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Discussion: Student Council Representation on the Faculty Senate.
RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that we permit a single non voting student representative (President or Vice President of the Student Council) on the Faculty Senate on a trial basis for one year beginning September 1, 1968, and that the Faculty Senate reserve the right by decision of the Chairman or by majority vote of the Senate members to a closed session. Motion seconded. Motion carried.
Discussion: Baccalaureate and Commencement Programs combined. No action taken.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, May 13, 1968, at 4:30 p.m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Bachkora, Mr. Schroder, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Popp, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Smith, Dr. Witten, Mr. Heil, Mr. Dalton and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Dr. Wilkins and Miss Gangwer.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman, Lois Ruder and Mike Finnin.

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

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE FACULTY SENATE. Mike Finnin and Lois Ruder, President and Vice President respectively of the Student Council, requested permission to meet with the Faculty Senate. Mr. Finnin requested that the student body be represented at the Faculty Senate meetings for the purpose of having the students' viewpoint expressed to Faculty Senate.

A Senate member asked if any action of the Faculty Senate had offended the Student Council? Mr. Finnin replied that seniors took final examinations last year after Commencement which they found objectionable but they were aware this policy was changed this year. Miss Ruder stated that student representation would provide better communication between students and faculty. Many times statements are distorted by the time they get to the students. The Student Council is not taking an aggressive position but they are interested in issues which concern students when a student's viewpoint is needed.

One Senate member asked if a student misses three meetings should they lose their place on the Student Council? Would this apply to Faculty Senate? The reply was in the affirmative.

Mr. Finnin said they would like to have the President or Vice President represent

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Student Council. A Senate member stated that in the past students were not willing to accept the responsibility of attending committee meetings once they were appointed to a committee. Mr. Finnin said that if students were appointed to the Faculty Senate, they could be expected to attend all meetings.

It was suggested that perhaps student representation could be set up for a year on a probationary basis.

In the event the Senate members desired a closed meeting, would the Student Council representative be willing to leave the meeting and permit the Senate to deliberate in private on matters where Senate members feel students should not be present? Mr. Finnin replied that this was a fair request and stated that the Council would like to have a student representative only when student issues are involved. Miss Ruder commented that much information comes from rumor unless actually discussed with a Senate member. Mr. Finnin noted that at Kansas State students have two voting members on Faculty Senate.

As there were no more questions, the students thanked the Senate for their consideration and asked to be excused. One member felt that student representative should understand that if granted representation on the Senate that they should attend all meetings. Another feared there would be "leaks" that would be distorted and the case tried in the COLLEGE LEADER. Would the students want to sit through much of the routine of the Senate?

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Dr. Garwood stated he would inform Student Council. The Minutes will be available for Student Council.

Dr. Garwood stated there would be no more Senate meetings until the summer session. Time schedules will be sent to the members to determine the time most convenient for summer meetings.

BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS COMBINED. Could these exercises be combined? One school in the state has Baccalaureate Services handled by individual churches. If the theme for both exercises is practically the same, why have two services? Should the Senate go on record as favoring a single service rather than a double service? Would there be a tendency for the religious side of the exercises to be minimized? No action was taken at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder