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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, March 1, 1982

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Date: February 22, 1982

To: Members of the Academic Council

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

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, March 1, 1982, at 3:10 p.m.

Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of the February 1, 1982 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: None
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Recommendation from the Calendar/Elections Committee - Constituency realignment of the Academic Council effective 1982-83 as follows:
"Combine the Professional Psychology and Medicine faculty into one constituency and add one representative to that constituency. One representative should be subtracted from the Education/Library constituency resulting in a 31.5/1 representation ratio for Education/Library and 33.5/1 for Psychology/Medicine.
- VIII. Adjournment

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- I. The meeting of March 1, 1982 was called to order by President Robert J. Kegerreis at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: H. Andrews, B. Beeler, J. Castellano, B. Denison, J. Gabbert,
R. Gardier, J. Greene, C. Hartmann, J. Hoying, B. Hutchings,
A. Hye, R. Iddings, J. Jacob, R. Kegerreis, B. Mann, M. Moloney,
D. Pabst, C. Queener, M. Roach, K. Reed, W. Sawyer, J. Schrader,
S. Sexson, G. Skinner, J. Sullivan, B. Tea, R. Weisman

Absent: P. Batra, J. Beljan, C. Cary, I. D'Agostino, M. Dahlinghaus,
S. Ghosh, A. Spiegel, H. Viets, R. Williams

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of February 1, 1982 meeting as presented.

III. Report of the President:

President Kegerreis reported that Wright State University is providing the site for a hearing of the Joint Congressional Economics Committee, particularly one of its subcommittees which is chaired by Congressman Brown. At 7:00 p.m. on March 1, the Social Work Club of Wright State is hosting Congressman Brown and all are invited to attend. President Kegerreis said that the University is apolitical, yet immersed in politics. Congressman Brown is a primary candidate for governor. The University has hosted one of the Democratic primary candidates, Jerry Springer. Wright State University should be a place where all the primary candidates can come and meet with students, faculty, and staff. All that is needed is a recognized student, faculty or University group to invite them.

The Ohio Board of Regents sent President Kegerreis an advance copy of the 1982 Master Plan for Higher Education in the State of Ohio. The University has reviewed the plan, hoping to make an institutional response within a week. These master plans are presented every six years. In the past, the Ohio Board of Regents has indicated in its master plan specific directions that higher education should take and specific missions for individual state institutions. That section is missing from this 1982 draft, most likely due to the current budget crisis. All council members were invited to review this plan following today's meeting. President Kegerreis would like to have broader circulation of the plan throughout the University, particularly to members of Academic Council and the University Planning Task Force. President Kegerreis referred to one section of the document dealing with the demographic impact which the Regents forecast for some of the member institutions for the remainder of the 1980's. The Regents estimate an increase in WSU graduate enrollment during this period of 1.3%; that is the highest estimated increase of any state university in Ohio. The estimate for WSU undergraduate enrollment is a decline of 12.2%. Compared with other state universities, Wright State is second with the smallest decrease in enrollment. These estimates portray only the demographic possibilities, not the self-energizing efforts the University may embark upon in order to change its own enrollment pattern.

The status of the governor's proposal in response to the budget crisis was discussed. The governor's proposal was based upon having new taxes in place by March 1 so that collections could begin at this time, so that proposal is now obsolete.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President: Mr. Donald F. Pabst gave the following report:

A. Steering Committee:

1. Summer Salary Policy. A special meeting was held by Steering February 15 to consider this policy. It was agreed by Steering at that time to ask the University Budget Review Committee to make a recommendation to the Council of Deans at their meeting on February 18. The University Faculty Affairs Committee also made recommendations to UBRC and through that committee, to the Council of Deans. The Council of Deans devoted a great amount of discussion and study to this policy, and the Provost issued a revised policy on February 22.
2. Calendar/Elections Committee. There is an item on today's agenda under New Business concerning constituency realignment. The Steering Committee returned the "terms of employment" issue back to the Calendar/Elections Committee, and Calendar/Elections will make a final recommendation back to Steering at a very early date. This committee is also working on a written progress report on the early semester calendar and will forward that to Steering soon.
3. Planning Council Proposal. The Steering Committee is reviewing and discussing on March 8 the Planning Council Proposal which would be the structure proposed to replace the Planning Task Force when that group has completed its activities.
4. Ad Hoc Faculty Governance Committee. This committee had its open hearings recently and has begun to review input; a progress report will be made to Steering Committee on March 8.

B. Faculty Vice-President: Faculty Vice-President Pabst has spent considerable time on the budget crisis.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. Stephen Frederick reported that the committee has been meeting on a weekly basis to handle routine course modifications and requests. The committee is reviewing a request from the College of Science and Engineering to review the policy of repeating a course. Also being studied is a request by the Provost of housecleaning the course inventory. The committee is also taking a look at general education and hopes to have a report to this Council on April 5.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. James Jacob, Chairer, reported the committee met on a weekly basis during February. Recommendations have been made to the UBRC regarding the Summer Teaching Policy for the upcoming summer. The committee is continuing to study promotion and tenure. The committee is also discussing with administration a complaint received from a faculty member regarding University insurance liability of contents of items stolen from faculty offices.
- C. Library Committee: Ms. Cynthia King, Chairer, reported that the committee has agreed to recommend the allocation of all acquisitions funds to departmental and program level for the 1982-83 budget. The committee has agreed to recommend a program model for the allocation of these funds and agreed that a model which results in massive dislocation of funds should be avoided. Ron Nimmer of the Library staff has distributed a questionnaire to departmental and program heads to gather information for preparing a model. These surveys use course inventories and ask about each course if it entails reserve reading in the library, whether suggested or assigned; bibliography to be prepared by student; term paper; and thesis. About

half of the surveys have been returned as of this date. An additional \$26 thousand for the 1981-82 year will be distributed to the Deans for eventual allocation to departmental funds. The amount has resulted from lower than projected expenditures on the approval plan (partly because it did not go back into operation until September rather than July) and binding and from carryover from encumbered orders from last year which were no longer available.

Discussion followed this report concerning the possibility of any additional funds being made available for library acquisitions. The University is operating on a total \$580 thousand acquisition budget of an anticipated \$680 thousand acquisition budget. A savings is being realized on the approval plan. The library funds will remain frozen just as the capital funds were.

- D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Jerrold Petrofsky, Chairer, reported that this committee has been meeting on a monthly basis and just finished deliberations on behalf of the Sailboat Club. Recommendations were forwarded to the Steering Committee for decision as to what action should be taken. Discussion at the next meeting will concern problems associated with the reduction of student scholarship funds and especially the reduction of student work study funds.
- E. University Budget Review Committee: Mr. Lilburn Hoehn, Chairer, reported this committee has been meeting twice weekly over the past few weeks and anticipates having recommendations by March 5 for a meeting of the Ad Hoc Task Force. Much time has been spent on the Summer Teaching Policy. The Salary Committee and the Fringe Benefits Committee continue to meet and should have a report at the next Academic Council meeting.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

- A. Recommendation from the Calendar/Elections Committee: Constituency realignment of the Academic Council effective 1982-83 as follows: "Combine the Professional Psychology and Medicine faculty into one constituency and add one representative to that constituency. One representative should be subtracted from the Education/Library constituency resulting in a 31.5/1 representation ratio for Education/Library and 33.5/1 for Psychology/Medicine."

Ms. Barbara Murphy, Chairer of the Calendar/Elections Committee, addressed the Council on this recommendation stating that the goal of this recommendation is to allow for as equal representation as possible from the constituencies (see Attachment A). Discussion followed. This recommendation would result in the School of Medicine and the School of Professional Psychology together electing four representatives. It was questioned whether such a large constituency would produce equity and perhaps it would be best to combine small constituencies. Ms. Murphy noted that WOBC, by constitution, must have one representative on Council and the committee chose not to combine Nursing with another constituency. The rationale for taking Professional Psychology out of the Education & Human Services constituency was to try to equate as much as possible the 31 faculty members per representative and try to put them into a constituency that has common interest with them. The alternative to this recommendation would leave the representation as it is and make no changes.

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It was pointed out that when looking at the kinds of decisions made by the Academic Council (most relating to the undergraduate program or faculty matters), the impact is much greater on the College of Education & Human Services constituency from which one representative is being removed than it is on the professional schools. Another approach was suggested of giving every unit a minimum of one representative and then giving the remaining positions on a per capita-faculty basis among the other institutions.

The Ad Hoc Governance Committee's document which is taking into consideration a reduction in size of the Academic Council (Senate) is in the process of being revised, and their current thought is that the effective date for that would not be until a year from now. Academic Council has to be ready for its new year which begins May 1982 so this issue must be resolved at next month's meeting so that elections can be held immediately following. The recommendation as stated will be presented at next month's meeting for action.

- B. Ms. Barbara Beeler made a motion to suspend the rules to consider the matter of a nomination of Mary Pryor as the School of Medicine representative to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Motion seconded. Discussion followed regarding interpretation of the Bylaws concerning whether Academic Council can elect or appoint a member to standing committees and special committees and chairmen of such committees. Strict interpretation would mean that Academic Council would respond with ratification to appointments. President Kegerreis called a brief recess to this Council meeting. Upon reconvening, Mr. D. Pabst reported that Steering Committee had an emergency meeting and presented the following recommendation to Academic Council for ratification: Mary Pryor as the School of Medicine representative to the Faculty Affairs Committee. President Kegerreis declared the earlier motion give way to the new motion. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the rules. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to ratify the appointment of Mary Pryor as the School of Medicine representative to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- C. Mr. Jeff Schrader wished to make note that Congressman Brown is exercising his congressional duties with his appearance at Wright State and not appearing as a candidate for governor.
- D. Mr. James Greene reported Student Government sent a student to Washington, D.C. This student has met with congressional members and aides and will be bringing back different proposals and legislation which is currently pending in congress.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. Date of next meeting: April 5, 1982.

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Attachment