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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: James E. Sayer, Faculty Vice President

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
**Monday, May 7, 1990, 3:10 p.m., 155 A, B, & C--University
Center**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 1990
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: James Sayer
- V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
 - A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Robert Riordan
 - B. Curriculum: Robert Wagley
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Allan Barclay
 - D. Library: Adrian Rake
 - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Alphonso Smith
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Proposed Academic Council Meeting Dates, 1990-1991
- VII. New Business
 - A. Suggested Guidelines for Posthumous Degrees--Attachment A
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Discussion on House Bill 425--Universal Health Insurance for Ohio: Rudy Fichtenbaum
 - B. Next Academic Council: Monday, June 4, 1990, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

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**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 7, 1990

- I. The meeting of May 7, 1990, was called to order by University Faculty Vice President James Sayer, at 3:10 p.m., in 155 A, B, and C University Center.

Present: P. DeClaire, N. Dorris, R. Fichtenbaum, I. Fritz, G. Gayle, F. Gies, A. Gillis, R. Hiskey, H. Khamis, M. MacDonald (Sergeant-at-Arms), R. Millman, P. Mulhollan, S. Reichard, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), J. Rossmiller, E. Rupert, E. Rutter, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, P. Seybold, A. Smith, G. Spalding, T. Sudkamp, R. Williams, R. Wilson-Vinson

Absent: S. Baucher, J. Blair, D. Carlson, M. Dunn, R. Fox, C. Funderburk, E. Harden, C. Hathaway, D. Henderson, M. Kapp, P. Moore, P. Rodenhauser, G. Sturm

- II. The minutes of April 2, 1990, were approved as distributed.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

A. **WSU 25th Anniversary Celebration.** President Mulhollan expressed his appreciation to the WSU 25th Anniversary Committee. The anniversary celebration began last fall with the University picnic and climaxed in April with the gala arts presentation by WSU theatre, dance, music, and art students.

B. **Marketing Wright State University.** During the past quarter a committee has been looking into ways to more effectively market the University. A report has been submitted which includes a series of recommendations in marketing and imaging. It suggests that beginning in the fall term WSU's image be that of an eminent metropolitan university based on three foundations:

1. We are a student-centered university.
2. We accept and admit students with unlimited potential.
3. We provide them with a full educational experience.

C. **Drop Date.** President Mulhollan urged the faculty to attend the General Faculty Meeting on May 15 to vote on the proposed drop date.

- D. Engineering & Computer Science Building.** Bids have been received on the Engineering & Computer Science Building. Construction of the design alternatives, including a basement, will bring the total size of the building to 186,000 sq. ft. The contracts will be let about June 1st with construction to begin very shortly thereafter. The same general contractor who worked on the Creative Arts Center was the winning bidder. The ground breaking ceremony will probably be in early June or July.
- E. Nutter Center.** The student recreation portion of the Nutter Center, which will also house the offices, classrooms, and laboratories for intercollegiate athletics and the HPR Department, will be turned over to the University before the end of August. The open recreation floors and the indoor running track will be useable on or before the beginning of the fall quarter. With the progress of the Nutter Center, it is very likely that the first public event in the facility will be the commencement ceremony on December 2.

Since the Nutter Center is now within 6-8 months of opening, there is some concern as to why the scheduled public events are not publicized. Promoters responsible for the commercial events in the Nutter Center do not want public announcement prematurely in order to have maximum impact on ticket sales.

Contracts have been signed by Service America Corporation for the concession service. Agreements have also been signed for the general management, and for the installation of a scoreboard system and a major marquee.

- F. 1990-91 Budget.** President Mulhollan reported that the one thing that is still somewhat hanging from the budget recommendations passed by the University Budget Review Committee and the Board of Trustees in April has to do with benefits. Although he said that he did not have anything new to say about benefits, he reported that the RFPs (Request For Proposals) that were sent out called for responses by May 4. Several proposals were received, but they have not yet been analyzed. The Academic Council and other faculty will be notified in full as soon as there is something to report.

General Discussion: President Mulhollan was asked to discuss the problem of televising events from the Nutter Center. He reported that by working with Tom Woods, James Amon, and others in the Biology Department, a route for the necessary wiring has now been designated to go through the woods to the Nutter Center rather than around the woods and the Loop Road. If the control room cannot be connected in this way, the alternative is to rent a mobile control room on an event-by-event basis. The cost of the mobile trucks would be built into the price negotiated to televise the events.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, James Sayer reporting:

The Steering Committee will meet on May 21 for its final meeting of this academic year. An agenda will be prepared for the June Academic Council Meeting; consequently, items for consideration should be submitted prior to May 21.

Agenda items of the May 15 General Faculty Meeting include voting on the drop date issue, approval of the graduating seniors, and announcement of this year's election for faculty vice president-elect.

V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, Robert Riordan reporting:

The 1990-91 Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee (Attachment A) addresses internal concerns (inside of the buildings) and external concerns (grounds and outside facilities). The Campus Beautification Subcommittee, chaired by Thomas Macauley, has been reactivated and will continue into next year.

Discussion: President Mulhollan clarified #14 of the internal concerns of the report, "Several persons have asked if the Nautilus equipment and weights can be left in the PE Building after many gym functions are shifted to the Nutter Center." He reported that the gym space and locker space is correct, but the details supporting it may not be correct. An architect has not yet been hired to determine the division of space as to function.

He also reported that a good system has been arranged for keeping up with physical problems in classrooms. Students who work at the University Media Services, who are regularly in most of the classrooms, report in a systematic matter to the Registrar, who then assumes responsibility to undertake action. This arrangement should be communicated to all departments so that faculty will notify the students from Media Services of necessary classroom maintenance.

B. Curriculum, Robert Wagley reporting:

Under New Business today are two items from the Curriculum Committee: Approval of a sociology minor (Attachment B) and a course modification request for ED 221, 222, 223, 321, 322, and 323. The committee is also looking into a problem that crops up every year, the different number of hours required for graduation at WSU. Forty-five hours are required for regular graduation and 90 hours of graded work are required to graduate with honors.

C. Faculty Affairs, no report.

D. Library, written report submitted by Adrian Rake:

The Library Committee will meet Tuesday, May 8, to consider a recommendation for Director of the University Library which will be forwarded to Dr. Lillie Howard.

Decisions about whether to open the stacks to undergraduate browsing will be deferred until the director has taken his/her position.

E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:

1. **Classroom Beautification Enhancement List.** The list for classroom beautification enhancement has been completed and forwarded to Dr. Sayer. It will be presented to the Academic Council at the June meeting.

2. **Space Utilization & Remodeling of University Center.** Committees are working on final recommendations for the space utilization and remodeling of the University Center and the Physical Education Building. The recommendations from the committees will be ready for presentation to the architects by early summer.

3. **1990-91 WSU New Student Orientation Brochure.** A copy of the New Student Orientation Brochure was distributed to all council members. Dr. Shupe reported that last year's new student orientation was extremely successful. New students entering WSU are required to stay overnight on campus; parents of the students have the option to stay overnight also. Ten sessions are scheduled for this summer. The first one begins June 14-15 and the tenth session ends July 19-20.

4. **Student Government Elections.** Student Government elections are May 7-9.

5. **New Daily Guardian Editor.** Connie Hart has been appointed as The Guardian editor for next year.

F. Budget Review Committee, Alphonso Smith reporting:

There was no formal report. The UBRC has met once since the last Academic Council Meeting and has been working on an agenda for the next UBRC meeting.

VI. Old Business:

Proposed 1990-91 Academic Council Meeting Dates.

The motion to accept the dates was approved.

VII. New Business:

- A. Minor in Sociology (Attachment B).**
- B. Change grading of Education 221, 222, 223, 321, 322, 323 from ABCDF to Pass/Fail**
- C. Suggested Guidelines for Posthumous Degrees (Attachment A, 5-7-90 AC Agenda).**

A motion to suspend the rules was approved.

A motion to delete the word "Suggested" in the title of the document was approved.

Discussion: Specific guidelines will be requested from appropriate deans and directors from professional schools for degrees that are not covered in these guidelines.

The Guidelines for Posthumous Degrees were approved as amended (Attachment C).

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports:

- A. Discussion on House Bill 425--Universal Health Insurance for Ohio (Attachment D).**

Rudy Fichtenbaum reviewed the Universal Health Insurance for Ohio (UHIO) Bill. He urged everyone to look into House Bill 425 and to urge representatives to support this issue. He noted that until there is either state or federal action on this issue, we will be forced to deal with the escalating health care costs.

- B. Next Academic Council: Monday, June 4, 1990, 3:10 p.m.**
A group tour of the Nutter Center is scheduled following the meeting.

- IX. Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.**

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