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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, December 20, 1962, at 4:00 p.m. in the office of the Dean.

Members present: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Coulson, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Dick, Dr. Kinsinger, Mr. McKee, Miss Rinker, Mr. Slechta, Mr. Spomer, Miss Veed, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Mr. Bartholomew, Dr. Coder, Mrs. Colburn.

Also present: Dr. Harbin.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood.

Request for the course, 57 Observation and Participation. The course description follows:

57. Observation and Participation. 1 cr. hr. Prerequisites, 27 and 56. Required of students preparing for secondary teaching preceding Directed Teaching. Introductory course in supervised laboratory experiences consisting of observation and participation in the classroom.

The request for this course was presented to the Senate at the Nov. 20 meeting and sent back to the Committee on Teacher Preparation for further study. The discussion included the following:

The need for such a course.

Is this observation included in the first week or two of the Directed Teaching course, and if so, is there overlapping?

Are the plans completed? Would the students be assigned to schools in which the Directed Teaching students are assigned? Dr. Harbin explained that they believed that it would be ideal if all the students for this course could be assigned to the Hays school. It was also asked how the classroom teachers liked this idea.

It was asked if the other colleges include this in their preparation of teachers. It was explained that the other colleges in Kansas require more than this. Fort Hays State requires the minimum. It was noted that in general our graduates have been well prepared and that school administrators have been anxious to employ our graduates as teachers.

One of the misgivings is that the students will not pay much attention to this course, due probably to the fact that they are not aware of the need and what should be observed.

It was asked if one credit hour is sufficient for the amount of work and time which the students would give to the course.
NCATE is ready to evaluate our teacher education program and it is understood that they feel that this course is very important. The advance team said that such a course is necessary for our teacher training program. It was pointed out that this course will probably replace some of the time available for electives.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. McKee recommended that the Senate approve this course, Observation and Participation 57, as presented. Seconded. Carried.

Requirement for Foreign Students. The course English for Foreign Students has been approved, and will appear in the new catalog. The Division of Language, Literature and Speech would like to make this course a requirement for all foreign students who enroll here. This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Dick recommended that all foreign students who do not demonstrate sufficient proficiency in written and spoken English be required to take this course, English for Foreign Students, and that proficiency is to be determined by the faculty in the language, literature and speech division. Seconded and carried. In the event the student questions the decision regarding his proficiency, he may appeal to the Faculty Senate for reconsideration.

The Senate will meet again Tuesday, January 8, 1963.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder