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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, December 17, 1953, with cr. at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present:
E. R. McCartney
Katherine Bogart
Calvin Harbin
Katharine Nutt
Ivan Richardson
Emmet C. Stopher
L. W. Thompson
Gerald Tomanek
Margaret van Ackeren

Members absent:
S. V. Dalton
Ralph Coder
Joel Moss

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

Activities: Previously the Senate had discussed the need for a policy relative to the number of activities in which a student may or should enroll. After appraising the pros and cons, it was agreed that a statement be formulated which would set no arbitrary limits as to the number or kinds of activities in which any student may enroll. The following statement embodies the thinking of the Faculty Senate.

On Page 19 of the current College catalog there are listed offerings to implement the objectives of the College. One of these is, "A broad program of extracurricular activities through which students may participate in diversified and enriching experiences." This implies a belief that these activities play a part in preparing students for constructive living in a democratic society. The student is not making the optimum use of the College offerings if he takes no part in the "activities".

Many students would profit from participation in activities outside the field of his major interest, and these should be encouraged as well as those activities connected with his major. Although the College has no program of enforced participation in activities, the student's advisor should feel a responsibility to keep before the student the advantages of reasonable participation in activities.

In some cases the advisor may need to counsel the student against participation in too many activities resulting in detriment to the student's class standing. What is an activity overload for one student may not be for another. It depends upon the student's ability, interest, and other responsibilities, and these need be considered carefully by the student and his advisor.

While this statement contains no hard and fast rule, but permits instead individualizing treatment according to the needs of the student, it is a declaration of philosophy or policy.
The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary