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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 30, 1992

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: *Edgar Rutter*
Edgar Rutter, Faculty President

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, November 30, 1992, 3:10 p.m., 155 A. B. & C--University
Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 2, 1992 (Attachment C)
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Edgar Rutter
- V. Report of Committees and Councils
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Stephen Frederick
 - B. Curriculum: Daniel Voss
 - C. Faculty Affairs: James Swaney
 - D. Library: Rai Pujara
 - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe/Nabil Hassan
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Mary Ellen Mazey
 - G. Quadrennial Review: Manley Perkel
 - H. Task Force on Faculty Workloads: Donna Schlagheck
 - I. Task Force on General Education: Gregory Bernhardt
- VI. Old Business
 - A. University Curriculum Committee: Daniel Voss, Chair
 1. Proposed Minor in Geological Sciences (Attachment A, Nov. 2 Academic Council Agenda)
 2. Course Addition--STT 160, Statistical Concepts (Gen. Ed. substitution for MTH 105)
General Description: The course will provide a nontechnical introduction to fundamental statistical ideas and terminology. Statistical ideas will be introduced through various examples, illustrating the role of statistics in science and society.
Course Objectives: Introduce students to statistical ideas relevant to the general public as consumers of statistics. Teach students how to think about statistical issues.
 - B. Resolution Calling for Endorsement of the Strategic Plan by Academic Council:
Whereas it is the sense of the Academic Council that the priorities emerging from the current planning process would enjoy greater legitimacy within the University Community were the resulting update to the University's Strategic Plan to be approved by this Council. Be it resolved that the Academic Council calls upon President Mulhollan to seek at the conclusion of the present phase of review and revision this Council's endorsement of the aforementioned update to the University's Strategic Plan.
- VII. New Business
 - A. University Curriculum Committee: Daniel Voss, Chair
Policy for Determining Students' Eligibility for General Education Program Requirement (Attachment A)*
 - B. Quadrennial Review Committee: Manley Perkel, Chair
Recommendations Concerning University Curriculum Committee (Attachment B)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Teleconference on Sexual Harassment: Anita Curry-Jackson
 - B. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, January 11, 1993, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

*A suspension of the rules will be asked to allow a vote to be taken at today's meeting.

**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 1992**

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

Present: E. Berry, J. Brandeberry, D. Curry, A. Faghri, I. Fritz, N. Gressis, P. Griffin, P. Griffith, C. Hathaway, G. Kantor, C. Kemmann, R. Kumar, J. Lucot, M. MacDonald (Sergeant at Arms), M. Mazey, D. Miller, A. Painter, M. Perkel, J. Rafferty, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), E. Rutter, D. Schlagheck, E. Self, N. Shepelak, R. Siferd, C. Snyder, J. Thomas, D. Voss, R. Wagley, J. Weller

Absent: R. Brode, L. Caron, P. Dadras, F. Gies, P. Griffith, P. Human, S. Lott, S. McConnell, P. Mulhollan, G. Narayanswami, M. Olsen, R. Pohlman, R. Siervogel, R. Siferd, H. Sprohge, J. Swart, J. Thomas, A. Walter

II. The minutes of November 2, 1992, were approved as written.

III. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: No report.

IV. REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, Edgar Rutter reporting:

The Steering Committee set the agenda for this meeting and also took the following actions:

- A. Endorsed and forwarded to President Mulhollan a resolution adopted by the University Budget Review Committee urging that persons electing early retirement not be re-employed by Wright State on a full-time basis. This resolution does not pertain to retired faculty teaching selected courses as adjuncts.
- B. Referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee a letter from the Faculty Senate at Ohio University to Chancellor Hairston addressing four key recommendations in the report of the Statewide Managing for the Future Task Force. Steering requested Faculty Affairs to review the concerns expressed in that letter and communicate its analysis to the chancellor.
- C. Accepted reports from Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs which concluded that the ban on eating and drinking in classrooms proposed by Vice President Hathaway is not the appropriate way to deal with trash in classrooms. Both committees called for greater availability of receptacles for trash. Their recommendations were endorsed by Steering and have been forwarded to Dr. Hathaway.
- D. Discussed the continuing problems with Media Services and the recent teleconference on Sexual Harassment. M. MacDonald and E. Rutter intend to ask the Academic Council to appoint a broadly-based task force on sexual harassment at the January meeting.

V. REPORT OF STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, Stephen Frederick reporting: (See attachment A.)

B. Curriculum, Daniel Voss reporting:

The Curriculum Committee met once in November. The primary item of business was a policy for determining students' eligibility of general education program requirements, which appears later on

today's agenda and is intended to substantially reduce the number of petitions related to general education. The committee also approved six course additions and eighteen course modifications and continued discussions of the course request process. The winter quarter meeting dates have not yet been established, though the committee anticipates meeting during the weeks of January 11, February 8, and March 8.

- C. Faculty Affairs (FAC), James Swaney reporting: (See attachment B.)
- D. Library, Rai Pujara reporting: (See attachment C.)
- E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:
1. Two diversity teleconferences were scheduled for on-campus during November, "Confronting Sexual Harassment on Campus," November 12, and "Enhancing Race Relations on Campus," November 18. The teleconferences were supportive of the ongoing discussions pertaining to diversity issues on campus.
 2. A unity week was scheduled for Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20. Three events highlighted the week:
 - A one-man, concert-theatre portrayal of Malcolm X.
 - The teleconference on race relations on campus.
 - A celebration event, an artistic, historical and philosophical presentation by individuals and groups representative of the university's multicultural communities.
 3. Members of the University Student Affairs Committee and the University Faculty Affairs Committee have begun meeting to study revision of the current faculty evaluation form and procedures.
 4. The committee members have initiated discussion pertaining to increased faculty/student interactions outside of the classroom setting.
- F. University Budget Review (UBRC), Mary Ellen Mazey reporting:

The UBRC met twice since the November 2 Academic Council meeting. At the November 6 meeting the members passed a resolution advising the university not to rehire early retirees in another full-time capacity within the university following retirement. Such a practice defeats the goal of early retirement which is to provide cost savings to the university and, in addition, does not conform to the university's adopted affirmative action policy. The resolution does not apply to part-time or grant-related employment.

Also, at the November 6 meeting Dr. Pollock presented an overview of the university budget. Dr. Mulhollan and Dr. Hathaway were also in attendance and provided insight.

UBRC appointed a subcommittee on printed material. Members of the committee are Joyce Corban (Chair), Emmett Orr, Jim Runkle, and Peg Kane.

At the November 25 meeting of UBRC, the members discussed benefits for nontraditional domestic partners and decided to project the costs of such benefits based upon a similar projection at Ohio State University. The committee will revisit the issue when the projections are completed. The committee also discussed the prospects of a future early retirement program. Ed Rutter, Maggie MacDonald, and Mary Ellen Mazey plan to discuss the issue with President Mulhollan during the month of December.

At the December 2 meeting of UBRC, Tom Oddy will give the committee a presentation on the financial status of the Nutter Center.

G. Quadrennial Review (QRC), Manley Perkel reporting:

This year's Quadrennial Review Committee was formed at the beginning of the spring quarter, last academic year. It was intended that the committee take a comprehensive look at the constitution and bylaws of the university by considering changes to the bylaws since the last review (1988-89) and more substantive changes as may be desired.

The committee's first item of business in April was to solicit input from all segments of the university to identify those issues and ideas the QRC needed to address. From the responses, a list of approximately sixteen items was drawn up for consideration. Since then, the committee has met six times. Some of the items on the list have been passed on to other committees, as appropriate, for their recommendations or for their consideration. Other items have been (or are being) dealt with by the committee. It is intended that all suggestions or changes the committee recommends be passed on via the Steering Committee to the Academic Council or to other appropriate university committees.

The committee has prioritized the list and is wrestling with a number of the items in the top priority. They have also established a timeline for completion of their business. As items are dealt with, they will be brought to Academic Council. It is the committee's intent to have their business completed by the end of the winter quarter so that their final recommendations can be presented to the entire faculty at the Spring Quarter University Faculty Meeting in May 1993.

**H. Task Force on Faculty Workloads, Donna Schlagheck reporting:
(See attachment D.)**

**I. Task Force on General Education, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:
(See attachment E.)**

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Minor in Geological Sciences(Attachment A, Nov. 2 AC Agenda)

There was a call for the question. The proposed minor in geological sciences was approved.

B. Course Addition - STT 160, Statistical Concepts (GE substitution for MTH 105).

There was a call for the question. The course addition was approved.

C. Resolution Calling for Endorsement of the Strategic Plan by Academic Council: (11-2-92 AC Minutes, New Business, paragraph VI.B.5.)

The original resolution was withdrawn, and a substitute resolution was introduced (see 11-30-92 AC agenda, paragraph VI.B.). A letter from Dr. Ann Walter was read explaining the reason for the substitute motion. There was a call for the question; the resolution was approved.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. University Curriculum Committee: Daniel Voss, Chair
Policy for Determining Students' Eligibility for General Education Program Requirement (11-30-92 AC Agenda, Attachment A-1)

A suspension of the rules was approved to allow a vote to be taken at this meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. The question was called; the motion was approved.

B. Quadrennial Review Committee: Manley Perkel, Chair
Recommendations Concerning University Curriculum Committee

The recommended changes (from the 1990 Faculty Handbook, page 11, section two) are shown in underlined, bold type:

"1. An Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee shall recommend action and policy to the Academic Council for all undergraduate study involving credit. Each undergraduate college or school shall be represented on this committee, and two student representatives shall be selected by Student Government. The University Division director and university librarian shall be non-voting members of this committee. The committee shall have the responsibility for the following areas:

- a. General education requirement.
- b. University-wide undergraduate academic requirements, programs, and policies.
- c. Approval of changes in college academic requirements.
- d. Approval of changes (additions, modification, deletions) for all undergraduate courses and programs.
- e. Mediation of undergraduate curricular disputes between colleges or schools.

Effective date--Fall Quarter, 1993."

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations. This will appear as old business at the January 11 AC meeting.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Teleconference on Sexual Harassment, Anita Curry-Jackson reporting:

On November 2 there was a teleconference held on campus. The topic was "Sexual Harassment." There were three parts to the presentation: 1) Definition of Sexual Harassment, 2) An Assessment of What is Happening on Campus, and 3) Strategy. A panel discussion followed the teleconference. A task force will be established so that further studies, as to what is happening on a campus, can be made.

B. Lake Campus Student Representative. Chris Kemmann, the 1992-93 Lake Campus student representative, was introduced and welcomed to the Academic Council.

C. Next Academic Council Meeting: Monday, January 11, 1993, 3:10 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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Attachments