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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, November 30, 1955, at 3:45 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, S. V. Dalton, Ralph V. Coder, Don Adee, Doyle Brooks, John Garwood, Katharine Nutt, Andrew Rematore, Mrs. Dollie Thomas and Gerald Tomanek

Members absent: Calvin Harbin

The chairman, E. R. McCartney, called the meeting to order and presented a request from Dr. Coder for permission to organize a chapter of Lambda Iota Tau, national organization for literature. This was discussed. It was suggested that the Scribblerus Club recently approved for activity credit was the same type of group and that it might be better not to have two organizations which are so nearly the same. Dr. Coder was asked to check to determine if there would be duplication and then present his request again.

Request for course, 295 Atomic Physics.

The following request from Dr. Zinszer was read: "Faculty Senate, I would like to submit for your approval a new course in undergraduate advanced physics. This very same course is being used at Kansas State College and is a required course for all undergraduate physics majors. Graduate students in physics coming to Kansas State from other institutions are required to include this course in their curriculum provided they have not had it. A description of the course follows:

"295. Atomic Physics. Three credit hours. Fall semester. Prerequisite, 290. Designed to prepare more fully physics majors for graduate work in physics. Subjects included are: atomic theory of matter and electricity; nature of radiant energy; Bohr model of the atom; waves associated with material particles; molecular structure and related topics; transmutation and nuclear structure; applications of nuclear physics; theory of relativity.


RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 295, Atomic Physics, be approved Seconded and carried.

Request from Art Department for change of number for Weaving, and for a new course:

The Department of Art requested change in course number 50 Weaving to 25. The following explanation was read: "This will enable us to offer weaving to lower division students in art, as well as in Home Economics. Since weaving is an elective, we have found that a great number of students cannot fit the course into their program after the first three semesters of work."

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the number for the Weaving course be changed to 25. Seconded and carried.
The following from the Art Department was read: "Request permission to offer a course in Interior Design 70. This course is needed in our department as an elective for those students who wish to work within a specialized area. Also, we would teach this course for Home Economics majors.

"It would be designed to take care of students with different backgrounds. Example: The art major selecting this course would be expected to have had Design 7 or 8 or equivalent as a prerequisite. The Home Ec. major would have had course 56 prior to taking this course. As in all upper division courses in Art, the problems are worked out on an individual basis.

"70, Interior Design. Three credit hours. Prerequisite 7 or 8, or Home Ec. 56. This course presents problems found in contemporary interior arrangements. Through creative projects the student will study the importance of color and texture; the functional arrangement of rooms and furniture, and develop a more personal understanding of what provides for comfortable living."

The value of such a course was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 70 Interior Design, described above, be approved. Seconded and carried.

Enrollment of freshmen students during the summer:

The question regarding the enrollment of the freshmen and transfer students during the summer was discussed. It was felt that these students would not be so confused at the beginning of the fall semester if the enrollments could be completed before the regular enrollment. The necessity for counselling the students and the lack of time during the enrollment days were stressed and it was suggested that frequently students are not enrolled in any classes in which they are particularly interested. These students get discouraged and do not return the second year. It was suggested that the information on the profile cards should be used to better advantage in the counselling with students and this is not possible in the rush during the enrollment period. It is helpful to discuss the student's program with the student and his parents. The value of having the enrollments completed when the freshmen come to the campus would be very worthwhile. Since not all the faculty members teach during the summer session, the question of advisers was discussed. It was asked if the summer enrollment of these students would include the completion of the enrollment books and handing out the class slips. Many details would have to be worked out if the summer enrollment of the freshmen and transfer students is adopted.

Transfer of credit from the Junior Colleges:

The transfer of credit from the Junior Colleges was discussed again. It was suggested that a statement regarding what would be the procedure should be prepared by Mr. Dalton, Dr. McCartney and Mr. Rematore.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary