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Date: November 20, 1981

To: Members of the Academic Council

From: Donald F. Pabst, ^{DAP} Steering Committee Chairer and
University Faculty Vice-President

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, November 30, 1981, at 3:10 p.m.

Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of the November 2, 1981 meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
 - E. Budget Review
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Steering Committee recommendation: "Only official members of Academic Council are permitted to vote at Academic Council meetings."
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Ratification of the election of Jerold Petrofsky as the Chairer of the Student Affairs Committee. Steering Committee recommends a suspension of the rules.
 - B. Approval of 1983-84 Academic Calendar - see Attachment I.
 - C. Recommendation from the University Budget Review Committee: "Because of the changes in organization and the combining of all units into one budget, we recommend a change in the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws to include a representative from the School of Medicine and a representative from the School of Professional Psychology on the University Budget Review Committee."
 - D. Steering Committee recommendation: "Appointment of Gordon Constable as Academic Council's representative on the Athletic Council through May 1982 with the request that Academic Council receive periodic reports."
 - E. Curriculum Committee recommendations:
 1. BIO 463 Community Public Health Resources - add Pass/Fail Option.
 2. AT 429 Workshop in Art Therapy - PU Grading System.
- VIII. Special Report - Chairer of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Governance
- XI. Adjournment

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I. The meeting of November 30, 1981 was called to order by Provost John R. Beljan at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: H. Andrews, P. Batra, B. Beeler, J. Beljan, C. Cary, I. D'Agostino, B. Denison, J. Gabbert, J. Greene, C. Hartmann, J. Hoying, B. Hutchings, R. Iddings, J. Jacob, R. Kegerreis, B. Mann, M. Moloney, C. Queener, K. Reed, W. Sawyer, J. Schrader, S. Sexson, G. Skinner, A. Spiegel, J. Sullivan, R. Weisman, R. Williams

Absent: J. Castellano, M. Dahlinghaus, R. Gardier, S. Ghosh, A. Hye, D. Pabst, M. Roach, B. Tea, H. Viets

Provost Beljan introduced the new representative from the College of Business and Administration, Barbara Denison. Ms. Denison fills the position left vacant by the election of Charles Hartmann as Faculty Vice-President Elect.

II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 3, 1981 Academic Council meeting. Minutes were approved.

III. Report of the President: President Kegerreis reported on the following three measures signed by the Governor following passage by the Legislature:

- A. The new Tax Bill increases taxes in the State of Ohio by \$1.3 billion.
- B. The Appropriations Bill for the current biennium provides Wright State University in the remaining part of this fiscal year a stabilization factor which should counterbalance the forecasted \$2.3 million deficit. Passage of this bill means no big increases or decreases in appropriations, no fee increases, and no fee rebates or reductions, providing there is no further decline in the Ohio economy. If the economy of the State of Ohio stabilizes at the present level and there is no further decline in enrollment, the next year should be much more normal than the past three or four years, and the University hopes to resume a relatively normal budget for Library acquisitions, personal equipment, etc.
- C. The Capital Improvements Bill: Wright State University requests include an expansion of Oelman Hall, the appropriation for the second and final phase of the animal laboratories, the purchase of the Kettering Center, the replacement of the heating system in the Fels Institute, and a variety of planning funds (one for the Multiple Sclerosis Research and Treatment Center, one for erosion control at WOBC, one for the creation of a day care center at Wright State, and one for the West Side Health Center in Dayton). There was an appropriation for \$10 million for a building and additional property purchases at the site of the Research Park. Another capital improvements item is the building of a transmission tower at Channel 16, in which Wright State is associated with Miami University and Central State University.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. C. Hartmann gave the following report in the absence of the chairman, Mr. D. Pabst:

- A. Steering Committee is presenting several agenda items under Old and New Business at this meeting.

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- B. The final meeting of this quarter of the Steering Committee will be on Monday, December 7, at 8:30 a.m.
 - C. The Board of Trustees has informed the Steering Committee that the following faculty persons will be invited to membership on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board in the future: Faculty Vice-President, Faculty Vice-President Elect, and another member of the faculty to be selected annually.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. J. Kane, Chairer, placed under New Business of this meeting a course modification request, BIO 463, and a course inventory request, AT 429.
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. Jacob, Chairer, gave the following report:
 - 1. This committee is continuing the study of the University Promotion and Tenure process.
 - 2. The committee is studying the effect on the University due process mechanism caused by a temporary injunction issued by the U.S. Federal District Court Judge. The committee is awaiting a final hearing in federal court to determine whether the hearing process will be permanently enjoined and what the effect of this action will be.
 - 3. The committee has met with Provost Beljan to discuss the calendar term of faculty on 9-month contracts and will report to Steering Committee in January 1982.
 - 4. The committee has finalized a composition of University Tenure Committee and will bring it before Academic Council in January for ratification.
 - C. Library Committee: Ms. C. King, Chairer, reported that the Library conducted a successful workshop for Library representatives on November 18 and that the full profile for the Approval Plan (with about 5400 publishers) is back in place.
 - D. Student Affairs Committee: No report
 - E. Budget Review Committee: Mr. L. Hoehn, Chairer, gave the following report:
 - 1. The UBRC is composing two subcommittees, one for salaries and one for fringe benefits. These are 99% composed and will begin work in January. The UBRC is attempting to rework the present salary policy into a more coherent, unified policy.
 - 2. The committee has reviewed academic staffing plans and will soon be reviewing nonacademic staffing plans.
 - 3. The committee has arranged for Senator Michael DeWine to attend a Budget Review Committee meeting on December 9 to discuss the financial future of higher education in the State of Ohio.
 - 4. The committee has recommended changes in the composition of the University Budget Review Committee (see Item C under New Business of the agenda of this meeting).

Mr. J. Greene made note at this point that he will be removing himself from the Budget Review Committee and will place another student on the UBRC.

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VI. Old Business:

- A. Steering Committee recommendation: "Only official members of Academic Council are permitted to vote at Academic Council meetings." Mr. C. Hartmann made a motion to move this recommendation from the table and move for its adoption today. Motion seconded. Opened to discussion. Clarification was made that this applies strictly to Academic Council meetings. No proxy, be it staff, faculty, or student, will be permitted to vote at Academic Council meetings. Motion passed by voice vote.

VII. New Business:

- A. Ratification of the election of Jerold Petrofsky as the Chairer of the Student Affairs Committee. Mr. C. Hartmann moved to suspend the rules to permit consideration of this subject. Motion seconded and passed. Mr. C. Hartmann made a motion to ratify the election of Jerold Petrofsky as the Chairer of the Student Affairs Committee. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

- B. Approval of the 1983-84 Academic Calendar (Attachment I to agenda of this meeting).

Mr. S. Ghosh asked Mr. Falkner to express Mr. Ghosh's desire that Academic Council consider beginning the Fall Quarter one week earlier, the Wednesday after Labor Day, and finishing completely by Thanksgiving. Mr. Ghosh pointed out the hardship which might be caused to dormitory students leaving at Thanksgiving, returning for exams, and then leaving again. Mr. Falkner made mention that individuals (half-time or more student status) would lose benefits for December if there is not at least one day of class in December. This would involve approximately 500 students with veteran payments of \$250 to \$500 per student.

Mr. Jacob wished to have the short length of the Spring break considered. Mr. L. Falkner said that a problem exists with a longer break in that the University cannot begin the Winter Quarter sooner than the first of the year. There is now a nine-day Spring break. Every effort is made to have ten meeting days plus one exam day. The University attempts to begin every Summer Quarter on June 11 or a Monday in the time area. If that time is expanded, either there will not be ten class days or the examination period will be cut down, graduation will be made later in the year, or Summer School will begin later and end later.

It was pointed out that the Wednesday classes have eleven class meeting days in the Fall Quarter 1983.

- D. Recommendation from the University Budget Review Committee: "Because of the changes in organization and the combining of all units into one budget, we recommend a change in the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws to include a representative from the School of Medicine and a representative from the School of Professional Psychology on the University Budget Review Committee. Mr. C. Hartmann moved to place this item under Old Business at the next meeting for discussion and submission to the General Faculty for action. Mr. Hoehn, Chairer of the UBRC, explained that in 1979 the UBRC reviewed all budgets except the School of Medicine. The University now operates under one budget, and it seems reasonable to include representatives from the School of Medicine and the School of Professional Psychology. Provost Beljan pointed out that the School of Medicine does operate on an income budget. Provost Beljan explained that there has always been the possibility of a transfer of funds and that all

safeguards and assurances of the past will continue. The University organization has changed in that the Vice-President of Health Affairs has been eliminated; there has been recombination of all the academic units into one single reporting function; there have been decisions made by UBRC which have an impact on the School of Medicine without their representation on those decisions, such as salary increases and items of that kind. This recommendation would recognize the reorganizational structure without any major change in functional realignment. Mr. J. Greene would like the Academic Council to consider appointing another student to this committee. Provost Beljan noted that while considering the expansion of the UBRC to include the School of Medicine and the School of Professional Psychology, student input should also be considered.

E. Steering Committee recommendation: "Appointment of Gordon Constable as Academic Council's representative on the Athletic Council through May 1982 with the request that Academic Council receive periodic reports." This item will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for action at that time.

F. Curriculum Committee recommendations:

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2. AT 429 Workshop in Art Therapy - PU grading system.

Will appear as Old Business at next meeting for action by Academic Council.

VIII. Special Report - Chairer of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Governance: Mr. W. Rickert, Chairer of the Faculty Governance Committee gave a report of the proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws (see Attachment I to these minutes). Mr. Rickert pointed out that the proposed revision to the constitution will be distributed the first week of January to all faculty members, members of student government, and administration. Open meetings will be held during the month of January for faculty, administration, and students to provide further input, and the final version with revisions as a result of the open meetings will be presented to Academic Council in March 1982. Discussion followed. Concern was expressed regarding membership of Academic Council/Senate which indicates a reduction from 36 to 15 with student representation being reduced from 6 to 2. The President of the Faculty would preside at meetings. Mr. Greene expressed a desire to have more time in order that students could have more input before changes. Mr. Rickert did respond that there were open hearings held last Spring and the final report will not go before Academic Council until March. Mr. Rickert said that the goal was to reduce the size of Academic Council, make it a more manageable group, and to make this body more in conformity with a Faculty Constitution. Mr. Rickert encouraged changes to the proposed Faculty Constitution be submitted in specific form.

IX. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Attachment