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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, June 3, 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, June 3, 1996, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 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. CON&H Proposed Admission Policy--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee (Attachment E to 5/6/96 Academic Council Minutes)
- VII. New Business
 - A. *Passage of gavel to Dr. Rudy Fichtenbaum and Seating of New Council Members
 - B. *Proposed 1996-97 Academic Council Meeting Dates, 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union:
October 7, 1996; November 4, 1996; December 2, 1996; January 13, 1997;
February 3, 1997; March 3, 1997; April 7, 1997; May 5, 1997; June 2, 1997
 - C. *Election of New Members of Steering Committee (Handout at Meeting)
 - D. *Ratification of Committee Appointments for 1996-97 (Handout at Meeting)
 - E. *Proposal to Create Math Gen. Ed. Course 143 (Quantitative Reasoning) a required substitution for Math 105 for El. Ed. & Spec. Ed. Majors & open to other majors (Effective Winter Quarter, 1997)--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee
 - F. Extending the Probationary Period for Medical Conditions (Effective January 1, 1997 pending General Faculty and Board of Trustees approval)--Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair, Faculty Affairs (Attachment A)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, October 7, 1996, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

*A suspension of the rules will be asked so that a vote may be taken at today's meeting

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
June 3, 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, A. Bellisari, T. Chavis, C. Chumlea, D. Courtney, D. DeStephen, R. Fichtenbaum, H. Flack, J. Fleischauer, M. Kapp, C. King, P. Kleine, M. Low, W. McCormick, G. Mehrotra, S. Pederson, M. Perkel, T. Pinkerton, W. Rickert, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, A. Shaw, R. Siervogel, L. Vandecreek, A. Wendt

Absent: R. Beasley, R. Bhatt, B. Campbell, D. David, M. Eddy, K. Goldenberg, R. Hetherington, A. Islam, E. Lipp, R. Mercer, P. Moore, S. Poelzing, R. Pohlman, W. Slonaker, J. Thomas, D. Totten, L. Xu

II. The minutes of the May 6, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack reporting:

1. Dr. Flack distributed a document he had prepared entitled Strategic Framework 1997. The document outlines plans for completing the long-range vision document and the strategic plan in the coming year.
2. Student Success Coalition recommendations are being followed. Some of these include increasing faculty involvement in advisement; reshaping our enrollment service areas; and modifying the quarter system to a pure quarter system or converting to a semester system.
3. The North Central Association written report has been received. Dr. Flack thanked everyone involved in the visit. WSU received a very positive report. There was a suggestion to look at the reduction of use of adjunct faculty in selected areas. It was also suggested that something be done about the class sizes in General Education and Writing Intensive courses. A capital equipment fund is being established for WSU. Student services are being examined to review possible duplication and how those services can be improved. There will also be continued support of technological enhancements for WSU.
4. The Information Technology Planning Committee report was received this year. There has not been a thorough discussion on campus regarding that report. The report will be discussed in Fall 1996.
5. Recommendations were turned in last fall regarding Campus Climate concerns. There will be continued work on addressing those recommendations.
6. A report regarding internationalizing WSU was submitted this year. A follow-up group is being formed to make specific recommendations to the Strategic Planning Council for implementation.
7. There will be continued work on enhancing WSU's image both internally and externally.
8. The possibility of engaging in a major capital campaign will be explored in the next year.
9. The current offering of center activities is being reviewed. The possibility of developing a new set of collaborative centers or institutes is also being reviewed.
10. The Strategic Framework document presents a preface for visioning and strategic planning activities:
 - to be the center of educational excellence in the Miami Valley area.
 - to be first choice for high school graduates in the area.
 - continue its tradition of excellence, addressing such issues as increased retention and graduation rates of students.
 - continue to rank as the 3rd highest recipient of research dollars among publicly supported institutions in the State of Ohio and perhaps moving to the top 5 of all institutions in the State of Ohio.
 - continue to support centers and institutes in selected areas as a way of re-enforcing our excellence in individual academic departments and retaining high-caliber faculty and students.
 - to internationalize WSU and achieve such goals as increasing our enrollment of international students to 4%.
 - to enhance financial aid for students so that WSU would be able to meet 100% of the need of enrolled students by the year 2000. Undertake necessary administrative and academic restructuring to maximize efficiency and to improve academic quality.
 - to develop a bi-annual budget cycle beginning in FY98-99.
 - to respond to the recommendations in the NCA report.

to include on the Faculty Meeting agenda the long-range vision and strategic planning documents for WSU's future.

11. On May 31, a workshop was held at the Nutter Center (a combined working group of the Strategic Planning Council and the Long-Range Vision Committee). A shortened version of the university's mission was reviewed.
12. WSU will be hosting a meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents in July. Hopefully, the WSU doctoral program in engineering will be approved.

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

A draft charge was presented for the Faculty Senate Design Group. That group will be working on a Faculty Senate, beginning in the Fall, with a deadline to present a report to Academic Council by March, 1997.

The business that Academic Council carried forward to the last General Faculty meeting was for the most part approved, including the decoupling of the science sequences. However, the pluralism course was re-committed to the University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policies committee in the coming year.

Dr. Schlagheck thanked Academic Council members, chairs of standing committees and various individuals.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning:

No report

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy:

(See Attachment A)

C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee has received a revised copy of the policy for accommodating disabilities and will be passing that on to next year's Faculty Affairs Committee. The Committee is bringing an item on extending the probationary period for child care and serious illness to Academic Council today for new business.

D. Library:

No report

E. Student Affairs:

No report

F. University Budget Review: James Sayer reporting:

No report

VI. Old Business:

- A. CON&H Proposed Admission Policy -- (Attachment E to 5/6/96 Academic Council Minutes)
The policy was approved.

VII. New Business:

- A. Passage of gavel to Dr. Rudy Fichtenbaum and Seating of New Council Members

A motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the rules to consider items B, C, D and E both as New and Old Business today.

- B. Proposed 1996-97 Academic Council Meeting Dates, 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union:
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The proposal was moved, seconded and approved.

C. Election of New Members of Steering Committee (Handout at Meeting)

(See Attachment B)

A motion was moved, seconded and approved.

D. Ratification of Committee Appointments for 1996-97 (Handout at Meeting)

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E. Proposal to Create Math Gen. Ed. Course 143 (Quantative Reasoning) a required substitution for Math 105 for El. Ed. & Spec. Ed. Majors and open to other majors (Effective Winter Quarter, 1997)

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F. Extending the Probationary Period for Medical Conditions (Effective January 1, 1997 pending General Faculty and Board of Trustees approval) -- Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair, Faculty Affairs (Attachment A to Agenda)

A motion was moved and seconded to move to Old Business at the October 7 Academic Council meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Next Academic Council Meeting -- Monday, October 7, 1996, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.