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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, February 3, 1986

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Robert Dixon, Vice President of the University Faculty 

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, February 3, 1986,
at 3:10 p.m. Place: Rear Section of the University
Center Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 1986 Meeting
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Robert Dixon
- V. Report of the Standing Committees
 - A. Student Affairs: Judith Davis
 - B. Faculty Affairs: Jeanne Ballantine
 - C. Curriculum: Peter Bracher
 - D. Library: Larry Kurdek
 - E. University Budget Review Committee: Elizabeth Harden
- VI. Old Business
 - A. A motion to approve a policy regarding Fraud in Research
- VII. New Business
 - A. The 1986-87 and 1987-88 Academic Calendars (a request to suspend the rules will be made to allow approval at this meeting)
 - B. New Major Programs from the Department of Communication--University Curriculum Committee, Peter Bracher, Chair
 - C. Undergraduate Major Programs--University Curriculum Committee, Peter Bracher, Chair
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Report on the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search: Mary Ellen Mazey, Chair, Search Committee
- IX. Adjournment

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 3, 1986

I. The meeting of February 3, 1986 was called to order by Robert Dixon, Faculty Vice-President, at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: C. Barbour, D. Beelick, D. Carlson, G. Coffee, B. Daniels, R. Dixon, P. Engle, C. Gaw, J. Halki, N. Hassan, W. Hutzell, J. Kane, T. Knapke, L. Kurdek, J. Lancaster, B. Mann, B. Mathies, P. Moore, P. Mulhollan, C. Nathanson, M. Perkel, S. Peterson, S. Renas, J. Sealander, L. Shupe, A. Smith, J. Sullivan, R. Williams, S. Willin

Absent: D. Barr, C. Denman, J. Fox, J. Gayer, W. Goulet, R. Iddings, K. McNamara

II. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the January 13, 1986 meeting as distributed.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

A. Capital Improvement Bill. At this time the bill for capital improvement has not yet been sent to the Senate nor has there been any indication as to what level of funding there would be for the Convocation Center from the State.

B. Budget Augmentation.

1. The budget augmentation requests have been circulated and shared with all members involved in the budget process.
2. Commitments have been made in previous years that were unbudgeted. Last year's salary commitment was higher than that supported by the subsidy income. These matters are having an impact on this year's budget preparation.
3. A report released by the University of Akron shows that Wright State University ranks fourth, fourth, and second in average salary for the three professorial ranks of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor. In average compensation the faculty ranks third, third and second in the State. With all ranks combined the university faculty ranks fifth in the State. Mr. Mulhollan pointed out the average salary and average compensation were more indicative than all ranks combined.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Robert Dixon reporting:

A. Commencement Committee. The Steering Committee discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Commencement Committee.

B. Personal Announcements on the Intercom System. The committee asked if something could be done about the personal announcements on the intercom system so that there would not be so much interruption in classrooms.

C. Four/Five Hour Class Scheduling. The Calendar & Elections Committee will look into an alternate class schedule to determine how four and five hour classes could be scheduled in the present three hour class schedule.

- D. Student Housing. The committee made a recommendation that because of the deficit spending in student housing the University not consider any additional housing in the immediate future.

V. Report of the Standing Committees

- A. Student Affairs, Ira Fritz reporting:

The committee is continuing to look into the student evaluation of faculty teaching.

- B. Faculty Affairs, Jeanne Ballantine reporting:

The committee is looking into the Full-Time Nontenure Track Faculty Policy. It is also continuing to work on issues such as the Nepotism Policy, the Early Retirement Policy, Salary Inequities, and the Copyright Law.

- C. Curriculum Committee, Peter Bracher reporting:

1. General Education.

- The objective of the committee is to have reviewed all course syllabuses for the General Education courses by the end of the month.
- By April it is hoped that there would be a complete draft of the Oversight Committee Document on General Education requirements.

- D. Library Committee, Larry Kurdek reporting:

1. Mr. Kurdek publicly thanked Elizabeth McNeer, Assistant Librarian for Public Services and Collection Development, for summarizing the material on missing articles so that appropriate acquisitions could be made.
2. The university's library is reviewing the holdings which it has for the departments of Religion and Political Science.
3. The committee is considering the issue of faculty rank for librarians.

- E. Budget Review Committee, Elizabeth Harden reporting:

1. The committee is asking for a 6.5% salary increase with additional monies for the increase coming from reduced spending and income from other sources.
2. The fringe benefit package will be discussed at the General Faculty meeting on February 11. Among those topics will be a return to the dental insurance package which the faculty had a year ago, a \$1,000 limit for orthodontia, disability insurance for classified staff, a wellness program, and the maximum amount for disability insurance would increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per month.

VI. Old Business

- A. Fraud in Research Policy. A substitute policy was submitted with the notation that it was a revision dated January 29, 1986 (Attachment A). Mark Sirkin gave the historical perspectives as to why such a policy should be

established. Jeanne Ballantine pointed out the purpose of the document was to insure that faculty received a fair hearing and that the policy was for the protection of the charged individual, charging individual, the colleagues who are sharing in the research, and the university. She pointed out that the charging individual would send the report to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs who would then appoint a committee of three faculty of which two would be named by the Vice President for the Academic Affairs and one by the accused. This committee would then send the report of its findings to the dean and to the individual charged with fraud. The report would then go to the Vice-President. If the charges were found to be true, the faculty member could then appeal within thirty days to the President who would make the final decision.

A motion was made and seconded to approve amendments to the revised Research Fraud Policy (Attachment B). A great deal of discussion followed. It was pointed out that there would be no penalties for those charging false allegations, the document was demeaning and the process was controlled by the administration rather than the faculty, and the chain of command was down rather than up.

Question called. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting YES: Barbour, Beelick, Carlson, Engle, Hutzel, Kane, Knapke, Moore, Smith

Voting NO: Dixon, Halki, Hassan, Kurdek, Lancaster, Mann, Mathies, Perkel, Peterson, Sealander, Sullivan, Williams

Abstain: Mulhollan, Nathanson

Absent: Barr, Coffee, Daniels, Denman, Fox, Gaw, Gayer, Goulet, Iddings, McNamara, Renas, Shupe, Willin

The motion was defeated.

VII. New Business

A. 1986-87 and 1987-88 Academic Calendars

1. A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules in order to allow approval of the calendars at this meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes to the 1986-87 Calendar and the proposed calendar for 1987-88 (Attachment C). In the discussion it was pointed out that the university should consider the possibility of having Monday night classes meet on a Friday night if there were less than ten Mondays in a quarter.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

B. New Major Programs from the Department of Communication.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new major programs from the Department of Communication. This will appear as old business at the March meeting (Attachment D).

- C. Undergraduate Major Programs. The Curriculum Committee is presenting guidelines as to what should constitute a major program. The guidelines would be used for the establishment of the program (Attachment E).

A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. This will appear as old business at the March meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports.

Robert Dixon reported that the committee on the search for Vice President for Academic Affairs is continuing its work. It has narrowed down the field to eleven candidates. Mini interviews will be held with this group. When the list has been narrowed down to five or so, the university community will have an opportunity to meet them.

- IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m. The date of the next meeting is Monday, March 3, 1986.

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