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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, May 18, 1953, at 3:30 p.m., in the Dean's Office.


The meeting was called to order by the chairman. Dr. Wood presented the following regarding the credit hours for courses, 83, 86, and 96, Directed Teaching:

The request for listing in the catalog of directed teaching at both the elementary and secondary levels 1-6 hours rather than the present 4 hours for 83, 86, and 96 and 1-4 hours for 87, 88, 89, and 97, 98, 99 seems to require some explanation. The principle behind this request is an attempt to adjust the amount of student teaching to the individual background and experience of students preparing for teaching as a career. Our present plan for the two main directed teaching courses, 86 and 96, does not provide opportunity to (1) meet the needs of students who have demonstrated that they are unable to take on the full responsibility of directing a classroom, and (2) meet the needs of those students desiring additional credit in directed teaching to meet state requirements other than that of the state of Kansas.

The Department of Education has discussed the problem pro and con. It was believed that the most logical way to take care of such requests would be to include the 1-6 hours as the amount of credit to be placed in the catalog for directed teaching. Under the present listing it would be impossible to adjust the amount of directed teaching above 4 hours to the needs of students. In practice, the number of hours for directed teaching, 86 and 96, will continue to be 4 hours. Administratively it would be difficult to arrange for more than this amount, yet it can be done. Furthermore, the practice for students taking 87, 88, 89 and 97, 98, 99 will continue to be 4 or 3 hours according to the type of program being followed by students.

While our first recommendation is 1-6 hours for 83, 86, and 96 and 1-4 credit hours for 87, 88, 89 and 97, 98, 99 we would subscribe in the interest of harmony to any logical arrangement which could take care of the adjustment factor. Possibly a listing of all directed teaching courses 1-4 hours with a statement included in the description of 83, 86, and 96 such as: "Additional credit hours in directed teaching may be requested when the desirability of more credit hours is established." It is assumed that a request for credit in a course above that listed in the catalog would be made through the proper channels which would include the director of student teaching, the head of the department of education, and the dean of the college.

It was also brought to the attention of the Senate that the AACTE Evaluation Standard VI on Laboratory Experiences raises the question, "Is it possible to make adjustments in student teaching to meet the individual need of students?"

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the education courses, Directed Teaching 83, 86, and 96, be changed from four credit hours to a variable of one to four credit hours. A student who needs more than four credit hours in Education 83, 86 or 96 to meet specific accreditation requirements in another state may make application for an additional one or two hours of credit. Seconded and carried.