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FACULTY SENATE
Fort Hays Kansas State College

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, March 29, 1971, at 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Chairman G. K. Hulett presiding.

Members absent: Harwick, Sackett, Kuchar, Dilley, Gentry, Thomas, Robinson, Staven, Riley.

Also Present: John Petty, President Gustad

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hulett. Mr. Campbell, acting for Miss Riley, called roll. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

President Gustad was invited to speak to the Senate on the ROTC proposal at Fort Hays. He stated that he had been approached by the Department of Defense about the possibility of establishing an ROTC Unit on campus. Any preliminary negotiations concerning this possibility entail considerable effort and President Gustad stated that he wanted to determine if the student and faculty population was interested in an ROTC Unit, before entering into these preliminary efforts. Specifically, President Gustad asked the Senate's aid in surveying the student's and faculty's feeling on this matter.

The first item of business considered concerned the new General Education Program. Dr. Tomlinson, chairman of the General Education Committee, was asked to comment on the Committee's recommendations. The recommendations referred to items originally listed on page 2 of the General Education Proposal of January 25, 1971.

The recommendations are:

- (1) The elimination of the 40 hours of high number courses requirement, effective for the Fall semester of 1971.
- (2) The elimination of the designations of WP (withdraw pass) and WU (withdraw failing) and their replacement by W (withdraw). Withdrawal from class should be permitted until the last week of the semester or term. This would be effective Fall semester, 1971.
- (3) The elimination of the language requirement, subject to the desires of each department, effective the Fall semester, 1971. Each department should retain the option of using the language requirement if appropriate for that department.
- (4) Change of the pass/fail system to pass/no credit system. The four units of service physical education required in the General Education Program may be taken for credit or on the pass/no credit basis, at the discretion of the student. This change is to be effective for the Fall semester of 1971.

- (5) The new General Education Program will become effective with the Fall semester of 1971 for all students. Any student that has been enrolled at Fort Hays State prior to the Fall semester of 1971 would have the option of using the new program or continuing under the Basic Studies program in effect prior to the Fall semester of 1971.

Dr. Costigan moved that the Senate adopt the General Education Committee's recommendations. Dr. Moss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Forsythe then moved that recommendation #2 of the General Education Committee be amended to read that no record of a student's withdrawal from a class appear on the student's transcript. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schmeller. The amendment motion failed.

The 2nd item of business considered was the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities. Dr. Costigan, chairman of the Senate Student Affairs Committee, commented on the Code.

Dr. Parish moved that the Faculty Senate adopt the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities. Seconded by Dr. Thompson. After a period of discussion, the motion failed.

Mr. Fundis moved and Mr. Schmeller seconded that the Faculty Senate recommend to the Student Senate that some type of legal counsel be employed to assist in revising the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities. Motion carried.

Dr. Costigan moved that the Faculty Senate go on record as being in favor of a Student Bill of Rights. Seconded by Dr. Parish. Motion carried.

The third item of business considered was the ROTC question. Mr. Drinan moved that the Senate Chairman appoint a special committee to survey student and faculty interest in a ROTC unit on campus. Seconded by Dr. Thompson. Motion carried.

The last business brought before the Senate was a request from the Assistantship Committee of the Graduate Council that the Senate study the utilization of undergraduate teaching assistants and establish some policy guidelines to prevent such people from serving merely as slave laborers.

Dr. Moss moved that this request be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee. Seconded by Dr. Slechta. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Esta Lou Riley, Secretary
G. K. Hulett, Chairman