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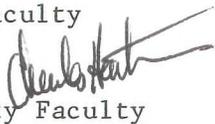
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December 14, 1982

To: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty

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

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, January 3, 1983, at 3:10 p.m.

Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

- I. Call to order: John Beljan, presiding
- II. Approval of minutes of November 29, 1982 meeting
- III. Report of the President: Robert Kegerreis
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Charles Hartmann
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum: James Kane
 - B. Faculty Affairs: John Talbott
 - C. Library: Cynthia King
 - D. Student Affairs: Barbara Denison
 - E. Budget Review: Donald Pabst
- VI. Report of the Academic Council Representative to the Athletic Council:
Elizabeth Harden
- VII. Old 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 as distributed at the November 29, 1982 meeting.
 - C. Revised Calendar, 1983-84, as distributed at the November 29, 1982 meeting.
- VIII. New Business:

Calendar/Election Committee's recommendation to seat new members of the Academic Council at the June meeting.
- IX. Adjournment

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 3, 1983

- I. The meeting of January 3, 1983, 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, R. Dixon,
T. Farrow, R. Fox, J. Gabbert, C. Hartmann, J. Hemskey,
B. Hutchings, J. Jacob, M. Kapp, E. Kmetec, T. Knapke,
B. Mann, M. Mazey, M. Moloney, D. Orenstein, D. Organisciak,
A. Parisi, J. Poppe, S. Sexson, C. Snyder, J. Talbott,
D. Thomas, E. Wetter, R. Williams

Absent: R. Gardier, J. Kandel, R. Kegerreis, C. King, G. LeBoeuf,
M. Rose, B. Tea

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented of the November 29, 1982 meeting.

- III. Report of the President, Chairman Beljan reporting in the absence of President Kegerreis:

Governor Rhodes had included in his capital bill for the forthcoming biennium a plan for a building for Biomedical Sciences. It is uncertain whether or not this will materialize since a new governor will soon take office. There has been an announcement of a planning committee for a National Rehabilitation Engineering Center. The center is to be headed by Jerrold Petrofsky. The committee will be chaired by President Kegerreis; vice-chairman will be John Beljan, with Brian Hutchings, William Sawyer, Donald Thomas, and Jerrold Petrofsky on the committee. The purpose of the planning committee is to maximize for the University the potential of that activity for Jerrold Petrofsky and keep in balance the total structure in organization and thrust of the University.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. C. Hartmann, Chairer, reporting:

- A. Steering Committee met on December 6 to prepare the agenda for today's meeting of Academic Council and to transact other business as included in this report.
- B. Steering has invited Elizabeth Harden, the Academic Council representative to the Athletic Council, to make a preliminary report to the Academic Council as to the work of the Athletic Council as it pertains to the Wright State membership in the Division I of the NCAA. This will be the first of Ms. Harden's regular reports.
- C. At the request of Sarah Johnson, Chairer of the University Artists Series Committee, Steering has recommended the appointment of several faculty members to serve on the University Artists Series Committee. This is not a committee whose members are responsible to the Academic Council. Names have been forwarded to the committee for their consideration.
- D. Steering discussed the status of the committee studying the Early Retirement Plan. A letter of commendation has been communicated to the faculty members of the Retirement Committee.

- E. Steering discussed the status of the University Budget Review Committee and has asked Donald Pabst, Chairer of UBRC, to report at today's meeting on the status of the following items:
1. Nature of the recommendations of the ad hoc Task Force subcommittees which now report to UBRC
 2. The current status of the 1983-84 salary considerations
 3. The nature of the report of the work of the UBRC at its all-day meeting on December 8 regarding fringe benefit items
- F. Steering also discussed with President Kegerreis the problem associated with the selection of honorary degree recipients. President Kegerreis stated that the Board of Trustees felt that the latest honorary degree recipient was to be kept confidential and for that reason, the name of the recipient was not announced to Steering or to the Commencement Committee prior to the public announcement. Steering moved that the faculty representatives on the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee discuss with the Trustee members on the committee a process for institutionalizing faculty participation in the selection process for honorary degree recipients in the future, suggesting that the Academic Affairs Committee, on which the faculty currently has three members, be a screening committee to receive and comment on nominations which will be ultimately determined by the Board of Trustees.
- G. President Kegerreis shared with Steering Committee his concern regarding federal legislation that would eliminate the mandatory retirement at age 70. The Steering Committee has asked John Talbott, Chairman of the University Faculty Affairs Committee, to meet with President Kegerreis to discuss the University's interest in this legislation.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
- A. Curriculum Committee: No report
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. J. Talbott, Chairer, reporting:
1. The University Faculty Affairs Committee was asked to obtain a clarification concerning the use and financing of the key-gated parking lot by the Physical Education Building.
 2. The committee is examining the status of the Due Process Hearing Board.
 3. The committee decided that representation was necessary at the UBRC hearings concerning fringe benefits.
 4. The question of faculty compensation for the past year continues to be examined.
- C. Library Committee, Ms. J. Gabbert reporting in the absence of Chairer Ms. C. King:
1. The Library Committee has not met since the last meeting of the Academic Council.
 2. A statement about the Approval Plan changes that went into effect at the beginning of the current fiscal year will be found in forthcoming issue of Facultyline.
 3. Council members were requested to urge their library representatives to check shipments regularly.

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

Student Affairs will meet January 13. Wayne Peterson will address the committee concerning studies done by his office on student retention.

E. Budget Review Committee, Mr. D. Pabst, Chairer, reporting:

1. UBRC held an all-day meeting on December 8, primarily to discuss rapidly rising health care costs. Faculty members with a special interest and/or expertise on this topic were invited to attend. Richard Johnson made a comprehensive presentation. The committee decided to approach this topic on a "committee of the whole" basis with invited guests. The committee will also coordinate its activities with the Faculty Affairs Committee, Steering Committee, and Council of Deans. Open hearings will be scheduled at an appropriate time for all University employees meeting on January 4.
2. The proposed Faculty Compensation Policy received from the Council of Deans and other suggestions were again discussed. The committee decided to request input from the Faculty Affairs Committee and will continue discussions in January.
3. The committee is still in the data gathering phase of its work on the topic of 1983-84 salaries. The committee will be making specific recommendations on both salary and fringe benefits after input is received and evaluated.
4. In December, the committee received written or oral reports from all subcommittees transferred to UBRC from the ad hoc Budget Task Force. Although the UBRC has not yet acted on any of the reports, the following status report was offered for the information of Academic Council:
 - a. Student Services: Final report will be made in the winter.
 - b. Non-Academic Service Needs: Final report dated December 13.
 - c. Intercollegiate Athletics: Made progress report to UBRC in November.
 - d. Alternative Scheduling for Non-Faculty Personnel: Progress report dated December 7.
 - e. Building Utilization: Final report dated December 10.
 - f. Campus Operations: Will continue work in the winter.
 - g. Energy Savings: Will continue work in the winter.
 - h. Faculty Contracts: Final report dated December 15.
 - i. Improved Cost Recovery: Will request that they be disbanded.
 - j. Library Services: Will issue final report in January.

Discussion followed Mr. Pabst's report with interest expressed by some Council members regarding the summaries of the recommendations made by the subcommittees. Mr. Pabst responded that although the UBRC has not yet discussed or acted on any of the subcommittees' reports, a copy of any of the reports is available to any member of Academic Council upon request. It was also suggested that the final reports of the subcommittees be shared with University Times.

VI. Report of the Academic Council Representative to the Athletic Council, Elizabeth Harden:

- A. The Athletic Council meets monthly. Discussion thusfar has concerned items of general relevance to the Athletic Department, but the most important part of discussion of the last two meetings has been concern with Stephen Frederick's reports on the ad hoc Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics.

B. The ad hoc Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics was charged with the following:

1. To review the current status of athletics on campus
2. To assess the attitudes of faculty, staff, and students toward the role of athletics
3. To provide Provost Beljan with recommendations about Wright State's level of participation

At the Athletic Council's December 3 meeting, Mr. S. Frederick had met with all major academic and non-academic units, except the Alumni Association and Student Government. A meeting was scheduled on December 9 with the Medical School. From these meetings, Mr. Frederick and his committee plan to compose a list of the 25 most frequently asked questions with answers. Ms. Harden will suggest at the January 7 meeting of the Athletic Council that a list of the questions and answers be distributed at the General Faculty Meeting in February.

C. The most controversial issue has been the elevation of the basketball program from Division II to Division I status. Proposal 86 will be voted on later this month at the NCAA Convention. If approved, this proposal will change the criteria for Division I in basketball, putting into effect the following requirements:

1. An average of 3500 paid attendance per game over a period of four years at home games
2. An increase for Wright State of approximately \$165 thousand in additional student scholarships
3. A minimal student athlete grade point average of 2.0

Passage of Proposal 86 would virtually eliminate Wright State from Division I status since there is no way Wright State could meet the attendance requirement. Failure of the legislation could mean that the University move ahead with planning, but not without general consensus among faculty, students, staff, and administration. Since the matter of "consensus" has seemed to be a source of anxiety, two points are relevant:

- (1) The Ritter Collett article in the Journal Herald on November 18, 1982, stating that Wright State has a petition on file to elevate WSU to Division I status. Ms. Harden, after extensive inquiries about the article, was assured that there is no petition or application by WSU on file. In fact, it is impossible to put an application on file until 1984-85.
- (2) The Athletic Council does not consider itself autonomous. According to the Athletic Constitution, it acts in an advisory capacity to the President. In addition, according to the newly revised Faculty Handbook, it also has some reporting capacity to the Academic Council. The reporting structure is somewhat unclear, and Ms. Harden plans to make the following two recommendations to the Steering Committee:
 - a. That Steering remind Carl Benner, Chairer of the Athletic Council, to have the constitution changed so that it reflects the Faculty Handbook information.
 - b. That it is Academic Council's responsibility to decide if it wants representation on the Athletic Council from the schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Professional Psychology. If such representation is desired, then the schools should be notified to choose their representatives as soon as possible and the Athletic Council's constitution should reflect this change.

VII. Old 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."

Motion opened to discussion. Mr. M. Kapp made the following substitute motion as previously distributed to Council members:

Add the underlined words, ". . . the Vice-President Elect shall be a tenured member of the University Faculty or, if in an Academic Unit where tenure is not a policy, otherwise shall have met successfully the probationary requirements of tenure given in Section two, paragraphs C, D, and E of Subsection IV - tenure Status of Faculty Members - under Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Promotions and Tenure in the Faculty Handbook."

Substitute motion seconded. An editorial change was made to include the words, "fully affiliated," to describe faculty to be considered under this policy.

The inherent difference between the two motions is that the probationary service listed in the Promotion and Tenure Document as referenced in the substitute motion varies from two to six years and the original motion speaks to a uniform time of seven years.

Mr. E. Kmetec expressed concern about the technicality of cross-indexing the basic bylaws with another document. It would be preferable to have all other documents in the University cross-indexed back to the bylaws, which then forms a basis on which a determination is made. Chairman Beljan, with the agreement of members of Council, asked M. Kapp, E. Kmetec, and I. Fritz to hold a short meeting at this time to draft a motion to take into consideration the essence of the two motions.

Upon conclusion of this short meeting, Mr. M. Kapp withdrew substitute motion and made the following substitute motion:

Amend the Faculty Constitution, Article II, Section 4,B as follows: The Vice-President Elect shall be a tenured member of the University Faculty or, if in an Academic Unit where tenure is not a policy, otherwise shall have met successfully the probationary requirements of tenure:

- a. Be a fully affiliated faculty member, and
- b. Meet the initial probationary requirements for professor or associate professor in the appropriate academic unit, or
- c. Have seven years of continuous service on the University Faculty.

MOTION WAS MADE and seconded to table action on this subject until the February 7 Academic Council meeting. MOTION TO TABLE WAS PASSED by voice vote.

- B. Fresh Start Rule (Attachment A to Academic Council Minutes of November 29, 1982). Willard J. Hutzal gave a brief explanation of the Fresh Start Rule, summarizing that this 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. It was noted that all grades would remain on the student's academic record and would be used in the calculation of graduation with honors. After some discussion, question was called. MOTION PASSED by voice vote to adopt the Fresh Start Rule.

Mr. Hutzal thanked Mr. E. Kmetec and the committee for their time and work on the Fresh Start Rule.

- C. Revised Calendar, 1983-84 (Attachment B to Academic Council Minutes of November 29, 1982). Gregory Bernhardt, Chairer of the Calendar/Elections Committee, noted that the revised calendar makes the change that classes meeting after 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving be adjourned. Question was raised as to why there are eleven Wednesday class days and would it be possible to eliminate the Wednesday classes before Thanksgiving. Mr. Falkner, Registrar, responded that since there are only nine Friday class days, this provided a balance for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes.

Question called. MOTION PASSED by voice vote to approve the revised calendar as presented.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Calendar/Election Committee's recommendation to seat new members of the Academic Council at the June meeting.

Mr. C. Hartmann made a motion to consider subject recommendation as New Business today. Motion seconded. Mr. G. Bernhardt, Chairer of the Calendar/Elections Committee had been asked by Steering to examine the issue. Seating the new Academic Council members at the June meeting rather than the May meeting would insure that Council members could remain with issues and voting items that had been analyzed during the year. New members seated at the May meeting must seek clarification of the issues for action at the June meeting. Mr. Bernhardt said that the Calendar/Elections Committee had two meetings in fall and asked representatives to return to their constituencies to determine if there were any problems with this recommendation. No problems expressed, the committee made the subject recommendation to Steering.

Discussion followed. Passage of this recommendation would not necessitate a change in the bylaws. It was noted that the reason Council members had been seated at the May meeting was to facilitate the selection of members of University committees which would then come before Council for approval at the June meeting and to avoid the problem of lame duck members of the Steering Committee engaging in that process. Having committees approved in June allows them to begin their deliberations immediately in September.

It was suggested that the last meeting of the year could be a joint meeting with an expanded Council, with old and new members of Council present. New committees could then be appointed early enough in June so that they could begin work in September.

It was also suggested that Steering appoint people to new committees in June on an acting basis and the confirmation of these individuals take place in the fall.

This subject will appear on the agenda of the February 7 Academic Council meeting.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Date of next meeting: February 7, 1983

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