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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, November 17, 1969, at 3:30 p. m., in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Miss Krebs, Mr. Houston, Mr. McCullick, Dr. Randall, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis, Miss Veed, Dr. Oliva, Mr. Dalton and Mr. Rayl.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Paul Phillips and Mr. Glen Lojka.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Christopher who served as Chairman in the absence of Dean Garwood.

SHORTENING OF CLASS PERIODS. Dr. Oliva moved that no request for shortening of classes be considered unless the request is received one month prior to the event. There was no second to the motion which died for lack of a second.

Chairman Christopher said that this item was not on the agenda and that we should consider only matters on the agenda. She suggested that this be placed on the agenda for our meeting on Monday, November 24.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that this item be placed on the agenda for the Monday, November 24, meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. McConnell. Motion carried.

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS. A copy of the course proposal had been placed in the hands of all Senate members. Mr. Phillips attended the meeting to reply

to questions. Mr. Phillips said that this was not a new course proposal as it was contained in the Catalog under "Field Studies in Geography 187." Mr. Phillips said his purpose in meeting with the Senate was to have the itinerary approved by the Faculty Senate before this course proposal would go to the Board of Regents.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved the acceptance of the course itinerary and the format for the course Field Studies in Geography. Motion seconded by Miss Veed. Motion carried.

7 The description of the course as it now appears in the Catalog is as follows:

187. Field Studies in Geography. 3 cr. hrs. Prerequisites 10, 14, 15, or permission. Regional study of a designated territory of the world covering three to four weeks wherein resources, industries, and scenic features are emphasized. Credit, not in excess of six semester hours, may be received on directed field trips.

Mr. Lojka from the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, distributed copies of a new course proposal to the members of the Faculty Senate. Mr. Lojka said this proposal is similar to a study in which he has participated. The new course proposal is as follows:

181. International Study Program. 5 cr. hrs. The course is divided basically into three units: (1) Introductory format and study on campus, (2) Lectures, films, presentations, museums, and tours of historic sites, (3) Return presentations, on campus discussions, lectures, projects and tests.

Mr. Lojka said that in response to a question as to the value of leaving the campus for this course, that detailed information would be supplied by anthropologists and academicians of the places they will visit. They will visit Greece where the early Olympic games were conducted, along with the museums which display

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material in the area of Physical Education. Mr. Lojka said this course would be invaluable for P. E. majors in that they would be able to see the setting of the early Olympic games.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Oliva moved the acceptance of the proposed course. Motion seconded by Mr. McCullick.

The question was raised regarding the cost of the trip. The cost was estimated to be \$750.00 plus the enrollment fee. The total cost was estimated to be around \$850.00. Will the trip offer the students something that could not be obtained from being on campus?

The question was called for. Motion carried.

SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1971. A subcommittee of the Faculty Senate consisting of Miss Krebs, Miss Veed and Dr. Oliva was appointed to recommend a summer school schedule for 1971. A report of the committee's recommendations is enclosed at the end of the Minutes.

Chairman Christopher asked why the summer session for 1970 was set at 8 weeks whereas the subcommittee's recommendation is for 10 weeks for the following summer. Dr. Oliva replied that budgetary considerations did not permit use of a 10-week summer session in 1970. It was pointed out that the Department of Education which has many summer school students did not favor a ¹⁰8-week summer session. Dr. Oliva said that the subcommittee recognized the views of the Department of Education but this was only one department. He said that the subcommittee felt it should consider the views of all faculty members and make

its recommendation on the basis of that. The staff members in Education would have to solve their particular problems themselves.

Would it be possible to establish a schedule where an 8-weeks summer session could be established and where necessary workshops could extend one more week? The Senate may go on record as favoring a 10-week summer session but the final decision is governed by the amount of money available in the budget.

The number of minutes in classes in the summer school class schedule was discussed.

Would a 10-week summer school schedule permit a sufficient amount of time for vacations for the people in Education who will have the heaviest load?

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved the approval of the Report of the Committee on the Summer Session Scheduling. Motion seconded by Dr. Oliva.

The question was raised as to the meaning of "approval." Dr. Sackett replied that the Senate should go on record as favoring a 10-week summer session.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Miller moved to table this motion until the Senate meets again on Monday, November 24. Motion seconded by Mr. McConnell. Senate members need an opportunity to visit with the members of their departments.

The question was called for. Motion carried.

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 1970-71. In the future, will the College cancel classes for a day during KSTA meetings? (Dean Garwood - The College will no longer cancel classes for KSTA meetings. In the future there will be a KSTA meeting in the fall and one in the spring but classes will no longer be cancelled for these meetings.)

In the past the reason for the cancellation of classes has been the use of the classrooms. It was suggested that KSTA meetings be held in the public schools rather than on our campus. A number of College staff members are involved in these meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that we place the discussion of the KSTA meetings on the agenda for Monday, November 24. Motion seconded by Mr. McConnell, Motion carried.

NUMBER OF CLASS DAYS IN THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER. At the past meeting of the Senate, the number of class days was established for the fall of 1970 and spring of 1971. At this particular meeting, the Senate had agreed to take off Easter Monday rather than Good Friday. It was pointed out that we should attempt to equalize the days in the semesters so that we have the same number of days in each semester. Sometimes it is not possible to have exactly the same number of days in each semester but the attempt should be made.

It was pointed out that the syllabi for courses are drawn up for a given number of days in a semester and so the attempt should be made to equalize the class days so that a syllabus will be equally usable each semester. Is our purpose to schedule the number of days in the semester to fit a syllabus in Literature or are we attempting to establish the number of days in a semester which seems to work best for a given semester?

The Senate recommended that no class be held on Labor Day. Is this holiday too close to the beginning of classes? Should we hold classes on Labor Day as

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well as Lincoln's Birthday? It was suggested that possibly Thanksgiving vacation should begin Tuesday evening rather than Wednesday noon.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved that we reconsider our schedule for 1970-71.

Motion seconded by Mr. McConnell.

Why reconsider our established schedule? We need to discuss the dismissal of classes for KSTA, Thanksgiving break and spring break.

Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR 1971-72. The subcommittee composed of Miss Krebs, Miss Veed and Dr. Oliva, Chairman, submitted its recommendation of a schedule for 1971-72. A copy of this proposal is included at the end of the Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Randall moved we accept the proposed calendar. Motion died for lack of a second.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Rachel Christopher, Vice Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder