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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate, November 3, 1954, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, S. V. Dalton, Ralph V. Coder, Don Adee, Doyle Brooks, Calvin Harbin, Alice Morrison, Joel Moss, Katherine Nutt, L. W. Thompson, Margaret van Akeren

Member absent: Gerald Tomanek

Others present: Robert Maple

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

May residence credit be allowed for the geography courses, 87E and 87W, Field Studies in Geography:

The chairman explained that when the first geography tour was planned the question was raised as to whether the geography-tours courses should give residence credit or extension credit. It was agreed then that the courses should carry extension credit and the enrollment should be handled by extension service. Yesterday, Mrs. Landrum, Mr. Burnett, Dr. Coder, Mr. Maple and Dr. McCartney met and discussed the question of resident or extension credit for the geography tours in the light of our experience. It was stated that the nature of the course should determine the kind of credit rather than the place where the class meets. It seems obvious that some courses could not be offered this way, for example, courses in chemistry. Some colleges give residence credit for courses taught 25 or 30 miles from the campus and this is due to the fact that the library facilities, etc., are available.

Mr. Maple, who was asked to explain the course, said that the course is worked out with a pre-study assignment before the trip begins; class meetings, and examinations. The pre-study is mimeographed material which is given to the students when they enroll for the course. It is primarily a study guide--lists the books in the library which are helpful, outlines the trip and course, a glossary of the terms needed, etc. Each day the material which applies to that day's trip is handed to the students. Students prepare a workbook which is handed in at the end of the trip. Each morning after the bus is on the way, the students are encouraged to ask questions, and explanations are given. During the trip, all pertinent material, points of interest, etc., are called to the attention of the class. The last night before the trip is completed the examination covering the entire course is given.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that further offerings of the courses, 87E and 87W, Field Studies in Geography should give residence credit. Seconded and carried. (It was suggested in the catalogue description of these courses that the sentence regarding the extension credit be removed.)
Report of Dr. Adec regarding the physical education credit:

Dr. Adec reported on the physical education requirement for transfer students and for veterans as practiced by colleges in this area. He reported that there is rather a wide range of practices for the transfer students but that the veterans who have served 90 days or more are excused from the physical education requirement in most schools.

The physical education requirement and the best way of handling those cases of transfer students and veterans was discussed. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to make a recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary