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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, November 13, 1952, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present:
E. R. McCartney, Chairman
S. V. Dalton, Secretary
C. Thomas Barr
Harold Choguill
Geneva Herndon
Joel Moss
Ivan Richardson
Emmet C. Stopher
L. W. Thompson
Margaret van Ackeren

Members absent:
Ralph V. Coder — Gunnison, Colorado
Mrs. Katherine Bogart — Great Bend, Ks.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney.

Graduate Council ruling about graduate status:

Dr. McCartney reported that the question regarding graduate status of students was acted upon by the Graduate Council. They ruled that a student does not attain full graduate standing until all bachelor's degree requirements are completed.

Students may enroll for graduate courses while they are seniors and in that case they would use the white books for enrolling but pick up the green class slips only for those courses to apply on a graduate program. At the last enrollment a student who needed eight hours of undergraduate work enrolled as a graduate student using the green enrollment book. The responsibility for enrolling students according to the ruling above rests with the graduate office and the major professor.

Meeting time of the eight AACTE Committees:

It was stated that the eight AACTE committees met and each arranged a meeting time which was most convenient for the members of that committee. More of the committees meet on Wednesday afternoon than any other day. If the eight committees could all arrange to meet on the same afternoon, it would help in setting up the meetings for other committees. After some discussion, it was decided to suggest to the committees that they arrange to meet on Wednesday afternoon if possible.
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Problems in Library Science, 85.

Dr. Streeter asked for the approval of the course, 85. Problems in Library Science, as follows:

85. Problems in Library Science. Two credit hours. Prerequisites, 73 and 76. Admission given only upon consultation with the instructor. Special readings and problems in the field of Library Science will be outlined to meet the needs of individual students.

Dr. Streeter sent the following information with the request: This course is designed to meet the needs of persons who have had some training and experience in library work and who have special problems which arise in every library. (e.g., audio-visual materials in high school libraries; free and inexpensive materials available.) Such a course would demand individual instruction. For this course the student would do reading under the supervision of a Library Science instructor and complete whatever unit of work is selected by student and instructor. Dr. Streeter's request was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Thompson moved that the course, 85. Problems in Library Science, be approved as requested. Seconded and carried.

Report on grades at the end of the first nine weeks.

The quality of the work done by students as shown by the grades at the end of the first nine weeks was discussed. Dean McCartney reported that in checking over the grades, there were 76 students whose work was of poor quality and to whom he wrote regarding their grades. The question was asked whether the general education courses are slighted. It was thought that grades are usually lower in the required subjects and higher in the major and minor fields. There have been questions regarding the course, Modern Civilization, and it was suggested that perhaps it is more of a prerequisite for history than a general education course. It was suggested that many of the colleges report that the civilization course is the most difficult and about which most of the complaints are made. A humanities course in which history, literature, fine arts, etc., might be presented would, it is believed be a better way of presenting this but the real problem is to find an instructor for such a course.

Seminar and readings courses.

The seminar and readings courses were discussed. This was discussed at a previous meeting but no action was taken then.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Barr moved that a definition for "Seminar" should be worked out for use in courses by this name. Seconded and carried.
The following committee was appointed to study this question and bring definitions of "Readings", "Problems", "Research", and "Seminar". The Committee might consider suggesting limits of hours of credit:

Dr. Choguill
Dr. Thompson
Dr. Stopher

Catalogue material:

The material for the new catalogue should be available early next spring and the departments should be studying their offerings. This was discussed. The curriculum study carried out in each subject field last year should be of value in this connection.

RECOMMENDATION. Dr. Stopher moved that a digest should be made from the reports of the advisers of the various subject fields which were made last year, and also the data compiled in the Dean's Office. The digest may be studied by the Senate to appraise the contribution of each subject field in the whole curriculum. Seconded and carried.

Resident and extension credit:

On Wednesday, November 12, 1952, there was a meeting on the campus of the directors of extension of the five state colleges. At this meeting the question of residence and extension credit for courses taught off the campus was discussed and it was discovered that there is a wide difference in the requirements for residence credit among the institutions represented by the directors.

For a better understanding on this problem it was suggested that the Faculty Senate, Education Department staff and Extension Service personnel meet and discuss this. There will not be a meeting of the Faculty Senate on Thursday, November 20. It was decided to meet on Tuesday, November 25, with the staffs of the education department and the extension service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.