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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of October 17, 1972 at 3:30 p.m. in the Frontier Room.

I. Roll Call. Members absent: Dr. Joel Moss, Dr. Leo Oliva, Dr. Donald Slechta, Dr. Eugene Fleharty, Mr. Cade Suran, Mr. Gary Tobias, Dr. James Forsythe, Dr. Wilda Smith.

II. Moved and seconded to approve minutes of previous meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. Standing Committee reports:

A. Academic Affairs.

1. Mr. Fall reported for the committee and proposed a change in residence requirements for the next catalog. Discussion of F.T.E. advantages of such a change. It was moved and seconded that the catalog be revised to read: "At least 30 hours must be taken at Fort Hays Kansas State College and 24 of the last 30 or 50 of the last 60 hours must be taken in residence." Motion carried.

2. Mr. Fall summarized the Academic Affairs debate over credit for ROTC courses. Mr. Fall submitted the proposal of the committee to the Senate in the form of a motion: "The 16 hours of credit should be above the 124 hours necessary for a liberal arts degree." Motion seconded. Discussion. Dr. Staven moved to table. Seconded. Tabling motion carried.

B. College Affairs: Mr. Heather discussed the attention of the committee to the issue of teachers evaluation.

C. Student Affairs: Mr. Rupp outlined several pending issues with particular attention to possible student participation in faculty cuts.

D. ByLaws: Dr. Witten reported the results of the committee's deliberation on constitutional revision.

1. The committee proposed in the form of a motion the following revision of the Faculty Senate By Laws:

   (1) As the term of the present senators expire they may be replaced only if they are departmental representatives. Beginning with the April 1973 election and thereafter, all senators shall be elected only from the various academic departments of the college.

   (2) No administrator higher than a department chairman shall be allowed to serve on the Senate except for those already elected.
(3) For the April 1973 and April 1974 elections there shall be one representative from each subsidiary department for every fifteen members or fraction thereof. Beginning with the April 1975 election and thereafter this ratio shall be changed to one representative for every ten department members or fraction thereof.

(4) If possible, these representatives shall have at least the rank of assistant professor and shall have served at least three full years on the staff of the college.

Seconded. Short discussion. Motion carried by a majority of the entire Senate membership.

2. The committee presented in the form of a motion a proposal concerning the filling of at large vacancies: "The current at large vacancies left by Dr. Tomanek and Dr. Tomlinson not be filled."

Seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Tenure Committee: Dr. Miller explained that the Senate had been charged to present to the President a list of recommended names for the tenure Committee. A list of tenured professors was distributed to the members. Mr. Osborne and Dr. Youmans' names were struck from the list because of their administrative classification. It was moved and seconded that the Senate membership vote for a maximum of six names. Motion carried. Dr. Harold Choguill, Dr. Gary Hulett, Dr. William Robinson, Dr. Samuel Sackett, Dr. LaVier Staven, and Dr. Wilda Smith achieved the most votes. Dr. Staven withdrew his name from the list. Dr. John Thorns and Dr. Eugene Fleharty tied for seventh and Dr. Miller suggested that it would be appropriate to submit both their names. No disagreement from the floor. Seven names were directed to be recommended to the President by the Senate.

V. Tagged degrees: Discussion of advantages and disadvantages of tagged degrees. It was moved and seconded to recommend that tagged degrees be retained. Motion carried.

VI. ROTC:

A. Dr. Staven moved that in the event the government offers the college an Army ROTC unit that we recommend acceptance subject to COCAO and Regent's approval. Seconded. Considerable discussion. Dr. McCullick described the F.T.E. impact on the academic departments. Mrs. Pfeifer described the advantages of a ROTC unit that would more than compensate costs to F.H.S. Dr. Stewart reported the costs of ROTC at KSC at Pittsburg and KSU. It was moved that the question be put to a vote. Dr. Staven's motion carried by 18 votes to 9.

B. Dr. Frerer moved that four hours of ROTC be counted toward graduation. Seconded. Discussion. Dr. Robinson said that ROTC should be given a chance to succeed. Discussion of why ROTC should or should not be handled as a normal academic offering. Dr. Drinan moved to amend the motion to recommend that the faculty be given a role in negotiating an ROTC contract. Seconded. Discussion. Dr. McCullick moved to amend the amendment to give the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that specific role. Discussion. Amendments passed. Motion as amended failed.
C. Dr. McCullick moved that it be recommended that negotiations between Fort Hays State and Army include the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. Seconded. Motion carried.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.