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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, November 10, 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, Mrs. Theis, Miss Veed, Dr. Oliva, Dr. Rice, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Rayl and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Dr. Miller.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman and Mr. Finnin.

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

REQUEST FOR SHORTENED CLASS PERIODS. Mike Finnin presented a request from the Student Peace Coalition group that there be a 50-minute Convocation, Friday, November 14. The group would like to have the Vietnam issues debated in a public forum in the arena at that time. Mr. Finnin said that he had contacted the Students for Freedom and the Student Peace Coalition groups and they expressed a willingness to debate the Vietnam issue publicly. This debate would be in concurrence with the Moratorium activity which is taking place across the country.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that the request be accepted. Motion seconded by Dr. Randall.

Mr. Finnin said that the discussants might be composed entirely of students or the issues might be discussed by faculty members and students.

Will the debate bring out information which is not known thus far? The

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newspapers and magazines carry a great deal of information about the issues of the Vietnam War. Mr. Finnin replied that although the newspapers and magazines carry a great deal of information about the Vietnam issues, he was of the opinion that the pros and cons were never clearly spelled out and he felt that such a debate would place the arguments side by side and the listeners could evaluate them.

Is student activity across the country merely a fad or are the students responsibly concerned about the issues? Mr. Finnin replied that this definitely was not a fad; that many responsible people were deeply concerned about the Vietnam conflict and they were attempting to react as responsible citizens to a very serious situation.

Do the peace groups who protest the war lend aid and comfort to the Communists? Would it not be better to honor our war dead on November 11? Mr. Finnin replied that a debate on the issues was the democratic process at work and he felt that all the information available should be brought before the students and other parties.

The question was raised as to how many students would come to hear such a debate. Would 300 be present? Mr. Finnin replied that it would be hard to estimate how many students would be present but he was optimistic that there would be more than 300 present.

Would it be possible to have such a debate without interfering with the regular class schedule? The Senate is being asked on November 10 to grant

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permission to shorten class periods on November 14. Some faculty members may have planned tests or other projects which require 50 minutes. Would it be possible in the future to bring these requests 2 weeks in advance? Faculty members require advance notice of a change in class schedule so they may adjust their work accordingly.

It is to be hoped that an impartial moderator will be secured and that able people may be secured to present both points of view.

The question was called for. Motion carried.

The class schedule for Friday, November 14, will be as follows:

First Class Period - 7:30 - 8:10
Second Class Period - 8:20 - 9:00
Third Class Period - 9:10 - 9:50
Convocation, Arena - 10:00 - 10:50
Sheridan Coliseum
Fourth Class Period - 11:00 - 11:40
Fifth Class Period - 11:50 - 12:30
Sixth Class Period - 12:40 - 1:20
As Usual - 1:30 - 2:20

For the past 14 years, a Student-Counselor-Principal Conference has been held on our campus. At this time students have an opportunity to visit with their counselors and principals about their work on campus. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to provide a free period during the day so that there will be rooms available for students to meet with their high school representatives, and, students need to be free from classes so they may come to these rooms. Monday, December 1, has been established as the date that counselors and principals will come to the campus.

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RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that the request for shortened periods on December 1 be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. McConnell. Motion carried.

DIRECTIVES FOR COURSES INVOLVING TRAVEL FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT.

Dean Garwood read a memorandum from the President's Office regarding courses involving travel for academic credit.

"Any proposal for such a course should be written in such a way that all these qualifications are met. It should have the approval of the Faculty Senate. Mr. Keating should check any items that involve expenditure of funds.

"When it is ready for Board of Regents approval, three copies would be sent by President Gustad to the Academic Committee of the Board of Regents and one to the Executive Officer. If approved by the Academic Committee, a minute will be placed on the agenda for the Board of Regents at a regular meeting.

"Near the end of November, I shall send in the proposals that are in my office."

The Minutes from the Board of Regents, dated May 16-17, 1963, reads as follows:

BOARD OF REGENTS MINUTES

May 16-17, 1963

TRAVEL FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT - All Schools

"It was moved by Mr. Austin and seconded by Mr. Hall upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee that the following recommendations of the Curriculum Committee be adopted as the Board's policy governing the conditions under which travel for academic credit may be conducted:

- 1) All plans for travel for academic credit must be approved in advance by the Board of Regents.

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- 2) Such plans will be approved only if the subject matter is within the authorized program of the institution, if the instruction is organized and meets standards of campus instruction, if teachers are faculty members qualified in the field concerned, if credits are warranted by actual hours of instruction and research, and if the plans have prior approval of the department and school or college.
- 3) All student travel and living expenses must be met by fees or grants. Administrative and salary expenses must be budgeted.
- 4) The plan must not be for profit or gain of any individual or group.
- 5) Faculty members may organize tours to be taken during their vacation periods, but such tours shall be at no expense to the state, may not be conducted for credit, and the promotion shall in no way indicate or imply that the tour has institutional sponsorship.

"The motion carried unanimously."

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, SPRING SEMESTER, 1970-71. In the meeting of the Senate Monday, November 3, a schedule of classes for the fall of 1970 was approved. No provision was made for Labor Day which will be Monday, September 7.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 1970, be regarded as a holiday. Motion seconded by Dr. Randall. Motion carried.

The following schedule was proposed for discussion:

January 4 - January 15 (Monday through Friday)	- College intersession for special activities;
January 18, 19, 20 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)	- Enrollment;
March 20 (Saturday)	- Break for spring vacation;
March 29 (Monday)	- Class work resumes;
May 10 (Monday)	- Start of final examinations;
May 14 (Friday)	- Last day of final examinations;

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May 14 (Friday) - Commencement;
May 17 (Monday) - Last day of the semester.

This would provide 16 weeks and would be comparable to the schedules being adopted by the other state schools in Kansas. These dates would provide 81 days.

In the fall, we enroll on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Would it not be well to have a comparable enrollment period in January which might be January 20, 21 and 22? Why do we enroll on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in one semester and shift the enrollment period to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the next semester? The days of enrollment are determined by the number of days required in a semester and the use of days which are most convenient for the College. For example, in August of 1970, were we to enroll on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, this would mean we would be enrolling on August 24, 25 and 26 or enrolling on August 31, September 1 and September 2. In order to conclude the semester prior to Christmas, it is necessary to enroll in August. Were we to back up the enrollment to August 24, this would place us uncomfortably close to the middle of August.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that our enrollment for the spring semester 1970-71 be on January 20, 21 and 22. Motion seconded by Dr. Randall.

The question was raised as to whether it would be possible to begin classes the 11th of January and conclude the semester by the 7th of May. The college intersession provides a time for committee work and preparation for the second semester. Were we to conclude the semester by the 7th of May, it seems quite

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likely that some legislator would conclude that we were only working 8 months and 1 week of the year.

The schedule as stated would provide 81 days including final examinations and enrollment whereas in the fall semester, if Labor Day is considered a holiday, we would have 79 1/2 days.

If we enroll January 20, 21 and 22, would this negate the possibility of having an Easter holiday or Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays as holidays during the second semester? Were we to enroll on these days and observe these holidays, this would provide only 76 or 77 days which would be somewhat less than the other state schools.

The question was called for. Motion failed.

Kansas State College of Pittsburg observes Lincoln's Birthday on Friday, February 12, and Washington's Birthday on Monday, February 15. This provides a 4-day weekend.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that we begin enrollment January 18, 19 and 20 and that we have a holiday on Friday, February 12, for Lincoln's Birthday and on Monday, April 12, for the Easter holiday. Motion seconded by Mr. McConnell.

As stated previously, the finals would be from May 10 through May 14. The question was called for. Motion carried.

The schedule for the semester had been indicated previously.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Oliva moved that we approve this schedule. Motion

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seconded by Miss Krebs. Motion carried.

PROJECTED SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. The College needs a projected schedule for the next 5 years. The Senate has now approved a schedule for the school year 1970-71.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that we appoint a committee to draw up a comparable schedule for the school year of 1971-72 and bring this to the Senate for its approval. Motion seconded by Dr. Oliva. Motion carried.

Dean Garwood requested that Dr. Oliva, June Krebs and Ellen Veed who are reporting on summer session scheduling, make this study for the Senate.

FUTURE AGENDA. On Monday, November 17, there will be 2 course proposals involving travel which will come before the Senate. In addition, there is the summer school proposal for the summer of 1970-71. In the event that Dr. Oliva's committee has a report on the school year for 1971-72, this will be considered at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder