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RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that the proposals of the Division of *Sent to Pres. Office 5-22-69* L.L.&Sp. regarding absences be taken from the table. Motion seconded by Mr. Ginther. Motion carried.

Discussion: Amended proposal from Fac. Sen. Minutes of 3-18-69 read.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved the adoption of the proposed statement as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroder. Cancelled enrollment cards and "cuts" discussed. Motion carried.

Discussion: Revision of Faculty Handbook Statement under "Absence--Students." (See Minutes.)

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Sackett that the proposed statement as given above be adopted. Motion seconded by Miss Christopher. Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Oliva to amend the motion by eliminating the present statement and not substituting any statement in its place. There was no second to this motion. Motion died for lack of a second...The motion as proposed by Dr. Sackett was carried.

Discussion: Revision of Faculty Handbook Statement under "Class Attendance." (See Minutes.)

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that the proposed statement as indicated above be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Ginther. Motion carried.

Discussion: The Jordan Miller Proposal. A resolution was formulated for consideration by individual Divisions. Senate members polled their Divisions and gave results of the poll.

Mr. Rayl, Stuco representative, presented arguments against such a resolution which will be put in memo form and distributed to faculty before next Senate meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, May 13, 1969, at 3:30 p.m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.**

**Members Present:** Mr. Ginther, Mr. Schroder, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis, Dr. Witten, Dr. Oliva, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Rayl and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Lojka.

**Also Present:** Mr. Kellerman.

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

**ABSENCES.** Dr. Sackett moved that the proposals of the Division of Language,

Literature and Speech regarding absences be taken from the table. Motion seconded by Mr. Ginther. Motion carried.

Dr. Garwood read the amended proposal from the Faculty Senate Minutes of March 18, 1969:

"The student is responsible for attending all class meetings on time, beginning with the first day of classes. Some offices (Health, Registrar's, Dean's, Dean of Students, etc.) may inform instructors of reasons for students' absences, but these absences are not excused. If the student's participation in organized college activities, etc., should require his missing a class period, it is his responsibility to notify his instructors in advance and to arrange to make up the work he will miss. If he misses a class period because of illness, a death in the family, etc., it is his responsibility to see his instructors and to arrange to make up the work he has missed."

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RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved the adoption of the proposed statement as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroder.

Absentee lists from the Health Office, Dean's Office, etc. are many times ignored by staff members. Does an instructor have the responsibility for determining why a student is not in class? It is conceivable that a student may miss several days because of hospitalization or other reasons. Sometimes students miss because of illnesses which do not require hospitalization or care of a doctor. The absence lists which faculty members receive from the various offices are primarily concerned with notifying the instructor why a student is absent.

The question was also raised regarding cancelled enrollment cards. Mr. Dalton said that the Registrar's Office should receive a drop card with the signature of the faculty member and the student's adviser before the card goes to Data Processing. It was suggested that on occasion the signature of a faculty member and/or adviser might have been forged by the student. If a student leaves school without processing his withdrawal, his grades are recorded as U's. The schedule for payment of fees indicates the deadline for paying fees. If fees are not paid by this time, the student will be withdrawn from class.

The present statement in the Catalog states that "no system of 'cuts' is recognized by the College." The terminology has caused some confusion in the minds of students who are not aware of what "cuts" are. After some further discussion, the question was called for. Motion carried.

REVISION OF FACULTY HANDBOOK STATEMENT UNDER "ABSENCE--  
STUDENTS." Dr. Sackett read the present statement:

"Whenever a student is absent from class more than three (3) consecutive times, and the instructor does not know the cause of the absence, the name of the student should be reported to the Dean of Students Office. The Deans, in turn, will visit with these students and try to ascertain the reason for their absence. However, such action does not relieve each faculty member from his obligation to contact students who have missed classes frequently and to impress upon them the importance of regular class attendance." (See CLASS ATTENDANCE)

In place of the statement which is now in the Faculty Handbook, Dr. Sackett read the following statement:

"If you become concerned about the excessive absences of one of your students, you should report his name to the Dean of Students Office. The Deans will attempt to contact him and will notify you and his adviser of the reasons for excessive absences."

Dr. Sackett said that the statement was formulated because he felt that the instructor should inform the student of the importance of regular class attendance without the obligation of the instructor to contact the Dean of Students Office.

Is anything achieved by contacting a student who misses three or more times? If he is ill, his absence cannot be avoided. If he is deliberately cutting class, will it serve any useful purpose to counsel with him? There was some feeling that a student might be helped and on the other hand some felt that students would not respond to counseling at this time. Mr. Rayl, representing the Student Council, said he felt it served little useful purpose to contact students about absences. You cannot persuade a person to go to class by

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stressing the fact to him. Dr. Sackett pointed out again that faculty members should not be required to check on the absences of students. Some faculty members will do this without being asked to do so. On the other hand, some faculty members have a philosophy that the student should be allowed to run his affairs as he chooses.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Sackett that the proposed statement as given above be adopted. Motion seconded by Miss Christopher. Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Oliva to amend the motion by eliminating the present statement and not substituting any statement in its place. There was no second to this motion. Motion died for lack of a second.

The motion as proposed by Dr. Sackett was carried.

REVISION OF FACULTY HANDBOOK STATEMENT UNDER "CLASS

ATTENDANCE." Dr. Sackett read the present statement which is as follows:

"... Whenever a student is absent from class more than three (3) consecutive times, and the instructor does not know the cause of the absence, the name of the student should be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students." (See ABSENCE--STUDENTS).

The proposed statement would be as follows:

"If you become concerned about the excessive absences of one of your students, you should report his name to the Dean of Students Office. The Deans will attempt to contact him and will notify you and his adviser of the reasons for excessive absences."

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Hamilton that the proposed statement as indicated above be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Ginther. Motion carried.

THE JORDAN MILLER PROPOSAL. At the previous Senate meeting of May 6, 1969, Dr. Witten read a letter he had received from Dr. Jordan Y. Miller, Kansas State University, who is President of the Council of State College and University Senates. Dr. Witten is the Fort Hays representative on this Council. The letter was included in the Minutes of May 6. At this time the Senate decided that the members should poll the members of their Divisions as to their opinion concerning the Jordan Miller proposal.

At the May 6 meeting, the following resolution was formulated for consideration by the individual Divisions:

"RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Sackett that all the members of the Faculty Senate poll their Divisions as to whether the Faculty Senate should resolve that the State Council of Senates recommend to the Presidents and Regents that no student demand of any sort will even be considered under any form of threat, however violent, on any State college or university campus.

"Motion seconded by Mr. Schroder. Motion carried."

The representative of the Division of Applied Arts said that the people in Art did not favor such a resolution whereas in the area of Home Economics and Industrial Arts, the majority of the members favored the resolution.

Faculty members in Physical Science voted unanimously to adopt the statement.

Not all representatives of the Division of Economics and Business responded to the resolution. There was a division of opinion.

The staff members in the Social Science Division voted unanimously against the proposal. It was pointed out in this Division that the proposal closed the

doors to negotiating. What constituted threats? Problems at KU and KSU are different from those at Fort Hays. The Board of Regents has not clarified how threats of this nature should be handled. The Attorney General has been asked for a clarification as to how problems of this nature should be handled. The members of the Social Science Division felt it would be out of place for the Senate to endorse this resolution when there are so many questions about it. In addition, would this merely point up the problem and bring the attention of dissident students to the problem?

The staff members in Biological Sciences favored the proposal 11 - 1.

The faculty members in the Division of Nurse Education voted against endorsing the proposal.

The representative of Library Science reported that the majority of faculty members in Library Science opposed the proposal.

Dr. Hamilton, who represents the Division of Education, Philosophy and Psychology, had not been able to contact the members in his area.

The representative of the Division of Language, Literature and Speech mailed a questionnaire to members in his Division. The twenty who replied favored the proposal.

The representative of the Division of Music circulated the letter and had received four affirmative replies.

The representative of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation was not present at the Senate meeting but informed the Dean that the faculty



of the Division favored the proposal.

Mr. Rayl, the student representative, said that he had brought the proposal to the attention of the people in the area of Student Government and no student he talked to favored the proposal. Mr. Rayl said that the problems at Fort Hays are considerably different from those at KU and KSU. We do not have ROTC. At the present time we have no representatives from SDS on campus and as far as he knew, no one plans to bring this organization to the campus. Mr. Rayl said this proposal is an open invitation to trouble. He said that the students felt we had no need for endorsing such a resolution. He said if KU adopts this proposal, he anticipates they would have problems from the students.

Dr. Oliva suggested that the ideas suggested by Mr. Rayl be brought to the attention of all faculty members before the next Senate meeting. Dr. Oliva felt that Mr. Rayl pointed up very cogently the arguments against such a resolution. Mr. Rayl's memo will be distributed to faculty members before the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder