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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m., in the Dean's Office.

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

Members absent: Dr. Craine, Dr. Richardson

Others present: Miss Davis, Dr. Wood

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

Physical Education course requested: The following request from Dr. Harper was read: "Course 45. Rules and officiating, is now a two-hour course offered one semester or the other and has the following description:

"45. Rules and Officiating. Two credit hours. Interpretation of the rules of football and basketball, baseball, and track and field in preparing for coaching and officiating.

"It is suggested that this course be changed to read as follows:

"44. Supervising and Officiating of Intramurals. One credit hour. The organization and administration of intramurals in football, soccer, volleyball, and swimming. Techniques, qualifications, ethics, duties, responsibilities, rules interpretation, and mechanics of officiating. The intramural program will serve as a laboratory for practical work.

"45. Supervising and Officiating of Intramurals. One credit hour. A continuation of course 44 for basketball, wrestling, softball and track."

This was discussed. It was Dr. Harper's recommendation that this arrangement would provide a better background in officiating.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Senate approve the courses, 44 and 45 Supervising and Officiating of Intramurals, each for one credit hour. Seconded and carried.

Request for change in Language Arts Offering. The following request from the Education Department was presented: "Requested change (Fall, 1958):

"80 Language Arts. Three credit hours. Prerequisites, 27, 56. The role of language arts in the elementary school program; research findings on language development; the teaching of spelling, writing, speaking and listening skills; instructional materials; evaluation. Observation and participation in a laboratory situation.

(The course would be scheduled three class hours plus a laboratory period of two hours each week.)
"82. Reading. Three credit hours. Prerequisites, 56, and 80 is recommended. This course is a continuation of Language Arts 80 since reading is a part of the language arts or communication skills. It is an overview of the total reading program in the elementary school, developmental reading, reading in the content, subjects, recreational reading and oral reading. Materials and methods of teaching will be evaluated in the light of present research. Directed observation and participation in a cooperating school is part of this course.

(Two class periods per week. One two-hour laboratory period.)

Reasons for requesting change:
Too much content to be assimilated in the time now allowed.
Students need more laboratory experiences with children at various age levels before full-time student teaching. The new plan would provide for this. The laboratory period adds greatly to the theory presented in the college class.
Students have had a feeling of need for more time in order that they might do more library reading and have more time to examine teaching materials."

This change was discussed. It was noted that this would increase the students' credit to six hours whereas by the old plan (82, Language Arts in the Elementary School) it was four credit hours. It was explained that courses 44, 45 and 46, would be dropped from the offerings; and that these have been retained mainly for students having some of the work completed. Dr. Wood and Miss Davis explained that this would be much better for students who transfer from other colleges where a course in reading is taught separately.

It was asked if there was an alternative plan; and also whether this change is necessary for training teachers. The use of the library for the laboratory was discussed. It was suggested that there was no objection to this arrangement of the four-hour course, that is, making two three-hour courses, but it was asked if the quality of the work in the two courses would be more than has been done in the four-hour course. The content of the course was questioned. It was asked if it would be better to take these two courses or some other courses.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the courses, 80 and 82 described above, be approved. Seconded. Did not carry.

After some further discussion, it was suggested that each of these courses might be scheduled for three days per week plus a laboratory of two hours each week. This would be time well spent in an area which needs improvement. More time should be given to examining the material and in the public schools.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the courses, 80 Language Arts and 82 Reading, each for three credit hours, to meet three days a week plus laboratory, be approved. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

S. V. Dalton, Secretary