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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 4, 1991

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Gregory Bernhardt, Faculty Vice President 
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, November 4, 1991, 3:10 p.m., 155 A. B. & C--University Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 1991
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Gregory Bernhardt
- V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Stephen Frederick
 - B. Curriculum: Susan Praeger
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Marguerite MacDonald
 - D. Library: Gordon Welty
 - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Call for Nominations for Academic Council Representative to University Promotion & Tenure Committee--Nominations will be taken from the floor
Nominations from October 7: Rubin Battino, Joanne Dombrowski, Larry Isaacs, Gordon Welty
 - B. Course Addition--EDT 370 Independent Study (Pass/Unsatisfactory): Susan Praeger, Curriculum Committee
- VII. New Business
 - A. Course Inventory Requests-Modifications-- BCH 421 & BCH 423 (add Pass/Unsatisfactory): Susan Praeger, Curriculum Committee
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Next Academic Council: Monday, December 2, 1991, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
November 4, 1991**

I. The November meeting was called to order by University Faculty Vice President Greg Bernhardt at 3:10 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.

Present: G. Bernhardt, J. Brandeberry, W. Carmichael, L. Caron, L. Crum, M. Duhart, D. Engebretson, A. Faghri, R. Fichtenbaum, B. Fowler, I. Fritz, R. Gordon, M. Hammonds, W. Hanks, N. Hassan, B. Hull, K. Kovac, J. Lucot, M. MacDonald (Sergeant at Arms), R. Markert, S. Markland, M. Melko, P. Moore, P. Mulhollan, M. Perkel, R. Pohlman, J. Rafferty, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), E. Rutter, N. Shepelak, H. Sprohge, G. Sturm, J. Swart, J. Thomas, M. Turton, J. Vance, D. Voss A. Wendt

Absent: D. Carlson, P. Dadras, D. Fitch, B. Hale, C. Hathaway, M. Olsen, J. Steinberg

II. The minutes of October 7, 1991, were approved as written.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

The president reported on the budget reduction which the university is now doing. He noted that it was too early to give any reports in detail. The complete report would be available at the November 18 meeting of the Professional Staff Advisory Council and at the November 19 of the General Faculty meeting. A meeting with the classified staff was to be arranged within the same week as the other two meetings. He noted that all Ohio supported institutions are facing the same problem. Many had hoped that the problem would disappear. The University of Cincinnati is facing faculty lay-offs.

The performance of the Ohio economy over the past half year was not very instructive. It is difficult to forecast what is going to happen the next half year. There would be an automatic reduction of 1% of the budget if a short fall of \$150 million in the projected income was faced on March 1, 1992. The governor also has authority to reduce the budget.

On the other hand, our enrollment was good. Many schools that had projected enrollment increases have not had them. This may mean that the university may receive a slightly higher amount of subsidy than was expected.

A discussion then ensued about the budget, the Nutter Center, State spending, and lay-offs.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Greg Bernhardt reporting:

He noted that one of the points of discussion at the Steering Committee was Writing Across the Curriculum. He noted that it was moving forward, but not as a steady pace.

V. Report of Standing and ad hoc Committees

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning. No Report.

B. Curriculum, Susan Praeger reporting:

In addition of considering routine business, the committee's principal interests are Writing Across the Curriculum, the exit standards for the University Division, and a review of the recently adopted Graduation with Honors Policy.

C. Faculty Affairs, Marguerite MacDonald reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee is working on the following: Clarification of SOM/SOPP fully-affiliated faculty status, academic letters for high achieving students, due process, and promotion and tenure.

D. Library, Gordon Welty reporting:

1. The University Library Committee will continue to monitor the serials cancellation project, the physical relocation of services, and the library budget. It was noted that the library base budget was augmented by an additional \$65,000.
2. The committee will soon be taking up the task of developing a Budget Index System in close cooperation with the UBRC.
3. The committee will soon address all circulation and reserve policies, including issues of overdue books charged out to faculty, and circulation privileges for emeritus faculty.
4. The committee will participate in the newly formed task force on Electronic Publishing and Scholarly Communication.

E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:

1. In conjunction with the University Faculty Affairs Committee, the Student Affairs Committee members considered and endorsed the proposal to award academic letters to high achieving students.
2. The three university interim policies, Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Conduct, Demonstrations and Marches, and A Designated Speaker's Corner, are still under review.
3. A teleconference entitled "Diversity in Higher Education, Can We Meet the Challenge?" is the first of three teleconferences on diversity that are scheduled for this academic year. The first one will be November 20 in the telecommunication center.

F. University Budget Review, Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

The UBRC is monitoring the budget reduction process. Of the \$6 million in cuts, approximately \$1 million will come from the faculty. Another \$2.7 will be coming out of the academic affairs area.

The committee, along with the university, is looking at the staff in support models, but at this time there is no proposed model.

Every three years a benefit subcommittee is formed to review the health benefit package. This year the committee will compare our health package benefit package with those at other institutions.

It is estimated that the university will collect approximately \$400,000 this year (1992) for health benefits coverage over and above the actual expense. He noted that in the earlier discussion the president had indicated that there were approximately \$10 million dollars in reserve.

Discussion ensued about the budget and the budget cut-backs.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Call for Nominations for Academic Council Representatives to University Promotion & Tenure Committee. Nominations from October 7 Academic Council meeting: Rubin Battino, Joanne Dombrowski, Larry Isaacs, and Gordon Welty.

A nomination was received for Mary Beth Pringle.

Joanne Dombrowski was elected as she received a majority of the votes on the first ballot.

- B. Course Addition--EDT 370 Independent Study (Pass/Unsatisfactory), Susan Praeger, Curriculum Committee:

The motion to approve EDT 370 Independent Study (Pass/Unsatisfactory) passed.

VII. New Business:

- A. Course Inventory Requests-Modifications-BCH 421 & BCH 423 (add Pass/Unsatisfactory), Susan Praeger, Curriculum Committee

A motion was made and seconded to modify BCH 421 and 423 to include a pass/unsatisfactory grading system. This will be voted on at the December AC meeting.

- B. Coordinated Serials Management Program with Other Institutions. Matthew Melko, Library Committee:

The following motion was made, seconded, and will be voted on at the December AC meeting:

"The Academic Council recommends that the University Library institute a coordinated serials management program with other area universities, particularly the University of Dayton, Wittenberg and Antioch libraries. This program should include a cooperative approach to serials cancellation, to new subscriptions, to determining what should be held institutionally and what can be held regionally, and to parceling out the responsibility for regional holdings."

VIII. Announcements:

- A. Academic Council Meeting - Monday, December 2, 3:10 pm, 155 A, B, & C University Center.
- B. Fall Quarter General Faculty Meeting - November 19, 3:30 pm, Medical School Auditorium.

- IX. Adjournment: 4:40 p.m.

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