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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, April 9, 1958, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members Present: Dr. Coder, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Craine, Dr. Garwood, Dr. Martin, Dr. Farish, Mr. Rematore, and Dr. McCartney, Chairman.

Members Absent: Mr. Friesner, Dr. Ray, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Tomanek.

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

Request from Mr. Toalson regarding the advanced standing test in Algebra for students who have one and one-half or two units of high school algebra. Mr. Toalson's request was read as follows: "Those students who have mastered one and one-half or two units of algebra in high school should consider taking the advanced standing examination in algebra before their first enrollment. Is this permissible? If so, what arrangements should they make? I believe (in view of the K.U. and K. State programs) that the better students should be encouraged to progress as rapidly as possible. However, taking the test during the first semester is of no help to the pre-engineer or mathematics major."

/s/ W. Toalson.

This request was discussed. It was suggested that the students should be given the mathematics test at 1:00 p.m., on the Saturday-testing days.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that all high school students who are prepared by having had 1 1/2 units of high school algebra may take either the placement test or the advanced-standing test for credit at 1:00 p.m., on the Saturday-testing days. Seconded and carried.

Request for freshman scholastic organizations: The following request was read: "The office of the Dean of Men requests permission to petition the executive council of Phi Eta Sigma for the establishment of a chapter of this fraternity on the Fort Hays State campus. Phi Eta Sigma seems to be the outstanding scholastic honorary fraternity in the country for men at the freshmen level. A freshmen scholastic honorary should help to encourage superior academic achievement early in the student's college career. Most of the honorary organizations and awards to which the serious student may aspire can be garnered in the junior and senior years. Perhaps with a short range goal, men students might be encouraged to do a better piece of work scholastically in the freshman and sophomore years; this could carry over to upper division standing as well.

"It is my sincere hope that this request will be considered favorably."

/s/ Richard E. Burnett, Dean of Men.

Then the following request from Miss Stouffer, Dean of Women was read: "Mr. Burnett and I have been feeling for some time that we needed an honorary scholastic organization on campus to give recognition to outstanding freshmen stu-
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I have talked with those freshmen girls who made a 2.5 grade average this year and last year to get their opinion about the type of organization. There has been unanimous agreement that we should apply for a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. This is a scholastic organization for freshmen women, a member of the Assn. of College Honor Societies with 76 chapters throughout the country. A freshman must have a 2.5 grade average at the end of the first semester or the entire freshman year to be initiated. During the past four years we have had 16-21 girls each year who would have been eligible.

"We have submitted the charter application, which will be acted upon at the national convention in June. We are hoping very much that we can organize a chapter next fall. In the meantime, we wanted the Senate to know our hopes and plans."

/s/ Jean Stouffer.

These organizations were discussed. It was suggested that the students with high scholastic records should be encouraged and that after they get into such organizations they should be encouraged to do something worthwhile, such as the honors program. Dr. Martin reported that Phi Kappa Phi is considering electing members from the junior class in an effort to give them time during the college program to do something worthwhile.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Faculty Senate approve the chapters, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma, if they can be organized on the campus. Seconded and carried.

Questions presented by members of the Senate:

1. Will there be a final examination schedule at the end of this semester? The chairman said that the action of the Administrative Council was that there would be no common examination time in the future. Until that action is changed there will not be a common examination schedule.

2. It was asked if the class, Human Growth and Development, was to meet regularly, i.e., MWF, and also as a block class which meets five days a week except during the time the students are in the cooperating schools for directed teaching. The chairman reported that the Education Department is planning to discontinue the block-type class.

3. How are the members of the Advisory Council to the State Board of Education elected or appointed? This Council revises the certificate requirements, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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