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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, September 27, 1955
at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. E. R. McCartney, S. V. Dalton, Donald Adee, Doyle Brooks,
John Garwood, Calvin Harbin, Joel Moss, Katharine Nutt, Andrew Rematore, Dollie Thomas and Gerald Tomanek.

Member absent: Dr. Ralph V. Coder

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney, who presented the Petition for Activity Credit for the Scriblerus group. The petition follows:


Dues--there are no regular dues.

Meeting time--once every three weeks, usually on Thursday evening. Subject to change by vote of the members.

Meeting place--home of one of the sponsors.

Requirements--each member in attendance is required to read some original written work--poem, story, essay, play, etc.

Rules--1. Failure to present written work--25¢ fine.
   2. Apology for quantity or quality of work--25¢ fine. (Money from fines is to be used to help pay for a dinner at the close of the school year.)
   3. After each original work is read, the group attempts to give the author constructive criticism.

Purposes--1. To encourage creative work and original thought.
   2. To furnish an outlet and inspiration for self-expression through written work.
   3. To give constructive criticism, faults and praise; for writers.
   4. To provide a congenial group for the student who wishes to express himself creatively through the written word.

History--The group was founded in October, 1954, under the organization of Judith Radke and S. J. Sackett. Regular meetings were held throughout the year with an average of four or five students and the three sponsors attending. Each of the seven members made many contributions throughout the year. A chicken dinner was held in the spring of 1955, at which time the group voted to apply for activity credit during the following fall.

Charter members: S. J. Sackett, Bill James, Harry Moos, Ollie Connally
   Roberta Stout, Gary Becker

The group has always been small and if necessary a limited membership of 15 would probably be voted by the group. Since the main purpose of the group is to give individual attention to creative work, a large number of members would defeat the reason for the club's existence.

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The above petition was discussed by the members of the Faculty Senate. It was suggested that the meeting time and the length of the meetings, and the eligibility of the members was not made very clear in the petition.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Scriblerus Club be approved for activity credit subject to clarification of the following two points:
1. Time and length of the meetings. 2. How students are eligible to membership in this group. Seconded and carried.

The time for enrolling in activities was discussed. Mr. Dalton said that quite frequently the students enroll in an activity during the latter part of the semester. In cases where membership in an activity is by election, it is not possible for students to indicate the activity until after the enrollment and that is understandable, but those students who fail to indicate an activity at enrollment time and participate in the activity should be instructed to make an official enrollment in the activity as soon as they have become members of the organization. No additions to the official enrollment should be expected after the seventh week.

In the discussion of topics to be studied by the Faculty Senate, it was suggested that the general education courses might be examined and evaluated. Such an examination was carried on two years ago and it was suggested that a study might be made in a comparative manner with some other institution or institutions.

It was suggested that the Faculty Senate might make a study of the exemption tests which are being used. When these tests were instituted it was suggested that the exemption test would be based on the material covered in the course and those students who exempt themselves from the course by the test would have about the same information regarding the course which the students would have who made grades of D or a little better in the course, or the minimum.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman
Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary