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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, March 11th, 1956, at 3:15 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: E. R. McCartney, Chairman; Mr. Delton, Sec.; Dr. Codter; Dr. Aden, Mr. Brooks; Dr. Garwood; Mr. Renatore; Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Thomas.

Members absent: Dr. Harbin and Dr. Moss.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, E. R. McCartney, for the transaction of business.

The chairman read from the President's Free Press, K.S.T.C., Emporia, the report of the sub-committee on modification of the general education requirements for the B. S. in Education degree and the proposal by that committee.

Cross Country for activity credit:

A request from Dr. Aden was read requesting activity credit for Cross Country. Cross Country was started in the fall of 1955, and it is planned to have a team each year and to participate in three to six meets each season. At present, colleges in the conference who have teams are Fort Hays State, Emporia State Teachers, and Pittsburg Teachers. Other colleges with whom Fort Hays may compete are Wichita University, Omaha University, Kansas State College, Kearney Nebraska Teachers College. Last year's team participated in two inter-collegiate meets and nine men competed the season.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that Cross Country be approved for activity credit. Seconded and carried.

Request from Dames Club for Activity Credit:

A request from the Dames Club was read asking that this Club be approved for activity credit. This request included an explanation of the Dames Club organization, the worthwhile projects which the Club has sponsored, the operation of the club, the constitution of the club which is affiliated with the national organization, the officers, sponsors, and the membership. About 21 per cent of the members of the Club are students on the campus at the present time.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Dames Club be approved for activity credit. Seconded and carried.

Proficiency in skill courses transferred from junior colleges and other institutions:

It has been suggested that students transferring credit from some institutions actually studied typewriting and shorthand in a business college; and probably in some cases, the junior colleges are teaching their typing in the same class with high school typewriting. It was suggested that students who
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plan to work in an office using shorthand and typing or those who are preparing
to teach commerce should be well prepared and that it might be well to be sure
that the transfer students have the proper proficiency of skill as indicated by
the credit hours shown on their transcripts. The possibility of asking the
transfer students to take a validating examination in any skill subject was
discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: All transfer students will be expected to validate credit in any
skill courses which are transferred; and that this policy shall be effective as of
June 1, 1956. Seconded and carried.

Chemistry Club request for activity credit:

A request from the Chemistry Club was read in which it asked for
activity credit for the spring semester; and also to be included in the list
of credit activities in the fall schedule of classes. A copy of the constitu­
tion, the list of the officers, and the activities of the club were given.

This request was discussed. It was suggested that organizations seek­
ing activity credit should request it in advance of the semester when the credit
is to be allowed so that the members may enroll for the activity and the
activity credit at the regular time.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Chemistry Club be approved for activ­
ity credit and to be effective in the fall semester, 1956. Seconded and carried.

Requests to change the numbers on two courses:

The Biological Sciences Department asked for approval to raise the
number of the course, Irrigation 25, to number 62 and to list Soils 51 as a
prerequisite.

The Chemistry Department requested permission to change the course
number of Adv. Quantitative Analysis from 354 to 254 which will permit seniors
to enroll in the course.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, Irrigation, be numbered 62
and that Adv. Quantitative Analysis be numbered 254. Seconded and carried.

N.C.A. Workshop next summer:

The Senate members were asked for suggestions regarding personnel and
subjects to be studied at the workshop next summer. The following suggestions
were made: 1. Some study be made regarding the handling of large classes in
the general education courses; 2. Study the possibility of teaching the course,
Man and Society, as a course for upper division students; 3. A humanities
program in which art, literature, and music would be combined in one course.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary.