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# Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, June 7, 1982

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Date: June 1, 1982

To: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty  
From: Charles Hartmann,<sup>CH</sup> Steering Committee Chairer and  
University Faculty Vice-President

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, June 7, 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 May 3, 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:

Revised University Faculty Constitution (Attachment C to the Academic Council Minutes, April 5, 1982). This document was tabled at the May 3 Academic Council Meeting. (See minutes of May 3, Item VII.B.) The Steering Committee recommends that debate be limited to approximately one hour on the basic changes proposed by the document. Steering recommends that action on this item be continued at the October 4 Academic Council Meeting if necessary.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Ratification of Committee Appointments (See attached list). The Steering Committee recommends a suspension of the rules to permit an action to ratify these appointments.
  - B. Seating of New Faculty Replacement from Constituency "E" for remainder of Jim Jacob's term. The Steering Committee recommends a suspension of the rules to seat the elected replacement.
  - C. Election of a Member from the Liberal Arts Constituencies to fill the vacancy created by Jim Jacob's election as Vice-President Elect.

VIII. Adjournment

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Attachment

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I. The meeting of June 7, 1982, was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Provost John R. Beljan at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: J. Beljan, C. Cary, J. Cross, R. Dixon, T. Farrow, R. Fox,  
J. Gabbert, R. Gardier, C. Hartmann, J. Hemsy, B. Hutchings,  
J. Jacob, J. Kandel, M. Kapp, R. Kegerreis, C. King,  
J. Kirlangitis, E. Kmetec, T. Knapke, B. Mann, M. Mazey,  
M. Moloney, D. Orenstein, D. Organisciak, J. Poppe, M. Rose,  
S. Sexson, C. Snyder, J. Talbott, D. Thomas, E. Wetter,  
R. Williams

Absent: H. Andrews, A. Parisi, B. Tea

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the rules so that new members may be seated. New representatives from Student Government seated were: Theda Farrow, Liberal Arts; Marshall Rose, Graduate Studies; Jane Kirlangitis, Business & Administration; Chris Snyder, Nursing; Joe Kandel, Medicine; Jill Poppe, Student Government Chairer. Also seated was David Orenstein, newly elected representative from Liberal Arts, who replaces James Jacob who was elected Faculty Vice-President Elect.

II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the May 3, 1982 meeting as presented.

III. Report of the President:

- A. President Kegerreis encouraged faculty to attend the June 12 Wright State University Commencement, which has the largest number of graduates in the University's history and the first graduating class from the School of Professional Psychology.
- B. The Conference Committee in the State Legislature has not reached an agreement on the surtax measure and will reassemble after the primary elections. The difference for Wright State between passage and nonpassage is \$2.5 million in the upcoming fiscal year. The Board of Trustees will be asked to approve a continuation resolution of an existing budget with some conditions and contingencies.
- C. President Kegerreis asked Ronald Fox, Dean of the School of Professional Psychology, to address the Council. Mr. Fox announced that the School of Professional Psychology has been granted full accreditation for five years by the American Psychological Association. Mr. Beljan expressed on behalf of Council congratulations to the School of Professional Psychology on this significant accomplishment.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President: Mr. C. Hartmann gave the following report:

- A. 1982-83 Committees. The Steering Committee has met three times to make appointments to 1982-83 University Committees (Attachment A to the agenda of this meeting). At this time, Mr. Hartmann made note of changes in the subject list of committees: Charles Derry has been designated to chair the Obscenity Guidelines Review Committee; Nancy Janssens is the Nursing representative on the Admissions Committee; James Steinberg is the WOBC representative on the Agenda Committee; Robert Kretzer, instead of Charles Sims, will be the ex-officio member of Parking Services Committee; Melanie Williams will be the Classified representative on the Parking Services Committee; and Jean Buehl will be the Classified representative on the Traffic Appeals Committee. Mr. Hartmann made note that it had been determined that the Student Information Services Committee has completed its work and does not need to be continued.

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B. Steering Committee Meetings for Fall Quarter 1982 will be:

September 21, 2:00 p.m.

October 19, 2:00 p.m.

November 16, 2:00 p.m.

C. Steering Committee has discussed the proper role of Steering Committee in University governance and has heard a report from Mr. L. Hoehn, Chairer of the University Budget Review Committee, concerning his perceptions of that committee's role between now and July 1, at which time the new committee will be seated.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. R. Wagley, reporting in behalf of Chairman J. Kane, said that the committee will have items to be presented under New Business at today's meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs: Mr. J. Jacob, Chairer, reported that the committee is waiting for clarification of proposed modifications of the University Promotion and Tenure document. Mr. J. Talbott and Mr. J. Hemsy will be carry-over members to the Faculty Affairs Committee for next year.

C. Library: Ms. C. King, Chairer, reported that the committee recommended to the University Librarian that he submit a specific acquisitions budget to the administration and be prepared to defend it. The committee also agreed that it was prepared to examine this acquisitions budget, recommend changes if appropriate, and support its acceptance by the administration. It also agreed to recommend for 1982-83 that all acquisition funds, for monographs as well as for serials, be dispersed to the various colleges in proportion to the percentages expended in the 1979-80 budget and that, if a cut is again necessary, it apply equally to all aspects of the acquisitions budget. The 1979-80 budget seems to have been viewed by most people as reasonable, and percentages derived from it can be used as a temporary measure while another model is being worked out. The intent of these actions is to show the Library Committee's strong support, in the committee's capacity as representatives of the University faculty, for all aspects of the acquisitions budget. The committee did not, however, see a specific acquisitions budget for 1982-83.

D. Student Affairs: (See Attachment A to these minutes) Mr. J. Petrofsky, Chairer, reported that the committee has made suggestions for items to be studied by next year's committee and has also examined the current status of the grade appeals issue as per last year's Academic Council's recommendation that all individual units within the University establish some type of grade appeals process or the one voted on would be binding. All units that dealt with undergraduates within the University had adopted, or were in the process of adopting, their own process for grade appeals.

E. Budget Review: No report

VI. Old Business: Revised University Faculty Constitution (Attachment C to the Academic Council Minutes, April 5, 1982). Motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove the subject from the table and open it for discussion.

Council recognized Mr. W. Rickert, Chairer of the Faculty Governance Committee, who gave a brief summary of the goals of the proposed revisions to the University Faculty Constitution, mainly to recognize the document as a "Faculty Constitution" (not a University Constitution), that the Academic Senate is the only official body of the faculty, structurally parallel to Student Government and the Council of Deans, and to integrate University and college/school decision making.

Mr. Beljan noted that the intent at this meeting, due to the changeover in membership of Council, is to provide an overview and discuss the proposed constitution in broad terms.

Discussion followed. Student membership on the proposed Academic Senate was discussed as well as the basic philosophy of the document being called "Faculty Constitution" in that the decisions made by the Academic Senate has such impact on other areas within the University. Also discussed were the structure of the University, cross representation on Academic Senate, Student Government, and the Council of Deans, and where the final decision making policies are to be made in terms of academic prerogatives given to the faculty. Opinion was expressed that the title change of Vice-President to President is confusing in that there would be two presidents of the faculty since the President of the University is also the President of the Faculty. The advantages and disadvantages of the Senate's authorization to accept or reject (but not to amend) committee recommendations were considered.

Question was raised concerning the legislative powers of the Academic Senate. It was noted that any item can be brought to the floor of Academic Council by a member of Academic Council, and any member of the University community can bring an item to Academic Council through the committee structure. Article III, Sections 1 and 2 of the proposed revision address this issue. It was noted that under the Council's present organization, it is possible to bring a motion to the floor with the objective of discussing it but deciding in advance that no amendments may be offered and that it must be accepted or rejected.

It was suggested that the University Faculty be converted to a "Faculty Senate" instead of converting the Academic Council to the "Academic Senate", which addresses matters which are not purely "faculty" matters. Mr. Rickert said the committee discussed this idea but found it impractical due to the large size of the body of the University Faculty, resulting in a loss of communication. Also, attendance at these meetings is low.

Question was raised that if the Senate is made disproportionately a faculty body, where does the integrating function take place on significant issues with less impact on faculty than on classified or unclassified employees. The possibility was discussed of having two bodies, one composed of all faculty and one that provides for integration of faculty, administration, students, and deans. Mr. Rickert responded that the committee had discussed the possibility of two bodies but found it to be impractical because of the difficulty of getting an issue through such a system.

It was suggested that a number of basic issues regarding University structure, function, and the meaning of governance need to be thoroughly considered before details of the proposed governance document would be acted upon. Motion was made and seconded to table this document until the first meeting in the fall quarter to discuss the basic governance issue. Motion passed. It was suggested that Steering Committee work out a procedure to have more input and more faculty at that meeting than only Academic Council members.

At this time, Mr. J. Jacob and Mr. J. Beljan expressed appreciation to Mr. W. Rickert and the Faculty Governance Committee for the tremendous amount of time and effort spent on this endeavor.

VII. New Business: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the rules so that action could be taken on the following items:

A. Ratification of Committee Appointments (Attachment A to the agenda of this meeting). Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to ratify subject committee appointments as amended in Section IV.A. of this meeting.

- B. Seating of New Faculty Replacement from Constituency "E". (Was seated at beginning of this meeting.
- C. Election of a Member from the Liberal Arts Constituencies to Steering Committee. David Orenstein was nominated as the Liberal Arts representative to Steering Committee to fill the vacancy created by Jim Jacob's election as Faculty Vice-President Elect. There were no further nominations from the floor; David Orenstein was elected by unanimous vote.
- D. WOBC Representative to Steering Committee. Motion was made and seconded to nominate Eldon Wetter, WOBC representative to the Academic Council, to serve as the WOBC representative to the Steering Committee for 1982-84. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Items Presented by Curriculum Committee:

- 1. Mr. R. Wagley presented the following Course Modification and Course Inventory Requests:
  - a. ENG 495, Internship, submitted for approval for P/U grading. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve subject course.
  - b. PSY 490, Independent Readings, change name to a variable title and change from letter grade system to P/U. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve subject modification.
  - c. GL 499, Special Problems, change from letter grading to P/U at department option. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve subject change.
  - d. ENG 110, "Overcoming Writer's Block", submitted for approval for letter grade or P/U optional. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve subject course.
- 2. Ms. B. Murphy reported on the credit-hour, contact-hour topic. Since the practice of allocating credit hour for contact hour as stated in the third, fourth, and fifth sentences under "Registration" of the Undergraduate Catalog and in the University Curriculum Document of 1969 has been defined differently in various departments of the University, Ms. Murphy reintroduced these statements for Council's consideration:

"Classes are assigned values in quarter credit hours. The credit hour is based on fifty minutes of instruction each week for one quarter. Laboratory courses usually require considerably more time for each quarter hour of credit."

Mr. R. Williams, on behalf of the University Curriculum Committee, made a motion to amend the fourth sentence on page 24 of the Undergraduate Catalog as follows: "The credit hour is based on fifty minutes of instruction each week for one quarter, although there are exceptions." Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. R. Williams, on behalf of the University Curriculum Committee, made a motion that the Academic Council direct the University Curriculum Committee to develop criteria and procedures for approving exceptions to the 50-minute per week per credit-hour standard. The University Curriculum will present these criteria and procedures to Academic Council for approval during the 1982-83 academic year. Motion was seconded. Much discussion followed. It is the understanding of the Curriculum Committee that until this matter is clarified and ratified by University Curriculum, departments would continue to operate under "exceptions".

A substitute motion was made by Ms. J. Gabbert:

- a. That the fourth and fifth sentences on page 24 of the Undergraduate Catalog be amended as follows: "The credit hour is normally based on fifty minutes of instruction each week for one quarter, although there are exceptions. For example, Laboratory courses . . .", and
- b. That the ratio for class contact hours to credit hours shall be one of the criteria to be considered when a new course, or course revision, is approved by the appropriate committee of an academic unit and subsequently approved by the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Council.

Substitute motion seconded. The intent of this substitute motion is to instruct the Curriculum Committee what items they should consider, but the criteria for courses, contact hours, credit ratios are established by the initiating units, approved by their own colleges, and subsequently approved by the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Council. Much discussion followed. Mr. R. Williams and Mr. R. Wagley spoke against the substitute motion. It was noted that under this substitute motion, courses currently being offered which are exceptions to the rule will not be reviewed. It was suggested that the Curriculum Committee consider not only the ratio of contact hours to credit, but also the appropriateness of a faculty representative at those class meetings.

Question called. Vote taken by show of hands to substitute this motion for previous motion. Results: YES - 13, NO - 14. Substitute motion defeated.

Attention returned to original motion from Curriculum Committee as previously stated. Motion passed by show of hands.

3. A list of proposed general education changes (see Attachment E to these minutes) was distributed to Council members. Mr. Wagley explained that the Curriculum Committee is attempting to remove some of the courses already offered as general education according to the guidelines already established by Academic Council prior to this time. A motion was made and seconded that these changes be accepted by Council. Motion opened to discussion. Motion was made and seconded to table this motion to accept these general education changes so that this subject can be given thorough consideration. Motion to table passed by voice vote.

Reference was made to the letter from the Chairer of the University Curriculum Committee to the deans regarding General Education Offerings (included in Attachment D), in which it is stated: "The Academic Council recently voted to cancel the general education status of all courses . . .". This statement is in error. Until such action by Academic Council is taken, the current general education status is unchanged.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Date of next meeting: October 4, 1982.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Rpt of Student Affairs Committee
- Attachment B - Rpt of School of Grad Studies
- Attachment C - Rpt of Cal/Elec Committee
- Attachment D - Rpt of Undergrad Admissions Committee
- Attachment E - List of Proposed Gen Ed Changes