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FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

TO: The Faculty
FROM: Mrs. Arnhold, Secretary
Faculty Senate
RE: Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
DATE: October 15, 1973

Minutes of the meeting of Faculty Senate, Monday, October 15, 1973, at 3:30 P.M. in the Frontier Room of the Memorial Union.

I. Roll Call:

Members absent: Mr. Jack Heather, Dr. Verna Parish, Mrs. Ilene Allen, Miss Kathleen Kuchar, Mrs. Alice McFarland, Mr. Robert Lowen, Dr. Samuel Hamilton, Dr. Wallace Harris, Mr. Glenn Ginther

Also Present: Mr. Michael Schardein and Mr. Al Link

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Dr. Lewis Miller moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Mr. Frerer seconded the motion. The motion passed with no one in opposition.

III. Announcements:

Dr. Forsythe, Chairman of Faculty Senate, announced that he and Dr. Tomanek had met regarding the role of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Forsythe reported that confusion existed regarding what fell into the realm of administrative affairs and what fell into the area of academic affairs. He reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee planned to meet with Dr. Tomanek.

Dr. Forsythe announced the appointment of Mr. Helmut Schmeller as representative of the Faculty Senate and the Academic Affairs Comm. to the General Education Committee.

Dr. Forsythe announced that Dr. Wilda Smith of History, Dr. Ely of Biology and Dr. Stout of Music would serve on the Tenure Committee. Dr. Staven raised the question of why there was no representative from Education on the committee and Dr. Forsythe stated he would discuss the matter with Dr. Tomanek.

Dr. Forsythe reported that in some cases a student of students would appear before the tenure committee. He emphasized the point that in all cases students would not appear nor would they be present for the entire tenure proceedings.

Dr. Forsythe announced that no one had accepted the job of Faculty Newsletter editor.

Dr. Forsythe announced that Dr. Arris Johnson would serve as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

IV. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack McCullick reported that the Academic Affairs Committee, after study and discussion, recommended reinstatement of the 40 hour high numbered course requirement. Dr. McCullick noted that approximately 25% of the degree summaries examined did not include 40 hours of high numbered courses. Dr. McCullick moved that this requirement be reinstituted effective for the Spring, 1975, graduates. Dr. Frerer seconded the motion.

Dr. Staven raised the question as to whether such a recommendation would be retroactive. Dr. Drinan suggested that four semesters, as compared with the three suggested by the committee, be allowed before the requirement become effective. Dr. Frerer noted that most students affected would be junior or senior students and would complete this anyway.

Dr. McCullick noted the committee would be receptive to amending this motion.

Mrs. Popp stated the effective date for the reinstituting of the requirement should not exceed two years. Mrs. Baxter asked if December, 1975, would be feasible as an effective date.

Dr. McCullick pointed out that due to the administrative discretion held by Mr. Kellerman that no hardships would be worked on any individual student.

Dr. Robert Adams mentioned that this motion was motivated by economic concerns as well as those of academic integrity. Dr. McCullick pointed out that economic matters were of importance but the committee recommended this policy primarily on the basis of academic integrity.

Dr. Forsythe called for the vote. The motion carried with no one in opposition.

Dr. McCullick stated that the Academic Affairs Committee would be dealing with the following issues in the near future:

- liberal arts degree program
- mini course program
- withdrawal policy
- pass/no credit policy
- new course proposals

Dr. McCullick invited Senate Members interested in the issues to contact him about specific meeting times.

B. BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

Dr. Lloyd Frerer stated the committee had nothing to report.

C. COLLEGE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Miss Ellen Veed distributed copies of Resolution 1973-001 from Student Senate regarding textbook adoption policy.

Miss Veed noted that there was no three year book adoption policy in existence but that Student Senate was seeking approval from Faculty Senate on the following resolution:

"Whereas: the book adoption policy of a three (3) year period is both antiquated and presently not being enforced, and

Whereas: any policy to enforce a book adoption policy would deprive the faculty of their rights to academic freedom, and

Whereas: the final decision of adopting a new text book lies with the heads of each department and the Deans, and

Whereas: frequent changes in text books does increase the cost of higher education for college students, therefore

Be it resolved, that, the three (3) year book adoption policy be abolished, and

Be it further resolved, that, Student Senate recommend to the department chairmen and C.O.D. (Council of Deans) to direct our faculty to develop a professional awareness to adopt text books of such high academic value that these books be adopted (1) one to (2) two years or longer, and

* Be it further resolved, that, the Memorial Union Book Store, the Trading Post, state in some way, in visual sight, which text books they plan to purchase back. This will be posted at the first of each semester, but will neither bind the faculty or the bookstore.

*Passed August 29, 1973, by a margin of 14 to 0 by Student Senate.

Miss Veed moved that the Senate approve the resolution but with the deletion of the phrase "Whereas: the final decision of adopting a new text book lies with the heads of each department and the Deans". The final decision on adopting a text book is the responsibility of the individual faculty member.

Mr. Schardein suggested the purpose of the resolution was to get the book store to let students know which books would not be used again.

Dr. Robinson noted that difficulty existed regarding textbook selection due to the fact of faculty changes.

Dr. Staven brought up the criticism made by students directed toward antiquated materials. Mrs. Popp noted that the need to change texts frequently or infrequently varied with subject area.

Mr. Schardein stated the policy was designed to eliminate extremes such as faculty members changing texts too frequently or refusing to change frequently enough.

Dr. Staven again raised the question of accountability. Mr. Schardein stated this rests with the instructor.

Dr. Lewis Miller amended the Student Senate Resolution to read as follows:

The Faculty Senate recommends to the faculty that textbooks be changed only when consistent with highest academic standards and that the book store be notified at the earliest possible moment.

The question was raised by Dr. Pruitt as to what the bookstore does with used books that are no longer required texts. It was pointed out that the Trading Post buys these books at a very low price and then resells them to Nebraska Book Company.

Dr. Lloyd Frerer suggested Dr. Millers' resolution be changed to read "----that the book store be notified as soon as a change is anticipated."

Mr. Lojka asked whether Student Senate receives complaints about low resale value on texts that will be used again. Mr. Schardein replied in the affirmative but noted that the resolution was directed more toward too frequent text book changes. Mr. Link noted that the question of too frequent change was within the control of the faculty.

Dr. Jack McCullick suggested that if it is basically an economic issue the Student Senate should avail themselves with a bargaining session with bookstore managers. Dr. McCullick suggested that if the concern was one of maintaining highest academic quality and lowest educational cost arrangements should be made with the book store, not the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Miller suggested that perhaps the faculty needs to be reminded of the costs of too frequent changes.

Miss Veed withdrew the motion. Mr. Miller's motion was reiterated. Dr. Forsythe asked for a vote. Motion passed with no one in opposition.

Miss Veed introduced a second resolution from the College Affairs Committee dealing with a requested change of graduation date. Miss Veed reported that Dr. Garwood had requested that the committee consider a possible change because Dr. Gustad's daughter would be graduated from Kansas State University the same evening of the Fort Hays State graduation.

Miss Veed noted possible alternatives and then moved that, in view of the hardships that a change would impose on Fort Hays State students and parents, the schedule not be changed. Dr. Staven seconded the motion.

Mr. Link, Student Senate, noted that for those families who had students graduating from both schools, a change would enable parents to attend both ceremonies.

Miss Veed noted the possibility of exploring the subject in future years.

Mrs. Popp stated the calendar should stand without change because the majority of students are unaffected by the fact that both ceremonies are held the same evening.

Dr. Drinan suggested that planning should be encouraged in future years to avoid this situation.

Dr. Staven suggested that it would be futile to attempt to plan for all such contingencies.

Dr. Adams recommended that Kansas State University should change their commencement date.

The motion to retain the original schedule was carried with no opposition.

D. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Marshall stated the committee had nothing to report.

V. Reports of Special Committees

Dr. Forsythe reported that there were no reports from special committees.

VI. Unfinished Business

Dr. Forsythe reported that the only unfinished business known to him was that the General Education Committee operating in Summer, 1973, made a proposal but that it was tabled. The new General Education Committee replaced the former committee and would develop a new proposal.

VII. New Business

Dr. Wilda Smith passed out copies of the tribute to the late Mr. Doyle Brooks. She moved the resolution be passed. Dr. Frerer seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition. The Faculty Senate Chairman was instructed to send the following tribute to the family of Doyle Brooks and to the Department of Physics:

Resolution:

I move the adoption of the following tribute and that it be sent by Faculty Senate Chairman to the family of Doyle Brooks and to the Department of Physics:

"The death of Doyle K. Brooks on August 31, 1973, at age sixty-five, stunned his many colleagues, students, former students, and friends. His distinguished career as a scholar and teacher, including undergraduate and graduate degrees from Fort Hays State, and teaching fourteen years

in public high schools and twenty-nine at Fort Hays State, affected in a very positive fashion the lives and learning of thousands. All who sat in his classes could not help but marvel at his command of his discipline, thorough preparation, great care in presentation, explicit explanations, no nonsense approach to learning, concern for his students, dedication to the physical sciences and their language of mathematics, and loyalty to his college and friends. He was a student of the universe, from the atom to the galaxies, and derived a sense of wonder out of it all, from the electron to the movement of the planets. He was a seeker of the stars and surely found strength as well as perspective through his many hours of gazing, but his feet and intellect were firmly planted on the earth and he was not distracted from reality by stargazing. His classes attracted students from across the campus who respected his abilities and enjoyed working under his direction. He was popular for the right reasons: he gave much and expected effort and performance in return. In spite of failing health and discomfort, he performed his duties to the end. He was noted for the wisdom that led him to seek improvement where he could effect it, accept without complaint those circumstances he could not influence, and a unique ability to distinguish between the two situations. A true gentleman and teacher, his rare example of manhood and devotion to a life of learning should inspire us all in the classroom and everyday life. Doyle K. Brooks was an honored member of this faculty and we shall miss him. Those wishing to commemorate him may contribute to the C. H. and D. K. Brooks Memorial Fund, Fort Hays Endowment Association. To his family and departmental colleagues, on behalf of the staff of Fort Hays State, the Faculty Senate extends collective condolence."

Dr. Forsythe moved that the following note of thanks be forwarded to the 1972-73 Faculty Senate officers and the Executive Committee.

"Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate express its sincere appreciation to the officers and the Executive Committee of the 1972-1973 Faculty Senate. These individuals, under the strong leadership of Dr. Lewis Miller as Chairman, continued to mark out the areas of participation by the Faculty Senate in the affairs of Fort Hays Kansas State College. Dr. Miller further opened the lines of communication with the Administration and participated in the initial contacts by the state college and university senates with the State Board of Regents. Miss Ellen Veed, the Vice-Chairman, worked hard in the activities of the Executive Committee. Dr. Patrick Drinan, Secretary, kept the faculty well informed of Senate activities. The Committee Chairmen, Mr. Jack Heather, College Affairs; Dr. Hilda Smith, Academic Affairs; Mr. Daniel Rupp, Student Affairs; and Dr. Maurice Hitten, Bylaws and Standing Rules kept their committees to their assigned tasks and reported their finished work promptly. Dr. Samuel Sackett, though not a member of the Faculty Senate, dedicated many hours to editing an informative, witty, and sometimes challenging 'Faculty Newsletter'."

It was seconded and the motion carried with no one in opposition.

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

NOTE: The Executive Committee of Faculty Senate met briefly at 4:25 P.M. October 15, 1973, and approved the request made by Mr. Huffman to alter the class schedule on Tuesday, December 4, 1973, to accommodate the annual Student-Counselor-Principal conferences to be held on Campus. Dr. Drinan moved that such action be approved, Miss Veed seconded the motion. The motion passed with no one in opposition. Faculty members should note the change of class meeting times.