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FACULTY MEETING

January 13, 1959

A Faculty Meeting was held in Picken Auditorium at 4:00 p.m., on January 13, 1959. Dean McCartney presided. About 95 people were present.

FACULTY SENATE ACTION:

Reference was made to the minutes of the Faculty Senate for December 18, 1959, at which time the Senate discussed applications for new courses and made one recommendation to the faculty, as follows:

"RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that applications for approval of new courses, changes, revision, etc. of courses will be considered by the Faculty Senate during October and November, only."

Dean McCartney gave some background on the discussion in the Senate and briefly reviewed other regulations now in effect about the approval of new courses and then asked the group for an expression of opinion on this recommendation.

When would it go into effect? Would it be possible to operate under such a plan completely? Dr. Welty opposed the recommendation because, "it would be to the disadvantage of our students . . ." and other reasons.

Would this mean that new courses could not go into effect for one and one-half years from now?

Several other questions were raised and the faculty did not have much time for discussion on the question before Dr. Moreland moved that the recommendation be tabled. Dr. Welty seconded the motion and a vote was taken. A voice vote could not be accurately established. A vote by show of hands carried the motion with about 10 votes opposed to it.

After the recommendation was tabled the discussion continued with such comments as:

"We are here to serve the students--not to stick to a set of rules."

"It is impossible to see a year or two ahead."

"Sometimes it is necessary to set up new courses for students who have worked up to the advanced courses -- e.g., German for the fourth-semester student."

"New courses such as the Continental Classroom, TV, and other scientific courses demand quicker action."

The Dean called attention to the fact that the recommendation had been tabled and further discussion would have to come later.
READING SERVICES:

Dr. John Martin gave a report of the National Reading Conference he attended in Fort Worth in December which dealt with the improvement of reading for adults.

He also gave the faculty a "State of the Reading Services" message about Fort Hays State. He thanked them for the wonderful cooperation they are giving in helping students avail themselves of this service and asked that they continue next semester. He explained the enrollment procedure for this service.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE FOR NEXT SEMESTER:

Mr. Dalton and Dean McCartney explained the enrollment procedure for the spring semester and gave, to all faculty members present, a mimeographed sheet of instructions about enrollment.

A meeting for the explanation of enrollment procedure had been set up for 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 15, but, since there was time for this discussion today, it will not be necessary to hold the other meeting, and it was announced that that meeting was cancelled.

Dollie B. Thomas, Secretary