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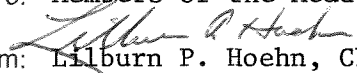


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Date: February 17, 1981

To: Members of the Academic Council

From:  Lilburn P. Hoehn, Chairer of the Steering Committee

Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, March 2, 1981

The Academic Council will meet at 3:10 P.M., Monday, March 2, 1981, in the rear section of the University Center Cafeteria.

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of February 2, 1981, Academic Council Meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Report of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
 - E. Budget Review
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Student Government Motion presented to the February 2 meeting "Student Newspaper Being Removed from Committee Meetings" - see Attachment B, minutes February 2.
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

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- I. The meeting of March 2, 1981 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President John V. Murray at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: O. Amos, P. Batra, B. Beeler, J. Buening, J. Castellano, C. Cline, J. Daily, E. Fernandez, C. Hartmann, K. Hennessey, L. Hoehn, L. Howard, A. Hye, R. Iddings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, K. Kotecha, M. Moloney, J. Murray, D. Pabst, M. Roach, G. Skinner, P. Smith, A. Spiegel, J. Sullivan, C. Swindler, H. Viets, E. Wales, B. Walker, R. Weisman, T. Wetmore

Absent: J. Barton, E. Cantelupe, R. Fox, S. Ghosh, S. Link

- II. A motion was made and seconded to have the minutes of the February 2, 1981 Academic Council meeting approved as presented. There was unanimous approval for acceptance of the minutes.
- III. Report of the President: No report
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. L. Hoehn, Chairman, gave the following report:
- A. The Wright State Board of Trustees, at its February meeting, empowered the President to establish an Early Retirement System. Details are being worked on.
- B. The Calendar/Elections Committee is tabulating the results of the calendar survey regarding the quarter system versus semester system; the results will be presented to the Academic Council when available.
- V. Report of the Standing Committees:
- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. S. Frederick requested action be taken on course inventory requests under New Business.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. C. Hartmann, Chairman, requested that two items be introduced under New Business so that they may be included on the agenda of the April meeting:
1. Faculty Retrenchment Policy Revision
 2. Proposed Policy and Procedure for Academic Mediation which deals with grade appeals
- C. Library Committee: Mr. J. Amon, Chairman, reported that the Committee is working on a plan to eliminate unnecessary journals in the Library as the budget will not support the current level of subscriptions. The plan is in the developmental stage and will be presented next to the Council of Deans and to the Academic Council at a later time. The Committee has also discussed the impact of the present budget restrictions on book acquisitions. The Approval Plan is no longer operating. The Library is accumulating a list of

titles that have not been ordered. There is a chance that when the budget is restored, this backorder will have an impact on the next fiscal year's budget. The desired percentage of the budget to be allotted to journals would be 50 percent, but due to inflation, that percentage is increasing yearly, making it necessary to cut back on subscriptions to new journals. Discussion followed concerning the donation to the Library of sets of professional journals from individuals. Some departments were reportedly told that this would be administratively difficult to accomplish. This matter will be further investigated. The relative priority between accumulated requests from this year and new requests will be a subject at a future meeting of the Library Committee. Requests for acquisitions will have to be studied on a very individual basis.

D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. C. Phelps, Chairman, gave the following report:

1. At the end of the Winter Quarter, the Registrar's Office will schedule open classrooms for study purposes during the final examination week.
2. The Student Affairs Committee, along with the Faculty Affairs Committee, has been working on the Academic Mediation Policy which will be presented under New Business. Agreement was reached on everything with one exception.

E. Budget Review Committee:

1. Mr. L. Hoehn presented a written report by Mr. J. Sayer, Chairman (Attachment A).
2. Mr. S. Klein expressed an opinion to several statements made by Mr. J. Sayer in the University Times. Mr. Klein stated that productivity should not be limited only to increased teaching loads, but it should also be measured in terms of scholarships and research.

VI. Old Business:

A motion was made and seconded to substitute a motion (Attachment B) for the Student Government motion presented at the February 2 Academic Council meeting regarding attendance at Academic Council standing and ad hoc committee meetings by nonmembers of the committees. Discussion followed. The Guardian staff and Bob Myers, Editor, were commended for their work toward a solution of this problem and for following University procedures. Mr. Myers' opinion of this substitute motion was solicited with Mr. Myers expressing no objection to the substitute motion allowing the majority vote. A roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion with the following results:

Members voting YES:

O. Amos, P. Batra, J. Buening, J. Castellano, C. Cline, J. Daily,
E. Fernandez, C. Hartmann, K. Hennessey, L. Hoehn, L. Howard, A. Hye,
R. Iddings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, K. Kotecha, M. Moloney, J. Murray,
D. Pabst, M. Roach, G. Skinner, P. Smith, A. Spiegel, J. Sullivan,
H. Viets, E. Wales, B. Walker, R. Weisman, T. Wetmore

Members voting NO:

B. Beeler, C. Swindler

The substitute motion passed by a vote of 29 to 2.

VII. New Business:

- A. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to suspend the rules so that action might be taken on course inventory requests on DN 111, FR 111, GER 111, IT 111, POL 111, POR 111, RUS 111, SPN 111, ATH 396, SOC 396, SOC 314, and SOC 316 (Attachment C) in order that these courses may be included in the Undergraduate Catalog. The motion was made and seconded that the twelve courses be approved for variant grading. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mr. C. Hartmann, Chairman of the Faculty Affairs Committee, made a motion to have the following items placed on the agenda of the April meeting of the Academic Council as Old Business for consideration:

1. Faculty Retrenchment Policy, revised 2-23-81 (Attachment D). Mr. Hartmann highlighted the relevant changes in the Faculty Retrenchment Policy:
 - a. The word "emergency" has been substituted in a number of places for the word "exigency".
 - b. A section has been added to deal with the necessity of program reduction.
 - c. A section has been added which concerns University-wide criteria which are mandated prior to a decision to suspend or terminate a tenured faculty.
2. Proposed Amendment to Revised Policies and Procedures for Granting of Promotions and Tenure at WSU, which reads:

Motion to amend Section VII, Removal or Suspension of Tenured Faculty, to delete the word, "exigency", and replace it with the word, "emergency", so as to read:

"A faculty member having academic tenure has a continuous appointment which may be terminated or suspended only for just cause or because of financial emergency after opportunity for hearing or through retirement or resignation."

Discussion followed concerning the meaning of the words, "emergency" and "exigency". It was stated "exigency" has been defined legally and "emergency" has not been defined legally, and that "exigency" would mean such an extreme situation that the University could never get around to it, thereby being an impractical word to use in this document. "Emergency" was substituted because it had not been defined and the University could define the word for itself.

Motion was made and seconded to enter as Old Business on the agenda for the April meeting the revised draft dated 2-23-81 of the Faculty Retrenchment Policy.

Motion was made and seconded to enter as Old Business on the agenda for the April meeting the Proposed Amendment to Revised Policies and Procedures for Granting of Promotions and Tenure at WSU.

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- C. Motion was made and seconded to place on the agenda for action at the April meeting the Policy and Procedure for Academic Mediation Document, otherwise known as grade appeals (Attachment E).
- D. Motion was made and seconded that the section from the Student Affairs Committee concerning "Composition" be included for discussion under Old Business along with the document, Policy and Procedure for Academic Mediation (Attachment F).

VIII. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Attachments