all faculty members. The faculty members will be asked to indicate their choice of students for Who's Who. The Senate representatives will bring the recommendations from their Division to

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the meeting of October 8.

It was pointed out that the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities was a business and that on a nationwide basis, this recognition was not significant. On the other hand where a college makes the selection of Who's Who students in good faith, it would seem that the student is representative of Who's Who on that particular campus.

NEW COURSES. The Chairman said that he had requested that Division Chairmen have their new course proposals in his office by the 15th of October. All applications for courses numbered below 300 are passed upon by the Faculty Senate. The Chairman said that the time factor would negate the Senate's deliberating on all of these course proposals. In order to expedite the proposal of new courses, a subcommittee of the Senate meets with the Division representatives and discusses the courses being proposed. The Senate committee then makes its recommendation to the Senate. If necessary, Division representatives might be asked to come to the Senate to explain some of their proposals. The Chairman asked that Dr. Thomas, Dr. Oliva and Miss Christopher act for the Senate on this committee. Dr. Thomas will be Chairman. Mr. Mike Finnin was invited to meet with the subcommittee for the consideration of these courses.

CATALOG. A new catalog will be published this school year. The Chairman said that any suggestions for the new catalog should be sent to his office.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES. The summer school schedule of classes will be due in December and the schedule for the fall and spring of next year will be due in January. Any suggestions for the improvement of these two publications should

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be brought to the office of the Dean of the Faculty.

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Many requests for exceptions to College regulations come to the Registrar's Office as well as the Office of the Dean of the Faculty. There are too many requests of a rather routine nature for the Faculty Senate to meet and decide. An Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate acts for the Senate on many of these routine questions. For example, a student may wish to graduate with only 38 high-numbered hours. A student may wish to take an advanced standing examination. Questions of this nature are answered relatively quickly by the Senate Executive Committee. Mr. Schroder will represent the Senate on this Committee this year.

STUDENT-FACULTY REVIEW COMMITTEE. Mr. Finnin was asked to explain the rationale for a committee of this nature. He stated that students were concerned that there be a committee or court of appeal to which they might go in the event that there was a problem concerning their grades which was not being answered, in their opinion adequately, by the instructor of the course or the Division Chairman. It was his thought that a student having a question about a grade might go first of all to the instructor of the course. If he wished to pursue the matter he might contact the Division Chairman and if he wished to pursue the matter further, he could go to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty. If he was not then satisfied, he could go to the Student-Faculty Review Committee which would be made up of students and faculty members. If he were still not satisfied with the review of his case, he could contact the President of the College. Mr. Finnin said that the University of Wichita had such a procedure and

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there had been only three cases in two years. He indicated that he did not believe that the appeal would be used very frequently. At the present time a student has all of the options noted above except the Student-Faculty Review Committee.

The Senate members discussed the matter of grading and it was said that /^{occasionally} instructors grade capriciously; sometimes even viciously and sometimes rather subjectively. Grading is a matter of professional ethics. The Faculty Association has such a committee to deal with professional ethics. Would students question grades in order to harass faculty members? Faculty members need to be protected as well as students.

In the event there were a question about grades, it would be necessary for the student to have his examination papers as well as other evidence of his work in the course.

NEW PROPOSAL. A proposal from the Division of Language, Literature and Speech was distributed to the Senate members.

There will be no Senate meeting on Tuesday, October 1. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder