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Discussion: NEXT MEETING. Last meeting of Fac. Sen. is Aug. 5, 1969. *Sent to Pres. Office 8/11/69*
BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT. (Re: Reception and summer Commencement Processional.
COURSE OBJECTIVES. Dr. Youmans reported on the work of the Ks.-Neb. Educational Consortium Committee dealing with course objectives; stated behavioral objectives for each particular course, etc.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Sackett that the members of the Senate return to their Divisions and the departments which comprise the Divisions and initiate studies which will lead to the definition of clear behavioral goals for each department and Division. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroder.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Mr. Forsythe to table this motion. Motion seconded by Mr. Ginther. Motion carried.

Discussion: FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE. Dr. Oliva, representative at State Faculty Senates.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, July 29, 1969, at 3:30 p.m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Mr. Ginther, Mr. Schroder, Dr. Randall, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis, Dr. Witten, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Dalton, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Dr. Thomas and Mr. Rayl.

Also Present: Dr. Ray Youmans.

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

NEXT MEETING. The last meeting of the Faculty Senate for the summer will be Tuesday, August 5, 1969.

BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT. A question was raised regarding the reception for graduates, Friday evening, August 1. All graduates have received an invitation to attend the reception. All Division Chairmen are asked to be in attendance and sufficient number of faculty members to welcome the graduates who will be coming through the receiving line.

The faculty members do not march in the Summer Commencement Processional although six Marshalls from the Divisions of Social Science and Physical Science will assist with the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises.

COURSE OBJECTIVES. Dr. Youmans was invited to meet with the Faculty Senate to report on the work of one of the committees of the Kansas-Nebraska Educational Consortium. Dr. Youmans distributed material dealing with educational objectives formulated by the Kansas-Nebraska Educational Consortium.

Dr. Youmans discussed briefly the work of the committee dealing with course objectives. The Consortium Committee is concerned that there be stated behavioral objectives for each particular course. The instructor should conduct his classes so that the stated objectives might be obtained. By the same token the tests should be geared to examine the student relative to the stated behavioral objectives of the course.

Dr. Youmans pointed out that it was not as easy to state the objectives and teach for those objectives as it might seem. When the specific objectives of a course are set forth, then the instructor deliberately attempts to teach to attain these objectives. Dr. Youmans said it was the belief of the Consortium Committee that this approach to a course resulted in better teaching.

Dr. Youmans was questioned regarding the value of establishing goals for courses. Is this as complex a problem as the report would seem to indicate? Would not the goals of courses differ from institution to institution and possibly from instructor to instructor?

Dr. Youmans said that the committee is concerned that each instructor know what he wants to communicate in a given course. His tests should determine if course objectives are being realized.

Is this area a proper concern for the Faculty Senate and, if so, what should they do about it? Dr. Garwood said that the Senate is concerned with the instructional program of the College and that many times ideas find their way to the campus through the media of the Faculty Senate. The Senate Minutes

contain the discussion of the Faculty Senate and in this manner all faculty members have access to reports of this nature. The installation of the new mediated equipment in the Library was introduced through Senate discussion along with meetings of the Division Chairmen.

Should the various departments set out behavioral goals in the various areas? This is being done to some extent but should the departments carry this on in a systematic fashion? Any formalization of this procedure will need to await further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Dr. Sackett that the members of the Senate return to their Divisions and the departments which comprise the Divisions and initiate studies which will lead to the definition of clear behavioral goals for each department and Division. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroder.

In the discussion which ensued some Senate members thought that this motion was a bit premature. Are we moving ahead of Dr. Gustad? Possibly someone might be brought to the campus to analyze the various fields and evaluate our total program.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved by Mr. Forsythe to table this motion. Motion seconded by Mr. Ginther. Motion carried.

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE. Dr. Oliva has indicated that he will be happy to be the Senate representative at future State college meetings of Faculty Senates.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p. m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder