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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, April 7, 1997

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Rudy Fichtenbaum, Faculty President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, April 7, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 1997 (Attachment A)
- III. Report of the President: Harley Flack
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
- V. Reports of Committees
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
 - B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp
 - D. Library: David Goldstein
 - E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Donna Schlagheck
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Policy on Classroom Accommodations for Disabilities--Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp (Attachment A to March 3, 1997 Academic Council Agenda)
 - B. Faculty Senate Proposal: Manley Perkel/Donna Schlagheck (Attachment B to March 3, 1997 Academic Council Agenda)
- VII. New Business
 - A. Strategic Plan--Latest Draft to be handed out at meeting
 - B. Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav
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- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Call for Candidates for Faculty President
 - B. Next Academic Council Meeting: May 5, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union
 - C. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
April 7, 1997

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

Present: D. Bartlett-Blair, E. Barto, J. Coutts, D. DeStephen, J. Dustin, R. Fichtenbaum, E. Fitzgerald, H. Flack, J. Fleischauer, S. Fraser, S. Frederick, I. Khan, M. Kapp, P. Kleine, L. Mirkin, V. Nehring, S. Pederson, M. Perkel, T. Pinkerton, S. Poelzing, R. Pohlman, W. Rickert, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, T. Slater, R. Srinivasan, T. Sudkamp, J. Swart, J. Thomas, J. Vance, L. Vandecreek, D. Voss, L. Xu, V. Yen

Absent: D. David, R. Gilpin, K. Goldenberg, S. Guo, R. Hetherington, N. Sanders, A. Shaw, R. Siervogel, E. Wetter

II. The minutes of the March 3, 1997 meeting were approved as written (Attachment A to Agenda).

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack reporting:

1. Dr. Flack noted that the Provost would later be introducing the Strategic Plan as an item of new business.
2. Regarding the FY98 budget and the Ohio Biennial budget, Dr. Flack thanked members of the faculty, staff and students for their leadership in the lobbying efforts. Currently the bill is before the Senate. The House passed the bill over a week ago which did reflect the lobbying efforts in that they added \$44 million in the recommendations that had been submitted by the Governor. One section calls for a removal of tuition caps for "unique institutions" that meet certain criteria, including retention from first year to second year at the 75% level and a 65% graduation rate. The only institutions that might qualify are Ohio State, Bowling Green, Miami and University of Cincinnati. By creating this category and criteria, a 2-tiered system could be created. Dr. Flack opposed such a scenario. Within the \$44 million were other allocations for non-subsidy areas of the budget. The hope is for some increase to the subsidy portion of the budget. The FY98 budget salary increase issue is still on the table. Dr. Flack supports a 4% increase. There will be a budget workshop that will be convened on May 16 with the Board of Trustees.
3. Dr. Flack appointed a task force to provide recommendations regarding a university-wide entity that would replace some of the activities of the current Academic Council. Dr. Flack supports the formation of a Faculty Senate.
4. Dr. Flack congratulated Donna Schlagheck for being recognized for the Board of Trustees Faculty Award, as well as the other individuals nominated. The Board of Trustees did approve the promotion of several faculty members to the ranks of full and associate professor. The Board of Trustees approved the awarding of two honorary degrees at the June Commencement ceremonies - Steve Mason (CEO of Mead), who will be given a doctorate in science and engineering and Geraldine Blunden (creator of the DCDC dance group), who will be given an honorary degree in humane letters.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

At the last Steering Committee meeting, the agenda for today's meeting was planned. The Steering Committee discussed the work of the standing committees, some of which will be mentioned in the committee reports.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning:

No report

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:

(See Attachment A)

C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee has named a sub-committee to review student evaluation of teaching and their use at WSU. This sub-committee consists of both Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs members. The Faculty Affairs Committee also reviewed and recommended candidates for the Board of Trustees awards. The Faculty

Affairs Committee also considered a number of issues concerning the wording of the Promotion and Tenure Policy.

D. Library: David Goldstein reporting:
No report

E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello reporting:

The Student Affairs Committee met on March 11 and appointed members to the sub-committee on student evaluation of teaching. The Student Affairs Committee also considered a request by the Steering Committee about academic dishonesty and ways to ascertain types of academic dishonesty that may go unreported, such as theft of exams. The Student Affairs Committee agreed to ask the deans of colleges to inquire at the chairs meetings to see if there was any evidence that the chairs had regarding this type of academic dishonesty. Printing Services was asked to report on how the exams are actually produced.

F. University Budget Review: Donna Schlagheck reporting:
(See Attachment B)

VI. Old Business:

A. Policy on Classroom Accommodations for Disabilities--Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp (Attachment A to March 3, 1997 Academic Council Agenda)
After discussion, the motion was approved.

B. Faculty Senate Proposal: Manley Perkel/Donna Schlagheck (Attachment B to March 3, 1997 Academic Council Agenda)

The following amendments were moved, seconded and approved:

1. J. Sayer amendment to add "and the provost" after the word "president" in the first line of Article I, Section 1.
2. M. Perkel amendment to change the second "appointed" to "elected" in the *Proposed Wording* box, so the second sentence should read: "The members of the Agenda Committee shall be appointed as soon as possible after the Executive Committee is **elected** for the next year." This amendment is in Article II, Section 3.B.
3. M. Perkel amendment to change the words "of referendum over" to "to overturn" in the second sentence of Article III, Section 2.
4. J. Sayer amendment to add a new item "B" under Article III, Section 3 and thus re-letter B, C and D to C, D and E respectively. The new proposed subsection B would read: "The president of the university and the provost shall be ex officio non-voting members."
5. J. Sayer amendment to add a new "3" under Article III, Section 8.B. and thus re-number 3-7 to 4-8 respectively. The new proposed number 3 would read: "Report of the president or the provost."
6. J. Coutts amendment to delete "non" in the third sentence of Article III, Section 10.1.
7. T. Sudkamp/J. Thomas amendment (See Attachment C) to delete Article III, Section 10.2 and re-number subsections 3-8 to 2-7. In Article IV, Section 3.A, substitute the proposed wording as shown in Attachment C.
8. J. Sayer amendment to Article III, Section 10.7 (or renumbered 10.6). The amendment is to insert a sentence between the current first and second sentence that reads: "In addition, the committee shall monitor the status of classrooms and issue an annual report on the status of classrooms at the university."

J. Coutts amendment to change 100 to 75 in Article II, Section 3D was **not** approved.

The document, with amendments, was approved.

Dr. Fleischauer made a motion that pending the approval of the Board of Trustees of this structure, the recommendations of the committee to Academic Council be forwarded to the new Faculty Senate as matters of agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

VII. New Business:

A. Strategic Plan

A new draft of the Strategic Plan was distributed. Forums have been held and feedback has been received. The Strategic Planning Council received and reviewed a number of recommendations for change in the draft

and the council has been very responsive to those recommendations. There are several changes and they are shown in bold type. There is a forum scheduled for April 14 in the multi-purpose room.

Jim Sayer handed out "Proposed Modifications To The Draft Wright State University Strategic Plan (3/10/97)."
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VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Call for Candidates for Faculty President

Dr. Fichtenbaum announced that three nominees are needed for Faculty President and the deadline for nominations is April 21.

B. Next Academic Council Meeting: May 5, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.