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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, September 26, 1956, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean’s Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Dr. Adee, Mr. Brooks, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Kuhn, Dr. Moss, Dr. Nutt, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek, and Dean McCartney, Chairman.

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

Change in Name of two courses in Botany -

The following request from Dr. Tomanek was read: “We would like to request a change in the names of two courses offered in botany. We would like to change Pasture Ecology 57 to Range Management 57 and Advanced Pasture Ecology 165 to Advanced Range Management 165. The names of the courses have been confusing because pasture refers to a small area which has generally been seeded to grass whereas range refers to larger areas of native grassland. Most of our time is spent on native grasslands. Graduates seeking jobs requiring range management courses have had considerable difficulty being approved until the contents of our pasture ecology courses have been fully explained. If the change in name is made, no explanation will be necessary.” This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the name of the course, Pasture Ecology 57 be changed to Range Management 57 and the name of the course, Advanced Pasture Ecology 165 be changed to Advanced Range Management 165. Seconded and carried.

Reading Comprehension courses discussed -

The results of the test given to the students in the Reading Comprehension classes were read. Dr. Coder explained how these classes are handled and the accomplishments which the students achieve.

ACE Test scores -

The chairman said that faculty members have asked if they might have access to the ACE scores of the students in their classes. It was suggested that there would be no objection to this, however, faculty members should not be influenced in their estimations of a student’s ability by the scores on these cards. This was discussed. It was mentioned that the orientation tests may not be handled as efficiently as they would be if the graders, etc., were trained. It was mentioned that during the past enrollment it was necessary to enroll most of the students without the profile cards as they were not sent to the advisers.

Change in the Enrollment Book -

Mr. Dalton presented the question regarding the enrollment book. The book now has so many cards to be filled in by the students that it is very time-consuming. The same material must be filled in for each semester’s enrollment.
Mr. Dalton presented an 8½ x 11 inch page containing spaces for the pertinent information needed which does not change from semester to semester. The enrollment book could be three to four pages less if the master page were filled out by the student at his first enrollment only. Then each semester, the Registrar's Office would send lists of the students enrolled to each of the offices concerned. It was suggested that each student might fill in cards for each office the first time he enrolls and then for the successive enrollments the shorter book would give the necessary information.

The distribution of the Schedule of Classes was discussed. Students go to the advisers without schedules and then "borrow" the adviser's schedule. This slows the enrollment. One suggestion was that a packet of the needed material for enrollment be given each student. An outline of the steps to be followed in enrolling would be of help to the student. The closing of classes was discussed. It was decided to discuss this at a later meeting.

Meeting time for the Faculty Senate:

Since two of the members of the Senate cannot come at 3:30 p.m., it was decided to meet at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary