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# Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 29, 1982

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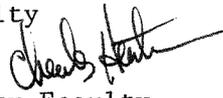
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November 22, 1982

To: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty

From: Charles J. Hartmann, Steering Committee Chairer and   
Vice-President of the University Faculty

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, November 29, 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 November 1, 1982 meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
  - A. Curriculum
  - B. Faculty Affairs
  - C. Library
  - D. Student Affairs
  - E. Budget Review
- VI. Old Business:

Motion by the Curriculum Committee to change CS 399, "Selected Topics," and LCS 210, "Business Information Systems," to optional grading
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Motion by the Faculty Affairs Committee to amend the Faculty Constitution, Article II, Section 4,B as follows:

Add the underlined words, ". . .the Vice-President Elect shall be a tenured member of the University Faculty or have seven years of fully affiliated service on the University Faculty."
  - B. Fresh Start Rule. A motion by the Curriculum Committee to approve a "Fresh Start" Rule.
  - C. Revised Calendar, 1983-84, and Proposed Calendar, 1984-85, submitted by the Calendar/Elections Committee.
- VIII. Adjournment

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 29, 1982

- I. The meeting of November 29, 1982, was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem John R. Beljan at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: H. Andrews, J. Beljan, D. Burd, C. Cary, J. Cross,  
J. Gabbert, R. Gardier, C. Hartmann, J. Hemskey,  
B. Hutchings, J. Jacob, J. Kandel, M. Kapp,  
R. Kegerreis, C. King, E. Kmetec, T. Knapke,  
G. LeBoeuf, B. Mann, M. Mazey, M. Moloney,  
D. Organisciak, J. Poppe, M. Rose, S. Sexson,  
C. Snyder, J. Talbott, B. Tea, D. Thomas,  
E. Wetter, R. Williams

Absent: R. Dixon, T. Farrow, R. Fox, D. Orenstein, A. Parisi

Two new student members to the Academic Council were introduced: David Burd, WOBC, and George LeBoeuf, Business & Administration.

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented of the November 1, 1982 meeting.
- III. Report of the President: No report
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee. Mr. C. Hartmann, Chairer, reported that Steering Committee met on November 19 to prepare the agenda for today's meeting of Academic Council and to discuss additional topics of concern, some of which are included in this report:
- A. The Faculty Affairs Committee, at the request of Steering Committee, is requesting an amendment to the Faculty Constitution to permit the election of a Vice-President Elect from among members of the faculty whose unit of academic affiliation does not offer a tenure track position. This item will be introduced today under New Business and will be voted on at the January 3, 1983 Academic Council meeting.
- B. A correction is to be noted to the agenda of this meeting, New Business, Item VII, C. It is Steering's intention to have Academic Council receive today only the Revised 1983-84 Calendar, but not the Proposed 1984-85 Calendar. Steering has requested the Calendar/Elections Committee to continue to look at the 1984-85 Calendar with particular attention to the following:
1. The possibility of a delayed start in the beginning of the winter quarter
  2. The possibility of a longer spring break
  3. The rescheduling of meetings of General Faculty to facilitate greater faculty attendance.
- C. Steering received a communication concerning improved class scheduling which has been forwarded to a special subcommittee of the Council of Deans for study. The report will be returned to Steering for possible action by either the Curriculum Committee or the Calendar/Elections Committee.

- D. Steering received a complete preliminary report from Ms. E. Harden, the Academic Council representative to the Athletic Council. Ms. Harden has been asked to report to the Academic Council on January 3 and possibly to the General Faculty meeting on February 15. Steering discussed whether the recent report in the Ritter Collett article in the Journal Herald, reporting that Wright State had a petition on file for NCAA Division I membership, was accurate. Ms. Harden is looking into this.
- E. Steering discussed the continuing faculty concern about the process by which honorary degree recipients are selected. Concern was expressed about the Board of Trustees decision to award an honorary degree at the December 4 Commencement without faculty consultation. The President's invitation to discuss honorary degrees with Steering has been accepted and the discussion is scheduled for December 6, 2:00 p.m.
- F. Steering received a report from Mr. J. Talbott on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee concerning the difficulty encountered by a Due Process Hearing Board in obtaining promotion and tenure information relevant to an appeal. Steering received the Faculty Affairs' report that the Hearing Board proceed to a recommendation based upon the information available.
- G. Steering declined to refer to Academic Council a set of new operating guidelines adopted by the Undergraduate Student Petitions Council. Steering requested each council to provide the Academic Council with an annual report which would include such information.

H. Future meeting dates:

Steering Committee: December 6, 1:00 p.m.  
January 21, 1:00 p.m.  
(January 28, if necessary)  
February 18, 1:00 p.m.  
(February 25, if necessary)

Academic Council: January 3, February 7, March 7

University Faculty: Winter Quarter, February 15

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. J. Kane, Chairer, reporting:

- 1. Curriculum Committee has been discussing the General Education Proposal which was tabled at the June 7 Academic Council meeting. A determination is being made by the committee what amendments, if any, the committee may wish to suggest before presenting to Academic Council for a vote early next quarter.
- 2. A "Fresh Start Rule" is being presented under New Business at today's meeting. This proposal originated with the Undergraduate Student Petitions Council.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. J. Talbott, Chairer, reporting:

1. Faculty Affairs has entertained issues dealing with preferential parking for some members of the University community and continues to explore this issue.
2. Committee has dealt with the extent of liability coverage for faculty.
3. Committee is examining a document concerning fringe benefits.
4. Committee has met with the Athletic Director to expand the hours available to some of the facilities for faculty.
5. Committee is continuing to examine the issue of faculty compensation. The following motion was passed at the November 16 General Faculty meeting: "The University Faculty Affairs Committee take under its continuing consideration the problem of salary differences between unclassified staff and faculty and that on behalf of the faculty, monitor such matters as discriminatory treatment of the faculty and growth of the supporting staff."

C. Library Committee, Ms. C. King, Chairer, reporting:

1. The Library Committee met November 19 and will not meet again until January. The committee heard reports on library automation from Audrey Kidder, Health Sciences Librarian, and Ron Nimmer, Head of Technical Services, University Library.
2. The subject of Resource Sharing with the University of Dayton is being studied via a list of about 80 serials which are possible candidates. The study is beginning with Science & Engineering since this college gets a large number of serials; the Library staff has asked Science & Engineering faculty for comment.
3. Faculty should be aware that all Approval Plan books must now be approved (or rejected) by a designated departmental Library representative, and the cost for each book is deducted from a particular fund. If a book is not approved within a given time frame by the appropriate representative, it is returned by default. In the summer as many as 50% of the books in a given shipment had to be returned. If these books were rejected with intent, there is something wrong with the departmental profiles. If they were returned by default, we are defeating the purpose of the Approval Plan which is to save the costs involved with generating orders for books here. Someone may find that a book he/she had assumed would be automatically added to the collection was never acquired. With the advent of the Christmas "phase down," we are likely to see the same high return rate for a few shipments. If the faculty wishes to have control of the selection of monographs for the Library, that is, to determine which books their limited funds will buy, it will have to exercise that control in a timely fashion.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Ms. B. Denison, Chairer, reporting:

1. Student Affairs Committee met November 23. The committee received a Grade Appeals Policy from each of the colleges and will place them on file with the Office of the University Faculty and will request Mr. K. Kotecha to review them for due process.
2. The committee has been asked to study whether a formal policy is needed specifying amount of time students should wait in a class for a professor to show in order to determine whether the class will be held. The committee welcomes input on this matter.

E. Budget Review Committee, Mr. D. Pabst, Chairer, reported that the committee held two meetings in November. Major topics and actions taken were as follow:

1. Discussed the activities of the ten subcommittees transferred to the UBRC from the Provost's ad hoc Budget Task Force. At the UBRC November 9 meeting, Steve Frederick, Intercollegiate Athletics, and James Walker, Faculty Contracts, discussed their subcommittee's work with UBRC.
2. Requested Mr. Pabst to present his analysis of faculty salary increases and fringe benefit costs increases effective the July 1, 1982 fiscal year to the University Faculty meeting on November 16.
3. Began discussion of the proposed "Faculty Compensation Policy" received from the Council of Deans through the Provost. The motion of Mr. S. Klein from the November 16 Faculty meeting and other input will be discussed.
4. Decided to begin its work on a "review of fringe benefits" by holding an all-day meeting in December. The committee will invite a group of faculty persons with interest in this area to provide input at this meeting.
5. Briefly discussed the very important news that the Attorney General of Ohio had issued the long awaited "opinion" of the STRS pick-up. It appears that this is indeed a landmark opinion and will finally permit picked-up employee contributions to be included in the computation of all benefits. This change would result in increased costs to the University for employee groups (faculty and unclassified) participating in the pick-up. The Atorney General also issued another opinion, apparently favorable, concerning the pick-up for unclassified employees. The UBRC agreed to review these extremely important developments, as a separate agenda item, and to make a recommendation to the administration.

VI. Old Business:

Motion by the Curriculum Committee to change CS 399, "Selected Topics," to optional grading and LCS 210, "Business Information Systems," to P/U grading was passed by voice vote.

VII. New Business:

- A. Motion by the Faculty Affairs Committee to amend the Faculty Constitution, Article II, Section 4, B. as follows: Add the underlined words, ". . . the Vice-President Elect shall be a tenured member of the University Faculty or have seven years of fully affiliated service on the University Faculty." Mr. Talbott explained the rationale of this motion centers around the fact that currently members of colleges that do not provide tenure cannot serve as Vice-President of the University Faculty. Faculty Affairs deems this inappropriate and wishes to change this with the subject motion. Mr. Talbott made a motion to include this in the agenda of the January 3 Academic Council meeting. Motion seconded.
- B. Fresh Start Rule (Attachment A). Mr. Kane explained the rationale behind this motion is that this rule would give the Wright State student at Wright State the same advantage that he/she would have when transferring to another university. Grades below a "C" are not transferrable and would not affect the student's grade point average when transferring to another university. However, under the present rules, when that same student re-enrolls at Wright State, those grades lower the gpa. This Fresh Start Rule would allow an undergraduate student who re-enrolls in the University after a five-year absence to petition the University to recalculate the gpa and credit hours earned during the period of previous residency. All courses ever taken at the University would be used in the calculation of the gpa required for the purposes of graduation with honors. Motion was made and seconded to include the Fresh Start Rule on the agenda for the January 3 Academic Council meeting.
- C. Revised Calendar, 1983-84 (Attachment B). The Revised 1983-84 Calendar was distributed at this meeting for review before the January 3 Academic Council meeting. The Proposed Calendar, 1984-85, is being studied by the Calendar/Elections Committee for submission to Academic Council later in the winter quarter.

- VIII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.  
Date of next meeting: January 3, 1983.

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Attachments:

- Attachment A - Fresh Start Rule  
Attachment B - Revised Calendar, 1983-84