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Minutes of the meeting of Faculty Senate, Tuesday, July 22, 1975, 3:30 p.m., Frontier Room, Memorial Union.

I. Roll Call

Members Absent: Mr. Dan Rupp, Dr. Robert Adams, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. Arris Johnson, Miss Kathleen Kuchar, Mrs. Jane Littlejohn, Mrs. Alice McFarland, Miss Orvene Johnson.

Also Present: Campbell for Arnhold, Schroder for Herman, Hoffman for Krebs, McNeil for Lojka, Busch for Schmeller, Rolfs for Veed.

II. Announcements

The Senate President introduced Dr. Gerald W. Tomanek, Acting President of Fort Hays Kansas State College, who spoke to the Senate.

Dr. Tomanek said the College would not remain dormant during the interim period while the search for a new president is going on. "Let's do meaningful things. I'm going to do all I can to continue this excellent relationship between the Faculty Senate and the College administration. Let's continue to improve what is already good. There are some things we all need to do. For example, I plan to make some contacts with many different publics such as school administrators, farmers, business people and alumni. We all need to do these types of public relations gestures. Students are our lifeblood and with them we can retain this fine, hard-working faculty we have. We all need to travel more and visit our counterparts. Public relations is a job for all of us."

Dr. Tomanek said the search committee was formed in kind of a hurry but was done so by the Board of Regents for specific purposes. "We tried to get them to wait until fall so more students could be involved but we couldn't change their minds." Dr. Tomanek said guidelines would be established for the search committee by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Tomanek also talked about the budget which was approved by the Board of Regents. "We got the largest percentage increase of all the institutions. We've cleared the first hurdle. We plan, and we need the help of all of you, to work hard for even better budgets in the future. Work with legislators you know and work with people you know who can work with legislators."

Dr. Tomanek said that this next year it would be "business as usual" in regards to tenure hearings and other matters of academe.
Dr. Drinan reported that COD was in the final stages of drafting a consultant request form that is modeled after the University of Kansas form. The objective of the form is to discover if consulting is using College material or detracting from regular campus responsibilities. The form will ask the faculty the range of payment rather than an exact figure.

COD has also been talking about possibility of placing August course enrollment in our fall count. Although Regent directives suggest otherwise, other Regent institutions appear to count some of their August courses in fall figure.

The Governor has asked for a survey of our memberships in national, state, and local private associations. Besides the cost, the Governor is concerned that much membership may be counter at times to official state policy.

The Regents have given us the OK on a good budget that may make possible the addition of 10.7 new unclassified positions together with a $50,000 library acquisition fund request which would be $18,000 higher than this fiscal year.

The President of the Senate said that the Ad Hoc Committee for an external degree would be formed in early September with two representatives from Academic Affairs. The Long Range Academic Planning Committee may also deal with the issue.

The President of the Senate distributed a revised copy of the description of the Faculty Senate for the faculty handbook. Dr. Miller had reviewed the copy to see if it was fully consistent with our Bylaws. The biggest change in the text will be addition of a description of the composition and responsibilities of the standing committees.

Dr. Drinan announced that the next meeting of the Senate would be September 2, at 3:30 p.m. in the Frontier Room.

III. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs.
   There was no business.

B. By Laws.
   There was no business.

C. Student Affairs
   There was no business.

D. College Affairs
   There was no business.

IV. Old Business
   There was no old business.

V. New Business
   There was no new business.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.