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RECOM: Approved: 20 American History, 162 The Middle Period
of Amer. History, 130 History of Kansas.
RECOM: French Club granted status of activity cr. group.
RECOM: "Suggested pre-Theological Curriculum" -- see attached
Report on pre-enrollment. Page 9
RECOM: Extend enrollment period for Spr. Sem., 1955 to 2 days

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1955,
at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Present: All members were present.

History courses approved:

The chairman, E.R. McCartney, presented the request from Dr. Welty for approval of three courses in the History Department as follows:

- 20 American History 5 credit hours. Prerequisite, 4 or permission.
- 162 The Middle Period of American History 3 credit hours. Prerequisite, college credit in American History or 10 hrs. of history.
- 130 History of Kansas 2 credit hours. Prerequisite, college credit in American History.

In the discussion it was shown that it was Dr. Welty's idea that the present courses, U.S. History 30 and 31, each for three credit hours are not the best plan in the preparation of elementary teachers because many of them have been taking only one of these courses. The plan presented, which was approved by the history staff, is that a five-credit-hour course will eventually replace courses 30 and 31.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 20 American History, be approved. Seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 162 The Middle Period of American History, be approved. Second and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 130 History of Kansas, be approved. Second and carried.

Petition from the French Club:

A petition from the French Club was read in which they asked for the privilege of granting activity credit for participation in this organization. It was explained that early in the fall semester, Miss Radke asked about organizing a French Club. She noted that there was a Spanish Club and a German Club but no French Club. It was suggested to her that a club be formed and operate during the fall semester to determine if students would be interested in participating in such a Club. Within the past week, Robert Scheuerman and Gregg Lindner, officers of the present club, presented a petition from the members of the French Club asking to be granted the privilege of receiving activity credit for this organization. The club has been meeting regularly and has been operating as a successful group.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the French Club be granted the status of a regular activity credit group beginning with the second semester of 1954-55. Seconded and carried.

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Pre-theological curriculum:

Dr. Hamilton presented a suggested curriculum for pre-theological students. He gave logical reasons for having such a curriculum in our catalogue. We have a number of pre-theological students on the campus each semester. We also have a number of students who take much of this program to qualify for Christian service even though they do not plan to be ministers. Most theological schools require that the student has a degree in order to meet the entrance requirements. This curriculum is arranged to meet the standards of the American Assn. of Theological Schools. The leading seminaries are members of this organization. The curriculum as presented allows the student to have a major preferable in English, Social Sciences or other fields. It meets all the college requirements and permits students to earn a degree with the minimum of 120 credit hours of academic work.

The Senate discussed this curriculum and agreed that it would be of help to students and Church people would realize that we have this type of work on our campus.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the "Suggested Pre-Theological Curriculum" as presented by Dr. Hamilton be approved and included in the next catalogue. Seconded and carried.

Report on pre-enrollment:

Considerable discussion was held regarding the results of the tabulation of the classes as shown by the pre-enrollment for the Spring Semester, 1955. Dean McCartney explained how and why adjustments were made in the programs. This was done to enable students and advisers to present programs which would allow students to get the class slips with the least possible number of classes closing which makes it necessary for the student to return to the adviser for adjustment of the program.

During the discussion the Senate discovered that our plan to complete the entire enrollment in one day would be next to impossible. One factor, of course, is the increased enrollment. After much discussion it was decided that we should use Monday morning, January 24, for conferences of students and advisers and the signing of the official enrollment card. In the afternoon, beginning at 1:30, the first four or five groups of students would go to the arena for their class slips and complete their registration. Tuesday morning, there would be another opportunity for advisers and students to work on the programs and the registration would be finished on Tuesday.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that we extend the enrollment period for the Spring Semester of 1955 to two days, January 24 and 25, Second and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E.R. McCartney, Chairman

S.V. Dalton, Secretary