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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

July 14, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Louis Caplan, Faculty Senate President, at 3:30 p.m. in the Smoky Hill Room in the Memorial Union.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll, and the following members were present: Dr. James Stansbury, Ms. June Krebs, Mr. Don Barton, Mr. Mac Reed, Dr. Al Geritz, Mr. DeWayne Winterlin, Mr. Robert Brown, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. John Watson, Dr. Max Rumpel, Dr. Richard Zakrzewski, Dr. Charles Votaw, Dr. Louis Caplan, Ms. Carolyn Gatschet, Ms. Sharon Barton, and Mr. Richard Heil.

The following members were absent: Dr. Bill Daley, Dr. Emerald Dechant, Ms. Orvene Johnson, Mr. Edgar McNeil, Ms. Joanne Harwick, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Mr. David Lefurgey, Dr. John Knight, Dr. Sam Warfel, Dr. Lewis Miller, Mr. Thaine Clark, Dr. Ervin Eltze, Ms. Betty Roberts, Dr. Robert Meier, Ms. Patricia Baconrind, Mr. Daniel Rupp, Dr. Ann Liston, Dr. Ron Smith, Dr. Nevell Razak.

The following alternates were present: Dr. Carolyn Ehr for Eltze, Mr. Dale Peier for Meier, Mr. Bill Rickman for Rupp and Dr. Bob Markley for Smith.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs, Dr. John Watson, Chair

M₁ On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Watson made the following motion: "The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Faculty Senate approve Agriculture 301: Home Horticulture, 3 credit hours."

Dr. Watson pointed out that gardening has become more popular and the Agriculture Department feels that this course could be a real service to the people of Kansas. The Department also views this course with a real potential for appeal as an off-campus course. All departments are being encouraged to develop off-campus courses. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken. The motion was adopted.

Bylaws and Standing Rules, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Chair

No report.

Student Affairs, Mr. Mac Reed, Chair

No report.

University Affairs, Mr. Dan Rupp, Chair

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Caplan read the following letter into the Senate minutes:

TO: Faculty Senate Presidents: Dr. Caplan & Dr. Warfel
FROM: Dr. Elton Beougher
DATE: July 10, 1980
RE: DUPLICATION OF COURSES ON CAMPUS

I am sending this memo to alert you to what I'm certain will be another area of proliferation and duplication of courses at FHSU. This is the area of microcomputing -- specifically courses in the BASIC language. There is one BASIC course listed in the present catalog, Math 161. I have heard rumors of two others being taught and rumors of more in the works. As the micros become more prevalent among the departments on campus, we could end up with ten different courses, all covering the same content, the BASIC language. This could be the "statistics course syndrome" of the future. There are many statistics courses being offered, with wide overlap in content. We of the Mathematics Department believe that this problem should come under close scrutiny by the Faculty Senate and appropriate Senate committees, before courses become too firmly entrenched (a la statistics). We urge you to initiate appropriate discussions.

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Dr. Votaw added that the basic programming language is the same regardless of the department and that one course on campus should be sufficient. Mr. Heil suggested that this matter could be given to the Academic Affairs Committee for consideration during the fall semester. There was no further new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Heil

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