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Date: December 7, 1978
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Joseph F. Castellano, Chairer, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting
Monday, January 8, 1979

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, January 8, 1979, in the Back Section of the University Center Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 1978, Meeting.
- III. Report of the President.
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee.
- V. Report of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum Committee
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - C. Library Committee
 - D. Student Affairs Committee
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Proposed Academic Calendars for 1979-1980 and 1980-1981 (See Attachment A, Academic Council Meeting Agenda of November 27, 1978).
 - B. Proposed Change in Student Affairs Committee Membership (See Attachment B, Academic Council Meeting Agenda of November 27, 1978).
 - C. Proposed Policy concerning Emergency Closings of the University (See Attachment A).
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Recommendation to Academic Council to Approve Courses Proposed for Variant Grading (See Attachment B).
- VIII. Adjournment.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

January 8, 1979

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of January 8, 1979 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President Murray at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present:

B. Barth, J. Barton, B. Bentsen, T. Burns, J. Castellano, G. Constable, S. Cummings, P. Doherty, R. Dolphin, K. Eckerle, I. Fritz, R. Glaser, P. Horn, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, L. Low, V. McKinley, J. Murray, D. Pabst, K. Racevskis, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin, J. Sayer, R. Schumacher, P. Simcox, T. Staton, W. Stoesz, B. Tea, H. Wachtell, E. Wetter, M. L. White

Absent:

J. Beljan, R. Fox, E. Nicholson, J. Rodriguez

Before entering into discussions on the Agenda, Mr. Murray welcomed John Barton to the Academic Council as a replacement for David Nicholson of the School of Medicine.

- II. A Motion was presented and seconded that the Minutes of the November 27, 1978 meeting be approved as written. All were in favor of the Motion.
- III. Report of the President - Delayed until further in the meeting.
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee. Mr. Castellano reported that two special review committees report to the Steering Committee, namely, the Budget Review Committee and the General Education Review Committee. The Budget Review Committee was set up by the Academic Council last year and is now asking the Steering Committee to review the structure of the Budget Committee. A recommendation is to be made in March as to whether the Budget Review Committee should continue in the form as approved by the Academic Council. Any suggestions with regard to the composition, purpose or function of the Budget Review Committee will be welcomed so that a study can be undertaken in January and February, with a subsequent report being made in March. The main issue at the present time concerns composition of the Committee, i.e., requests have been received to have WOBC and the alumni represented on the Committee.

The General Education Review Committee has been holding meetings, and will report on its progress to the Steering Committee at its January 17 meeting.

The second item of Mr. Castellano's report dealt primarily with Item A under NEW BUSINESS, and at such time, a Suspension of the Rules was requested.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. Glaser reported that the Committee had reviewed, and approved, some courses on variant grading. Recommendations were made to the Academic Council for approval of those courses, and at the appropriate point on the Agenda, a Suspension of the Rules was requested in order to vote approval of these courses.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: No report

At this point, the Agenda reverted back to the Report of the President. The President reported that the university was successful in getting approval from the Board of Regents for its new Doctor of Psychology program which is being offered by the School of Professional Psychology. However, in the process the university came under heavy criticism from the Chairman of the Board of Regents as to how the program proposed was initiated. President Kegerreis pointed out to the Board of Regents that it was the Ohio Association of Professional Psychologists who inaugurated the concept of the program, and indicated the need for this program.

In a request for comments or questions, Mr. Stoesz asked about the evaluation of programs by the Board of Regents. The President responded that an evaluation of graduate programs, and undergraduate programs as well, is underway. President Kegerreis referred further comments to Mr. Murray who stated that all institutions of higher education had been mandated to establish guidelines for the review of graduate programs (which was done at WSU about a year ago). In addition, the Academic Council approved last summer guidelines to review and evaluate the undergraduate programs. Subsequent to that, the Board of Regents gave out contracts for five different studies, one of which was the review of programs state-wide and system-wide. It is now in its third draft stage. The IUC Vice Presidents will be meeting on January 17, 1979 to merge a document of rebuttal to the study. The IUC is hoping to have its own system accepted, instead of a state-wide system.

President Kegerreis said some form of academic state-wide review in the decade ahead will be inevitable. The Board of Regents has two primary authorities over WSU, that is (1) the approval of degree programs and majors and (2) the presentation of budget to the legislature on behalf of entire system. An item of concern growing out of this is that along with the approval of degree programs also comes the disapproval, or cancellation, of these programs.

- C. Library Committee: No report
- D. Student Affairs Committee: No report (They deferred further comments until Item B of OLD BUSINESS.)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Academic Calendars for 1979-1980 and 1980-81

A Motion was presented to approve the official 1979-80 calendar, and the endorsement of the proposed 1980-81 calendar. Mr. Klein asked if he could make a comment before proceeding with this motion, but the procedures called for action on the Motion first. The Motion on approval of the calendars was approved and seconded.

Mr. Klein then read a statement he had prepared in which he proposed the Drop Date be changed from its present eighth week to the end of the third week of the Quarter, except during the Summer Quarter. Mr. Klein then put his proposal into the form of a Motion, and it was seconded as an Amendment to the original Motion. K. Eckerle posed a question in terms of time and cost to the student. Mr. Glaser said the Curriculum Committee had entered into many discussions on the Drop Dates, and no recommended changes would be forthcoming from that Committee.

Mr. Dolphin asked if a Motion to approve Calendars was an appropriate time to consider drop dates.

A compromise suggestion was put forth by Mr. Castellano whereby the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee could study alternatives to the eight week drop date and report their findings under NEW BUSINESS at the April meeting of the Academic Council.

Mr. Murray was informed by the Parliamentarian that a change of this type was not in order because it concerns a policy which has already been approved regarding the eight week drop date, and the Motion at hand concerns approval of the Calendars. Mr. Murray reiterated the suggestion put forth by Mr. Castellano to have this issue studied by the Curriculum and Faculty Affairs Committees. Mr. Pabst said that as the seconder of Mr. Klein's Motion, he was in agreement with the suggestion to have the Committees research this issue.

Mr. Stoesz inquired about the possibility of putting Mr. Castellano's compromise suggestion into the form of a Substitute Motion. Restating the suggestion, Mr. Castellano proposed the current Curriculum Committee meet with the Steering Committee and study the documentation and report which was developed last year to ascertain whether further discussions should be held on the issue of the Drop Date. The Motion was seconded. A voice vote indicated all were in favor of this Substitute Amendment.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Academic Calendars (Continued)

In returning to a vote on the approval of the Calendars, L. Low presented an Amendment that the Summer Quarter in 1981 begin on Tuesday, June 16 which would be one day earlier than proposed. The Amendment was seconded, and passed. A voice vote on the 1979-80, and 1980-81 calendar, as amended, passed.

B. Proposed Change in Student Affairs Committee Membership

The proposed change would reduce faculty representation by one member, and increase by two the student representation. The composition of the committee would then be five faculty representatives, five student representatives, and one administrative representative. A Roll Call vote on the proposal was as follows:

Members voting YES:

B. Barth, J. Barton, B. Bentsen, T. Burns, J. Castellano, S. Cummings, P. Doherty, R. Dolphin, K. Eckerle, I. Fritz, R. Glaser, P. Horn, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, L. Low, V. McKinley, J. Murray, D. Pabst, K. Racevskis, M. Ritchie, J. Sayer, R. Schumacher, P. Simcox, T. Staton, W. Stoesz, E. Wetter, M. L. White

Members voting NO:

B. Tea

Members ABSTAINING

G. Constable and H. Wachtell

The proposal passed with a vote of 29 YES, 1 - NO and 2 ABSTAINING.

C. Proposed Policy concerning Emergency Closings of the University

The Policy, as stated, is intended to assist the University faculty in taking measures to ensure coverage of total course content in the event of emergency closings. A Roll Call vote on this proposal indicated all members voted YES. The proposal passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Academic Council to Approve Courses Proposed for Variant Grading

Before entering into discussion on this topic, a Suspension of the Rules was requested. The Motion was seconded, and the Suspension of the Rules was granted. A Motion to approve the variant grading was presented and seconded. All were in favor of the proposal.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Mr. Klein opened discussion on an additional topic of NEW BUSINESS by reading a statement he had prepared on the grading system. He proposed limiting the letters used in grading to A, B, C, D, F and Incomplete, rather than the fourteen letters which are currently used. Mr. Klein restated his proposal in the form of a Motion, but received no concurrence. The Motion was then rephrased to have this issued deferred to the Curriculum Committee for further study. Mr. Glaser pointed out that the variant grading courses which were just approved under NEW BUSINESS consists mainly of Independent Study. Applying a grade as proposed by Mr. Klein to this type of study is difficult. The Motion of deferral to the Curriculum Committee was seconded, and a voice vote indicated the majority favored study by the Committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was presented and seconded to Adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting of January 8, 1979 adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Academic Council will be on Monday, February 5 in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center at 3:10 p.m.