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Discussed Man and Society 50 course.

ReCOMMENDATION: That the Economics Division proposal be tabled until a complete study of the Gen. Ed. program is made. Seconded.

RECOMMENDATION: That the above recommendation be amended by adding the following: and that the complete study be made and completed on or before Aug. 1, 1964. Seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Economics Division proposal be tabled until a complete study is made of the whole gen. ed. program; and that this study be made and completed on or before Aug. 1, 1964. Seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: That the course, III Electronic Data Processing, 3 cr. hrs. be approved. Seconded and carried.
Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, November 26, 1963 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Bartholomew, Mr. Berland, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Falls, Mr. Marcus, Dr. Sackett, Mr. Spomer, Dr. Staven, Miss Veed and Dr. Garwood, Chairman

Members absent: Dr. Coder, Mrs. Hellem, Dr. Pierson, Miss Rowlands.

Others present: Dr. Little, Mr. Westley.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Man and Society 56 course. Dr. Garwood presented the question which was discussed at the last meeting regarding the proposal of the Economics and Business Division to abandon the Man and Society 56 course and substitute in its place the three courses, American Government 34, Economics 35, and Sociology 40. Each member of the Senate had been asked to make a survey of his division and report to the Senate today. Dr. Garwood asked for the reports at this time:

Dr. Sackett: (Language, Literature and Speech.) Opposed to the change because this adds 9 cr. hrs. and removes only 5 which increased the overall program of the students by four hours. Dr. Sackett noted that he would not be opposed to substitution of 6 hours for the 5 hours.

Dr. Staven: (Education, Philosophy and Psychology.) In favor of the change--in fact, the elementary education program has changed.

Dr. Falls: (Health, Physical Education and Recreation.) Opposed to this change because of the added credit hours.

Mr. Berland: (Applied Arts.) The division is opposed to the change but Mr. Berland is in favor of the change.

Miss Veed: (Physical Sciences.) Opposed to the change since it substitutes 9 hours of low-numbered courses for the present five high-numbered hours.

Mr. Spomer: (Economics Division.) This Division is requesting the change and very much in favor of changing.

Mr. Marcus: (Social Sciences.) Division is interested in making the change as requested.

Dr. Bartholomew: (Music.) In favor of eliminating the five-credit hour course but the substitution of nine credit hours is not too acceptable.

Dr. Bartholomew asked if he might report on some of the things which members of the Committee on Improvement of Instruction said regarding the general education courses. He reported that some of the members of this committee were members of the Senate when the change to the present general education program was made and they made the following comments:

Some courses in the general education program are not being taught as general education courses.

General education courses should not be slanted toward the instructor's major field.

It was suggested that it would require special faculty to carry out the program as originally planned.

Faculty members for this type of teaching are not being trained in any of the colleges and universities and therefore the faculty member would have to be oriented after coming to the campus.

They recommended that a complete examination be given of the program. Perhaps a committee might be appointed to examine the whole general education program and determine what changes should be made.

Dr. Bartholomew said that the above is probably a very Utopian idea but it is the thinking of the committee and probably should be considered in planning changes in the present program.

The following suggestions and ideas regarding the change as requested were presented by the Senate members:

Are faculty members being oriented sufficiently before being asked to teach one of these courses?

Could the case method be applied in teaching the course?

Since it appears that the course is not satisfactory with either students or faculty members, probably it should be changed now.

This course is not the only general education course which seems to be unsatisfactory. Biology, physical science and literature are three mentioned.

Mr. N. Walker said that they are studying the possibilities of making changes in the present course and have three ways which they are studying for changes but so far are not ready for a proposal since they are not in agreement, but they hope to have a proposal sometime this year.

Is it realistic to continue to think in terms of 124 credit hours for a degree?

As long as these courses are in the hands of the division, it is unlikely that they will be much change in the teaching of the course--that is, the course would be slanted toward the division.

It might be much better to have a committee to supervise the teaching of the general education program.

Mr. Dalton suggested that there is considerable confusion regarding these courses for the transfer students. If a student has 5 cr. hrs. of economics, chemistry, history, etc., should this be regarded as a general education course or as a division course?

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Bartholomew recommended that the Economics Division proposal be tabled until a complete study is made of the whole general education program. Seconded.

It was suggested that President Cunningham be asked to appoint a committee to study the program.

It was asked what are the purposes of the course and are the purposes being carried out.

The course was originally intended to be shared by the political science and economics areas but at this time the political science area does not provide teachers for the course.

The Economics and Business Division has been taking the whole burden of the course. They are very dissatisfied with it and that is the reason for making the proposal. As suggested in the request for the change, they wish to make the change now in order to remove it from the schedule for the Fall and Spring semester schedule for 1964-65.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Staven recommended that the above recommendation be amended by adding the following: that the complete study be made and completed on or before August 1, 1964. Seconded and carried.

RECOMMENDATION: The first recommendation as amended would be: That the Economics Division proposal be tabled until a complete study is made of the whole general education program; and that this study should be made and completed on or before August 1, 1964. Seconded and carried.

New Course. Application for the course, 111 Electronic Data Processing, was presented by the chairman. See attached application for the course. Copies of this application were sent to the Senate members earlier.

Dr. Little was asked to explain the new course. He said that Mr. Westley would present the explanation and answer questions since the course is in his specific area. Mr. Westley explained that this course is on an academic level. It is not intended to teach machine operation but rather what material may be put on the card by the machine operator. Basically it is a theory course. There will be no attempt to teach efficiency in the use of the computing machines, but rather how to read cards, learn computer language, etc., for the person who wishes to have material put on the cards.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett recommended that the course, 111 Electronic Data Processing, three credit hours be approved. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Garwood said that the Faculty Senate would meet, Tuesday, December 3, and at that meeting the request for the organization, Business Education Club, will be presented. Copies of this request were handed to the members of the Senate at the last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman
Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary
Florence Bodmer, Recorder