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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 6, 1996

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Donna Schlagheck, Faculty President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, May 6, 1996, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 1, 1996 (Attachment B)
- III. Report of the President: Harley Flack
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Donna Schlagheck
- V. Reports of Committees
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
 - B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Charles Funderburk
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum
 - D. Library: Rai Pujara
 - E. Student Affairs: Michael Williams
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: James Sayer
- VI. Old Business
 - A. The Grade "X" to be made available for use in Honors Courses--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee
Background: On November 6, 1995, the Honors Committee (Richard Mercer, Chair) passed a resolution that the grade of "X" be added to the list of grades available for use in Honors courses. Currently the only grades available for use in Honors courses are A, B, C, and T. The registrar converts all grades of D, F, or X given in Honors courses to a grade of T. The T grade results in no credit and has no effect on a student's GPA. It is the opinion of the Honors Committee that the grade of "X" would be appropriate for students who do not complete an Honors course as in all other courses, and should be made available for use by instructors of Honors courses.
 - B. Proposed Minor in Materials Science and Engineering--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee (Attachment A)
- VII. New Business--None
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. North Central Association Team Visit May 5-8:
Preliminary Schedule for Open Forums:
Faculty Open Forum, Tuesday, May 7, 3:15-4:30 p.m., Med. Sci. Auditorium
Student Open Forum, Tuesday, May 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Location to be announced
Staff Open Forum, Tuesday, May 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Location to be announced
 - B. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, June 3, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
May 6, 1996

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Donna Schlagheck at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.

Present: C. Barbour, R. Beasley, A. Bellisari, R. Bhatt, T. Chavis, J. Coutts, D. David, D. DeStephen, M. Eddy, R. Fichtenbaum, H. Flack, J. Fleischauer, K. Goldenberg, M. Kapp, C. King, P. Kleine, M. Low, G. Mehrotra, R. Mercer, S. Pederson, M. Perkel, T. Pinkerton, R. Pohlman, W. Rickert, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, R. Siervogel, W. Slonaker, J. Thomas, A. Wendt, L. Xu

Absent: B. Campbell, C. Chumlea, D. Courtney, R. Hetherington, A. Islam, E. Lipp, W. McCormick, P. Moore, S. Poelzing, A. Shaw, D. Totten, L. Vandecreek

II. The minutes of the April 1, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack reporting:

1. The schedule for completing 1997 budget: May 3, 1996, UBRC completed its recommendations regarding the 1997 budget. Those recommendations included a 4% tuition increase and a 5% salary increase and specific recommendations with regard to strategic initiatives be funded by the university out of the 1997 budget. On May 7, Dean's Council will complete its recommendations. Recommendations that will be going to the Board of Trustees and the campus community will be issued by Monday, May 13. On May 18, the Board of Trustees will have a budget workshop. Dr. Flack thanked all parties involved in the budget process.
2. The schedule of activities to complete the WSU vision document includes completing the drafts of facilities and budget chapters and getting them out to the campus community for comments back to the Long-Range Visioning Committee. There will be another committee meeting on or about May 20. The goal is to have the first draft done prior to commencement. Campus-wide discussions will occur between June 10 and 14 and then work will begin on a second draft by July 15. Then, a third draft will be distributed around September 1st. The document will be discussed at the General Faculty meeting and then the draft of the document will be given to the Board for consideration at its December meeting.
3. The University Integrity Committee which was charged by the WSU Board of Trustees has just issued a document that requests feedback on five proposed core values, including trust, truthfulness, honesty, and institutional integrity. The accompanying response sheet with the document requests the feedback of each member of the university community.
4. Dr. Flack reminded everyone of the President's Excellence Award Ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.
5. Dr. Flack reminded faculty members of the Appreciation Breakfast held immediately preceding commencement on June 8 in the Berry Room of the Nutter Center.
6. Dr. Flack introduced Dr. William Halloran, Chair of the NCA visit team.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Donna Schlagheck reporting:

1. The Steering Committee met once to prepare today's agenda.
2. The committee reviewed the schedule for the visiting campus master plans.
3. The committee coordinated a joint meeting between Faculty Affairs and Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy to discuss classroom accommodations for students with disabilities.
4. Dr. Schlagheck and Dr. Fichtenbaum have been working on the charge to the Governance Committee with regard to the organizational design of a Faculty Senate and the drafting of the enabling by-laws amendments.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

- A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning:**
(See Attachment A)

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Charles Funderburk reporting:
(See Attachment B)

C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:
Faculty Affairs had a useful discussion regarding the policy on classroom accommodations for disabilities and should be able to move forward quickly on the proposal. Also, the Faculty Affairs Committee will be presenting to the Steering Committee at its next meeting a new policy on stopping the tenure clock for illness.

D. Library: Rai Pujara reporting:
(See Attachment C)

E. Student Affairs:
No report

F. University Budget Review: James Sayer reporting:
(See Attachment D)

VI. Old Business:

A. The Grade "X" to be made available for use in Honors Courses--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee

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This would be implemented for Fall of 1996.

After some discussion, the proposal to have the grade of "X" to be made available for use in Honors Courses was approved unanimously.

B. Proposed Minor in Materials Science and Engineering--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee (Attachment A to Agenda)

For immediate implementation.

After some discussion, the proposal for a minor in Materials Science and Engineering to become available immediately was approved unanimously.

VII. New Business:

A. Change in admission criteria to College of Nursing and Health (Attachment E)
Moved to Old Business at June 3 meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. North Central Association Team Visit May 5-8:

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Staff Open Forum, Tuesday, May 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room B

B. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, June 3, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.

IX. **Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.