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Discussed: Activities, Need for policy. Statement embodying the thinking of the Faculty Senate.  
RECOMMENDATION: That the statement of Policy be adopted & presented to the faculty. Page 3  
Discussed: Credit in Band, Choir, Orchestra, etc.  
RECOMMENDATION: That band, chor, ensembles, orchestra, debate and other such offerings which have been offered "with or without credit" be listed only as courses  
Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, December 17, 1953, with cr. after 9-1-54  
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.

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RECOMMENDATION: A motion was made that the Senate recommend the above statement of policy be adopted by the faculty. Seconded and carried.

*J. M. M. 12, 54.*

Credit in Band, Choir, Orchestra, Ensembles and Debate: The computing of the class loads of students who are enrolled in various courses which may be taken with or without credit has been a problem involving overloads. The problem arises whenever a student takes the maximum load allowable under the regulation on Page 46 of the catalogue and then wishes to enroll in one or more of the above named courses without credit or as an activity. It is known that students do the same amount of work in these courses whether taken for credit or as an activity. The opportunity for enrollment as an activity has been abused and has resulted in students carrying a detrimental overload in many cases. Likewise, advisers have counseled students out of these courses when taken just as an activity.

It was pointed out that originally when the music department requested that students have the option of credit or no credit, it was designed to attract students because the groups were small and because they did an amount of work equal to that required in any laboratory course. Furthermore, the credit allowed would give them a hold on the student for regular attendance and performance. This whole matter has been discussed with Mr. Barr.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved that the Senate recommend to the faculty that band, choir, ensembles, orchestra, debate and any other such offerings which have been offered as courses with credit or activities without credit be listed only as courses with credit after September 1, 1954. Seconded and carried.

*Deferred Action  
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The discussion of the above problem brought out the fact that perhaps there are activities such as intercollegiate athletics, Little Theater productions, and the like which require a great amount of time. The question was raised as to how such activities should be considered in the student's semester class load. Should participation in basketball, for example, be considered as a reason for reducing a class load? This problem will be studied later.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary