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Items of interest from Intercollegiate Press Bulletin.
Workshopper for the coming summer—discussed.
Dr. McCartney reported on trip to four Minn. colleges.
Catalogue material will be requested—depts. should be studying material, etc.

MOTION: Dr. Thompson moved that a meeting of dept. heads be held Jan. 10, 1952, to present this question and plan for studying the course offerings. Seconded and carried.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, January 3, 1952, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Time to discuss coming summer.

Members Present:
E. R. McCartney, Chairman
S. V. Dalton, Secretary
Ralph V. Coden
Alice Beesley
Doyle Brooks
Harold Ghogill

Geneva Herndon
Joel Moss
Ivan Richardson
Emmet C. Stophere
Leonard Thompson

Members absent: C. Thomas Barr

Dr. McCartney reported briefly on his visit to College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota, and the Minnesota College for Men at Morris.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. McCartney. It was decided that there should be a faculty meeting on January 17, 1952, at 3:30 p.m., which would take the place of the meeting of the Faculty Senate for the purpose of making a report of the Washburn Conference.

Catalogue material for the catalogue will be requested in order that departments should be studying the material in order to be ready with the material. At a previous meeting a report was given on the study of the curriculum. It was decided that the departments should be discussing the matter in order to be ready with the material.

Dr. McCartney said that he wanted to call the attention of the members of the Faculty Senate to some items which appeared in the Intercollegiate Press Bulletin:

1. Orono, Me. — The Interfraternity Council at the University of Maine adopted a plan whereby fraternity pledges would devote one day of Hell Week to civic improvements.

2. Baltimore, Md. — Abolition of the traditional four-year program for undergraduates in favor of an advance-as-you-learn plan will be one of the future goals of John Hopkins University.

3. Amherst, Mass. — College records reveal many instances in which students who received below-average or mediocre grades became outstanding leaders later on in business and in the professions, according to Dr. Charles W. Cole, President, Amherst College.

4. Elmira, N. Y. — A compulsory eight-week course in remedial reading has been initiated this year by Elmira College for those freshmen requiring it as shown by tests.

Each of the above items was discussed by the committee.
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Time to select the workshop for the coming summer.

The chairman said that a notice had been received from President Cunningham suggesting that it was time to decide about the workshop and asking for suggestions about candidates. This was discussed for some time. It was suggested that if an improvement of the remedial reading program were being started, someone to carry on that phase would be the one to attend the workshop, or someone to study the counselling phase.

Dr. McCartney's report of trip to four Minnesota colleges as Coordinator in NCA study.

Dr. McCartney reported briefly on his visit to College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota; Augsburg College, Minneapolis; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter; and St. Mary's College, Winona.

Catalogue material will be requested in about six months.

It was announced that the material for the catalogue will be requested in about six to eight months and that departments should be studying the material now in order to be ready with the material. At a previous meeting a page of suggestions was discussed. Dr. Thompson said that from his study of the catalogues, he believed there was an evolution or revolution taking place in the offerings listed in college catalogues. He suggested that the offerings should be studied carefully. Mr. Moss suggested that it was not enough to change the name and the credit of a course but that the actual presentation, course material, etc. should be studied and changes made.

To the list of suggestions studied previously for the improvement of the curriculum, Mr. Moss said he thought there should be added something about studying the journals, books, etc., in the particular field.

It was asked whether all the heads of departments know about the requirements, changes, etc. of state or regional accrediting associations. It was stated that the state Department of Public Instruction has committees which have been meeting frequently in Topeka making plans and changes but except for our education department, do we know what the changes, additions, etc. are. It was suggested that such changes were usually reported to the proper department—the reason for the change from the course Nature Study to Elementary Science was sited.

It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a meeting of all department heads and explain the changes and requirements which have been set up by the State Department of Education.
Dr. Thompson moved that a meeting of the Department Heads be arranged and the plan for studying offerings be presented to them as well as changes, etc. Moved and seconded. It was decided that this meeting should be held January 10, 1952.

The meeting adjourned.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary