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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, February 5, 1958 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Mr. Dalton, Dr. Coder, Dr. Craine, Mr. Friesner, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Martin, Dr. Parish, Dr. Ray, Mr. Rematore, Dr. Tomanek and Dr. McCartney, Chairman

Member absent: Dr. Richardson

The meeting was called to order for the transaction of business.

New courses approved:

The following request from Mr. Start was read: "The Speech Department requests the addition of:

111. Business Speaking. Two credit hours. Prerequisite, 29. A course designed to give the student confidence in oral communication situations likely to be encountered in business life.

"Comments of men in business seem to indicate that they feel a need for more work in communication. Mr. Dunavan has had the opportunity to observe businessmen in the Hays Toastmasters Club and he heartily agrees. Speech 111 will provide training in sales talks, interview techniques, inspirational talks, report, discussion techniques, and listening." /s/ J. R. Start

This was discussed and it was the opinion of the Senate that this should be a most worthwhile course.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 111 Business Speaking, be approved. Seconded and carried.

The following request from Dr. Harper was read: "There is need for more advanced work in elementary school physical education to be co-ordinated with our present plan of elementary school work."

"We have, at present, course 32 Elementary School Physical Education, which is in reality a survey of physical education activities of elementary schools. See page 108 of the catalogue."

"I am proposing the following course which would be numbered so that either undergraduate or graduate students could enroll:"

232. Supervision of Elementary School Physical Education. Two credit hours. Prerequisite, 32 or consent of the instructor. Designed for teachers desiring advanced study in elementary school physical education. A study of objectives, program, methods, administration, and evaluation. The course includes study and evaluation of current research and course of study material of the various school systems. New techniques and games will be demonstrated. Students must build a card file of material and construct a lesson plan for a particular grade and a course of study for the first six grades."
RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the course, 232 Supervision of Elementary School Physical Education, two credit hours, be approved. Seconded and carried.

The following request from Dr. Choguill was read: "In order to make the offerings of the Chemistry Department more up to date and flexible, the Department requests permission to offer the following courses:

192. Inorganic Chemistry. Three credit hours. Prerequisite, 51. A study of structural inorganic chemistry with relation to physical chemical properties.

261. Readings in Chemistry. One to three credit hours. Prerequisite, permission. Selected materials from chemical literature will be studied and reported, with special emphasis on the written report."

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the courses, 192 Inorganic Chemistry and 261 Readings in Chemistry, be approved. Seconded and carried.

The following request from Dr. Moss was read: "The Art Department requests the following:

"A. New courses requested: These are not course descriptions, only information regarding name, number, and credit is included. If these changes are permitted, description of the courses will be submitted.

1. Sculpture 19. Three credit hours.
   This course is needed to give background experience for the course 187. At present we have no lower division course in sculpture.

2. Graphics 68. Three credit hours.
   A course such as we have in mind will increase the number of courses between 50 and 100. At present we jump from course 18 to 185.

"B. Courses Changed:

1. Change Art Education 296. Three credit hours. To number 396.
   We would like to change course 296 to a graduate course only. Course 96 in Art Education is designed for undergraduates only.

2. Change Handcrafts 15 to one to three credit hours--was 1 to 2 hours.
   This is not a request for a new course, but a change in hours. We would like to drop Handcrafts 16 and increase 15 from its present 1-2 credit hour to 1-3 credit hours. At present we have two courses with different numbers which serve essentially the same purpose. One is not a prerequisite for the other.

"C. Course to be deleted.
   1. It is the desire of the department to drop Drawing and Composition 23, two credit hours, from the curriculum."
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"Reasons for changes:

1. An increase in the number of students who are taking graduate work in art has made apparent weaknesses in our curriculum.

1. There is a need for strengthening Sculpture and Graphics at the undergraduate level. An increase in these subjects will help provide explanatory experience which will serve as a background for concentrated study on the graduate level.

2. Our junior and senior students who go on to the graduate level are finding it difficult to select sufficient courses for a 30-hour major. This is due to two factors:

a. Juniors and Seniors have taken most of the combination undergraduate and graduate courses.

b. There are a minimum number of graduate courses. This has almost eliminated a choice of electives.

3. The change regarding Art Education 296 is based on the fact that we find it most difficult to teach this course for combination credit. It is essentially a synthesis type course. We have been attempting to arrive at a meaning of art experiences of the undergraduate which is essentially general, while at the same time, considering more explicit and concentrated experience of the graduate student.

RECOMMENDATION: The following was recommended for approval: Add courses, Sculpture 19 and Graphics 68; Change Art Education 296 to 396, Change credit for Handcrafts 15 to one to three credit hours; delete course, Handcrafts 16 and Drawing and Composition 23. Seconded and carried.

Academic Probation: It was explained that at the beginning of the present semester there were over 200 students placed on academic probation because of grades in the first semester, and other reasons. A form has been used allowing these students to enroll for a program based on the "grade point." One copy of the form showing the proposed program is sent to the adviser, one is kept in the Dean's Office and one is retained by the student.

Perhaps the statement in the catalogue is too stringent. It was suggested than an automatic ruling probably is not the proper way as there are some cases to which the automatic ruling does not apply. There should be some allowance, perhaps, for freshmen students who have so many things to learn the first semester.

It was suggested that since there is no selection of students to enter college, it is probable that some kind of probation is needed in order to maintain a high quality of scholarship. There could be too many restrictions. The minus grade points for the hours of courses in which there is a "U" grade makes quite a restriction.

It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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