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- Discussion: BS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY. Dr. Randall requested Senate approval of such a program. At present, Psy. majors receive the BA degree.
- RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that the Senate approve the proposal. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion: COMMITTEE FOR TENURE. From a list of tenured faculty members, Pres. Gustad requested the names of six faculty members be submitted to his office - three will be selected to serve on this committee. Senate members nominated 13 for the committee.
- RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Houston moved that the nominations cease. Motion seconded by Miss Veed. Motion carried.
- Six members chosen were: William Wilkins, Max Rumpel, Verna Parish, Raymond Youmans, James Forsythe and Donald Slechta.
- Discussion: CALENDAR. Summaries of the proposed calendar at FHKSC, KSU, KU, WSU and KSTC at Emporia were distributed to Senate members. Proposed calendar would terminate the first semester prior to Christmas; spring semester around the middle of May. Discussion will be continued at next Senate meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, September 29, 1969, at 3:30 p.m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Miss Krebs, Mr. Houston, Mr. McCullick, Dr. Randall, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis, Miss Veed, Dr. Oliva, Dr. Rice, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Rayl and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman.

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

BS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY, Dr. Randall, Area

Adviser in Psychology, requested Senate approval of a program which would lead to the granting of a BS degree with a major in Psychology. At the present time, Psychology majors receive the BA degree. Dr. Randall said that this would permit Psychology majors to have another option in the selection of the degree they consider most appropriate. Students planning advanced degrees in Psychology have a need for additional background in mathematics and certain areas in science. Some of the graduate programs in the area of Psychology are reducing or eliminating their language requirements. Language courses would still be available

to Psychology majors but it would not be a mandatory requirement.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that the Senate approve the proposal. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE FOR TENURE. Dr. Garwood referred the Senate members to a portion of Appendix III. Page 38, in the Faculty Handbook which reads as follows:

"POLICY OF TENURE (Board of Regents
Minute, 4-18-47)"

"(b) In the interpretation of the principles contained in Section A of this resolution, the following is approved by the Board.

"(2) Beginning with appointment to the rank of full-time instructor or a higher rank, the probationary period should not exceed seven years, including within this period full-time service in all institutions of higher education; but subject to the proviso that when, after a term of probationary service of more than three years in one or more institutions, a teacher is called to another institution it may be agreed in writing that his new appointment is for a probationary period of not more than four years, even though thereby the person's total probationary period in the academic profession is extended beyond the normal maximum of seven years. Notices should be given at least one year prior to the expiration of the probationary period, if the teacher is not to be continued in service after the expiration of that period."

A list of tenured faculty members was distributed to each Senate member. President Gustad requested that the names of six faculty members be submitted to his office. From this list, three will be selected to serve on a committee which will be concerned with the questions involved in granting tenure.

The question was raised as to the philosophy which the selected people might have as far as tenure is concerned. There was some discussion of this issue. The tenure policy at Fort Hays is that which is followed by the AAUP and is approved by the Board of Regents.

The following faculty members were nominated for the committee: Dr. Randall nominated James Forsythe; Mr. McConnell nominated Marion Coulson; Miss Veed nominated Max Rumpel; Mr. Houston nominated Eugene Fleharty; Dr. Sackett nominated Raymond Youmans; Mr. McCullick nominated Donald Slechta; Dr. Oliva nominated Verna Parish; Miss Krebs nominated John Thorns; Miss Christopher nominated Richard Osborne; Mrs. Theis did not know the people in question well enough to make a selection; Dr. Miller nominated William Wilkins; Dr. Sackett nominated Glen Lojka; Mr. McConnell nominated La Vier Staven and Miss Christopher nominated Bettie Powell.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Houston moved that the nominations cease. Motion seconded by Miss Veed. Motion carried.

Ballots were distributed and six members were chosen. The members are: William Wilkins, Max Rumpel, Verna Parish, Raymond Youmans, James Forsythe and Donald Slechta.

CALENDAR. Summaries of the proposed calendar at Fort Hays Kansas State College, Kansas State University, Kansas University, Wichita State University and Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia were distributed to the Senate members. Mr. Kellerman commented briefly on the proposed calendars.

Questions were raised as to the number of days required in any given semester. Would Labor Day be considered a holiday as it has in the past? The proposed calendar would terminate the first semester prior to Christmas. The proposed calendar for the spring semester would terminate the spring semester around the middle of May.

One of the criticisms of our present fall semester is the fact that the Christmas vacation cuts into the fall semester. The 2 or 3 weeks following the Christmas holidays are said to be somewhat isolated and continuity of the semester is lost. Our present calendar attempts to approach 90 days in each semester. For accreditation purposes, it has been argued that we need to have 90 days each semester. On the other hand, it is obvious that a number of other state schools do not follow this criterion.

Some of the church-related schools start their spring semesters the fore part of February and utilize the month of January for a 3- or 4-week session. They establish particular courses during this interval. Some of these courses are field courses. In Sociology, for example, Urban Sociology courses might involve field studies in a large urban area. Apparently Kansas State College of Pittsburg and Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, do not favor this type of schedule. Kansas University is not using it. Kansas State has a committee studying the problem.

Were we to complete our spring semester by the middle of May, would this mean that the summer session would be advanced by a couple of weeks?

Our summer session needs to be one which will permit the public school

teachers to attend. In the past we have found that most teachers are not available until about the first week of June.

Were we to start the fall semester the last part of August, would the weather be such that it would not be conducive for classes? Many of our classrooms are not air conditioned and it was felt that the heat would be a factor which should be considered.

Some of the proposed calendars indicate that their final examinations would start on a Thursday and last for 5 days. Several years ago the Faculty Senate requested that our final examination period begin on a Monday so that a week-end would intervene between the last class period and the start of the final examinations. Our present program does violate this to the extent that we have Saturday morning examinations.

Were the state schools to terminate their spring semester by the middle of May, there might be some criticism that college teachers were not working the full 9-month year. We need to have a 9-month school year although we may not have classes which run through the 31st of May.

Are the state schools contemplating the use of a tri-semester plan? Dean Garwood replied that he had no information that the state schools were contemplating such a plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

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