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DISCUSSION: Letter to be sent to school adm. about freshmen test scores.

RECOMMENDATION: that lower division advisers give more careful attention to the ACE scores in determining the total enrollment.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, December 10, 1953
at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present:

E. R. McCartney
S. V. Dalton
Ralph V. Coder
Katherine Bogart
Katharine Nutt
Ivan Richardson
Emmet C. Stopher
L. W. Thompson

Gerald Tomanek
Margaret vanAckeren

Member absent
Calvin Harbin
Joel Moss

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

The first matter presented by the chairman was the letter which was to be sent to school administrators telling them about our freshman testing program and offering such information compiled from the tests which might be helpful to them. It was generally agreed that a letter should be sent and that it should state that the information would be sent only if requested.

The form to be used for reporting the information was discussed at length. It was agreed that the report should not show individual records but should be a composite report which would indicate how well all of the students from a single school did. Then if more detailed information is desired about any individual student a further request could be made. It was felt that the composite report would indicate the quality of the instruction in the high schools from which the students come.

First semester students: Following a discussion of the difficulties some of the freshmen are having this fall, it was suggested that possibly one of the reasons was that the ACE score was not given sufficient consideration in determining the appropriate load for a given student. It appears that most advisers have followed the regulation on page 46 of the current catalogue which says that 15 or 16 hours is considered an average load. This is to be reduced for all former students if their grade point is below 1.00. Since freshmen do not have a grade point, then it appears the most reliable criteria available by which a student's ability may be judged would be the ACE score.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that lower division advisers give more careful attention to the ACE score for a freshman student in determining the number of hours he should take in his first semester of enrollment. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary