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~~FACULTY SENATE~~
FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, November 16, 1970 at 4:30 p. m. in the Smoky Hill Room of the Memorial Union, Chairman Gary Hulett presiding.

Members absent: Dr. James Costigan, Mr. Eugene Harwick, Dr. Samuel Sackett, Mr. Lyle Dilley, Dr. Samuel Hamilton, Dr. Billy Daley.

Also present: Mr. John Petty, ASC President

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hulett. Miss Riley called the roll. Miss Riley read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

Dr. Hulett called for reports from the Standing Committees.

Dr. Fleharty, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported the results of the Committee's work on the two resolutions from the Student Senate received at the October 8th Senate meeting. He read the Student Senate resolutions concerning Dead Week and Honors at Graduation and read the resolutions passed by the Committee for Faculty Senate consideration.

Dr. Hulett reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is giving consideration to the topic of Faculty Evaluation at the request of President Gustad.

It was reported that the College Affairs Committee has set up a sub-committee to consider tenure policy. Dr. Wall is chairman of the sub-committee.

Dr. Dressler reported the actions of the Student Affairs Committee with reference to the proposal for establishing a new honor society on campus, Alpha Chi; and it was announced that a Student Bill of Rights is being discussed by the Committee.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee did not have a report.

It was reported that the special Committee for the Revision of the Faculty Handbook, chaired by Mr. Gary Tobias, had been meeting and that some decisions on general format, etc., had been made, but revision of contents is still under consideration.

Following the committee reports, Dr. Hulett reported on responses received to the letters sent to President Gustad as a result of Faculty Senate action at the meeting on October 8th. Dr. Hulett received the following reply from Dr. Gustad to the request for formal notice to be sent to each faculty member having tenure.

Dear Dr. Hulett:

At the October 8 meeting of the Senate, you passed a motion made by Dr. Sackett regarding my notifying members of the faculty regarding their tenure status. Last fall, I wrote letters to all faculty members who were either granted or denied tenure. This fall, at the time of the election of the Senate, we distributed lists of names of those currently on tenure. Is anything further needed?

Sincerely,

(Signed) John W. Gustad
President

It was moved and seconded that the list of tenured persons referred to in the letter be accepted as official notification for presently tenured faculty members. Motion passed.

Dr. Hulett also reported on the reply received to the request for designation of a Coordinator for the Intersession. He reported that Dr. Garwood, as Dean of the Faculty, will have overall responsibility for the Intersession. It was reported that 71 courses are to be offered during the Intersession and that the enrollment period will be from December 7 to noon of December 31, 1970.

After these reports, the Faculty Senate acted upon the recommendations made by the Standing Committees. It was moved and seconded that the Senate accept the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that the Senate reject the Student Senate resolution for reconsideration of the Graduation with Honors plan. The resolution:

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate reject the resolution of the Student Senate regarding honors at graduations for the following reasons:

- a. The proposal was passed last year by both the Faculty Senate and Student Senate and has been published in both the class schedule and Leader.
- b. The proposal provides an honor designation to any student who would be eligible for "graduation with distinction" under the previous program.

The committee recommends to the Honor's Board that any student who demonstrates that he is unable to schedule six hours of Honors Seminars before graduation be permitted to take a seminar during intersession.

After discussion, the motion to accept the Academic Affairs Committee recommendation to reject the Student Senate Resolution was passed.

In action of the proposal for establishment of a chapter of Alpha Chi, an honor society, on this campus, Dr. Dressler read the recommendation of the Student Affairs Committee: "The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Alpha Chi offer of affiliation be rejected. The consensus of committee opinions was that Alpha Chi would only serve to duplicate an already active scholarship honorary on our campus, Phi Kappa Phi." It was moved and seconded that the Senate accept this recommendation of the Committee. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate accept the following resolution of the Academic Affairs Committee: "The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate reject the Student Senate resolution concerning reinstating "dead week" because it abridges the instructor's rights in conducting a class." Motion passed. Mr. Petty requested that a report of the Senate action be sent to the Student Senate.

It was reported that the request for a long-range calendar has been given to the College Affairs Committee for study. Mr. Doyle Brooks has been appointed chairman of the sub-committee assigned to this study.

Dr. Hulett reported receiving a request from Mr. Ralph Huffman, Field Service Director, that the Senate act to alter the class schedule on Tuesday, December 1, 1970 to free a period from 10:00 to 10:50 a. m. for a Student-Counselor-Principal Conference on that day. It was moved and seconded that the Senate approve this class schedule change. Motion passed.

Dr. Hulett commented that he had received a request from Dr. Garwood that the Faculty Senate consider a range of questions regarding tenure policy. Dr. Hulett read a list of topics to be considered and asked Senate members to refer comments to Dr. Wall, chairman of the sub-committee on tenure policy in the College Affairs Committee.

Dr. Hulett reported receiving a request for a change in the "Auditor" statement in the Faculty Handbook and College Catalog. The statement now reads, in part, "Permission to audit a course must be granted by the Dean of the Faculty and the instructor of the course." It was suggested that the statement be changed to read "Permission to audit a course must be granted by the Chairman of the Department where the student is advised and by the instructor in the course." It was moved and seconded that the Senate recommend that the suggested change be revised to state that the decision for permission to audit be in the hands of the instructor alone, and that the audit of a course not be indicated on a student's transcript. The motion failed to pass.

It was then moved and seconded that the permission for a student to audit a course be made the prerogative of the instructor alone. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the topic of auditing courses--what it means, who may participate, its appearing on a transcript, etc.--be considered by the Academic Affairs Committee. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Senate have a standing rule that committee recommendations be put in writing and distributed to Senate members before the meeting, or at meeting time, to facilitate action on the recommendations. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Esta Lou Riley, Secretary

Gary Hulett, Chairman