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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, December 15, 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.

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTION. The following proposal was received from Dr. Lewis M. Miller who represents the Department of Music:

"In soliciting opinions among Division of Music faculty members about President Gustad's recent proposals, I encountered a suggestion which might, with propriety, be subject for discussion at this time. The suggestion was made that, in view of the current atmosphere of change surrounding the investiture of the new President, the time might be appropriate for the Faculty Senate to consider a change in the name of our institution.

It has been pointed out, with justification, that the name is not only unwieldy, but that it frequently leads to confusion among the general public. Letters reach us--one often wonders how--with what surely must be the most varied set of designations imaginable.

I would like to request that the Faculty Senate place on its agenda at a conveniently early date a discussion of our institution's name with a view toward its possible simplification."

Dr. Miller said that the name of the institution was frequently referred to as "Fort Hays State" or "Fort Hays Teachers" or "Hays College," etc. Dr. Miller said he had no particular name in mind. It was his feeling that the name of the College should be shortened. He said that the name "Fort Hays" had no particular significance now.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Dr. Miller moved that the Faculty Senate recommend the adoption of a new name for our institution. Motion seconded by Miss Christopher.

Dr. Oliva pointed out that the name "Fort Hays" was of historical importance in that the land was granted to the College from the U. S. Government and the land had been initially used for a fort. The first class of the College was held in the old fort buildings.

When an institution changes its name, there is a considerable amount of expense involved because the name must be changed in so many areas - stationery, library holdings, etc.

For many alumni, the name of the College is something they would not want to see changed. They would like to retain the name of the College as it was when they were students at Fort Hays.

Mr. Rayl said in his opinion he felt the students would not like to see the name of the College changed. There had been some comment that the name of the state should be omitted from the title. However, if the word "Kansas" were not in the name of the College, it is likely some would not know the state in which the College is located.

The question was called for. Motion failed.

MASCOT FOR COLLEGE. Would a buffalo be a more likely mascot for the College rather than a tiger? Mr. Rayl said the Student Council had also discussed this idea. Any change of this nature needs to go through the Board of Regents.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Dr. Sackett moved that the Dean appoint a committee of the Faculty Senate to meet with the members of the Student Council to discuss the possibility of a change in the name of the mascot of the College. Motion seconded by Mr. Houston. Motion carried.

The following committee was appointed: Mr. Wayne McConnell, Chairman; Miss Veed and Dr. Randall.

HONORS AT GRADUATION. The following proposal has been received regarding honors at graduation:

#### HONORS AT GRADUATION

There will be three grades of honors at graduation: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude.

All students with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.50 or above will graduate cum laude. All students who have completed at least 86 hours with a grade-point average of 2.25 or above (exclusive of required basic studies physical education courses) and wish to graduate magna or summa cum laude must enroll in Independent Project 200; those who have a grade-point average of 2.50 or above and have completed Independent Project 200 will graduate magna cum laude; and those who either (a) have a grade-point average of 2.50 or above and have completed Independent Project 200 and six hours of Honors Seminars, or (b) have a grade-point average of 2.70 or above and have completed Independent Project 200, will graduate summa cum laude.

While honors will be listed in the commencement program for those who may reasonably anticipate honors, the listing of honors on the program is not a guarantee of receiving honors. Honors will be awarded only on the basis of the student's grade point for his entire undergraduate program, including the final semester or summer session. The honor awarded will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript.

At the present time graduates of the College who have an overall grade point of 2.6 or better are eligible to graduate with distinction. Dean Garwood explained

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the programs which Kansas State University and Wichita State University have. The proposed program of "Honors at Graduation" would replace the program which we now have, i. e., "Graduating With Distinction." Any student eligible for magna cum laude or summa cum laude honors would need to take the required work in the Honors program. The work in the Honors program grants College credit. Independent Project permits a student to write a paper, present a recital, present art work or other creative effort to satisfy this requirement.

Students would not need to go through the entire Honors program to be eligible for the Independent Project.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Oliva moved the adoption of this program in place of the present program. Motion seconded by Mr. Houston.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that we amend the motion to make the change in the program, effective June, 1971. Motion seconded by Mr. Houston. Motion carried.

The question on the amended motion was called for. The amended motion carried.

NAMING OF THE MUSEUM. The following proposal was received from the Division of Language, Literature and Speech:

"That the museum in McCartney Hall be officially designated the George F. Sternberg Museum."

The question was raised as to the desirability of using "George F." with the name "Sternberg." Why not simply call the museum the "Sternberg Museum?"

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Dr. Oliva moved that the museum be designated the Sternberg Museum . Motion seconded by Miss Veed.

In view of the fact that Mr. George Sternberg had several brothers who had similar interests, would it be necessary to carry the first name "George" to designate that the museum was named in his honor?

It was pointed out that the entire Sternberg family was being honored.

The question was called for. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p. m.

**John D. Garwood, Chairman**

**Lucille Drees, Recorder**