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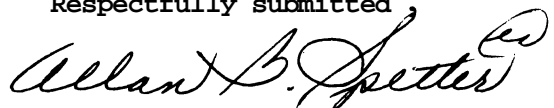
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Date: April 27, 1971
To: Walker Allen, Secretary of the Academic Council
From: Allan Spetter, Secretary of the Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting of Monday, May 3, at 3:10 P.M.
in Room 402, Fawcett

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Council meeting of April 5.
- III. Report from the President.
- IV. Interim report from the Provost on Academic Reorganization.
- V. Reports from University Committees on activities for academic year 1970-71. See Attachments B through I.
- VI. Reorganization of the Academic Council.
 - A. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council.
 - B. Election of five members of the Steering Committee.
 - C. Election of Faculty Representative and an Alternate to the Chancellor's Advisory Committee.
 - D. Election of Faculty Representative to the Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium.
- VII. Schedule of Academic Council meetings for 1971-72.
- VIII. Old Business.
 - A. Consideration of Proposed Admissions Policy. Distributed at April meeting of the Council.
 - B. Consideration of Interim Governance Report. Distributed at March meeting of the Council.
 - C. Consideration of Research Council By-Laws. See Attachment "A" of agenda for April meeting of the Council.
 - D. Consideration of Motions on the Grading System. Distributed at April meeting of the Council.
- IX. New Business.
 - A. Consideration of Motion from Commencement Committee. See Attachment "A."
- X. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Allan B. Spetter

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MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 1971

- I. The meeting of the Academic Council was called to order by the Chairman pro tem, Provost A. P. Spiegel, at 3:10 in room 401 Fawcett.
- II. The minutes of the April 5 meeting were approved with the following corrections:
 - A. Item IV.A.3 add to the last paragraph, "Mr. Hussman noted that Deans are asked for appointment recommendations in advance of appointment by the Steering Committee".
 - B. Attachment A add "William Evans" to list of Admissions Policy Committee members.
- III. Report from the President

- A. State of Ohio - Higher Education Budget Status

The House is attempting to prepare this week a tax bill which will be acceptable to labor and to the Governor. President Golding presented the legislature a statement regarding rising costs of operation (exclusive of pay increases for the faculty and staff) and the impact of a subsidy amount ceiling on Wright State University. He further noted to the legislature that 1,500 students have already been admitted for the Fall Quarter.

Several other bills of interest have been introduced. One would add one student and two faculty members to Boards of Trustees. Another would reduce the Board of Regents from nine to five members and then add one student and one faculty member.

- B. Educational Television

The DMVC voted sometime ago to have Wright State University operate the area's E. T. V. station, but the Chancellor has several other thoughts (which would include Wright State University). Wright State University is interested, but wants assurance that funding is adequate and that Wright State University will be able to exercise appropriate control over the station.

The Channel 16 management has filed bankruptcy. It is possible that this may be purchased. A request has been made that the FCC authorize a change in status of the station from commercial to educational.

C. Wrightstock

Student Body President Doug Campbell commented that some 35,000 attended the festival with a maximum of 8,000 at one time. He termed it a success.

IV. Interim Report from the Provost on Academic Reorganization

The Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Reorganization has been meeting and is about ready to report. The report will be distributed to the Academic Council.

Most likely the Divisions of Business Administration, Continuing Education, Education, Liberal Arts and Science and Engineering will become Colleges. The Division of Graduate Studies will become a School. Until its direction and emphasis are more firmly established the University Division will remain as a Division. The Library will have the status of a College but is to remain integrated on library services and academic program operations.

One of the questions the committee has been concerned with is that of how the university can encourage interdisciplinary work.

V. Reports from University Committees on activities for academic year 1970-71
(See Attachments B through I of the Agenda)

A. Mr. Hussman reporting for the Steering Committee

1. Reports from the Councils are to be distributed in June.
2. The Steering Committee wishes to thank the council and committee chairman and especially
 - I. Fritz who served as Parliamentarian
 - W. King who served as Sergeant at Arms
 - M. Low who served as ad hoc Election Committee Chairman
3. The request for preferences to serve on committees has had a good response.
4. Some of the problems which face next year's Steering Committee will be:
 - a. The distribution of documents at Academic Council Meetings creates some problems. These should be cleared to avoid difficulties.
 - b. Chairman of the Steering Committee should have reduced load to allow time to work on Academic Council business.

D. Election of Faculty Representative to the Dayton-Miami Consortium.

Those nominated to fill the post were Mr. Fortman and Mr. E. Cox.
Mr. Cox was elected.

VII. Schedule of Academic Council meetings for 1971-72

Mr. Baker moved to have the Academic Council meet the first Monday of the month from October through June except in January when the meeting will be on the second Monday, for the 1971-72 Academic Year.

Motion passed

VIII. Old Business

A. 1. Following the notice given at the April Meeting, Mr. Conley moved to approve the "Proposed Admissions Policy"

Discussion: Mr. Spiegel pointed out that the uncertainty over the enrollment subsidy ceiling will cause difficulty in knowing when to invoke the provisions of the policy. The University does not want to cause prospective students to seek enrollment elsewhere out of a fear that their admission to Wright State University is not firm. On the other hand, if the ceiling is imposed we would be forced to curtail enrollment. Mr. Baker raised concern over the order of the items, ambiguities and clarity. Mr. Craig Willis, Director of Admissions, felt the ambiguity was necessary in order to provide flexibility.

Mr. Campbell moved to amend the motion by deleting item 1.

Motion to amend failed.

It was agreed that editorial adjustments in item sequence and wording is desirable and may be made by the Director of Communications in consultation with the Director of Admissions for the purpose of release to the public.

Main motion passed.

The Admission Policy is contained in Attachment A

2. Mr. Battino moved to approve the following resolution which is to be directed to the Ohio Board of Regents: "Resolved: The Wright State Academic Council recommends that changes in enrollment (and implied changes in admissions) policies be instituted with an appropriate planning time of a minimum of one academic year. Anything less than one academic year will not permit sound planning. Changes in academic policy which must be rapidly instituted almost always result in inequities and inefficient use

of university and state resources. The interim admissions policy which follows has been adopted under protest."

Discussion: Mr. Battino suggested that the President and/or Vice Presidents use the resolution wherever it would be helpful.

Motion passed

- B. Following the notice given at the April meeting, Mr. Weng moved to endorse the "Interim Governance Report".

Mr. Walker moved to amend the motion to read "The Academic Council accepts the "Interim Governance Report" as a point of take off and encourage the committee to continue its work.

Mr. Weng encouraged individuals to comment directly to the committee.

Motion as amended passed.

- C. Following notice given at the April meeting, Mr. Batra moved to approve the "Research Council Bylaws".

Mr. Leavitt moved to amend the Bylaws by changing the wording on page 3 item 2 to achieve parity among the Divisions.

The Chair ruled that the Academic Council may only approve or reject the Bylaws.

Mr. Throckmorton appealed the ruling of the Chair. Hearing no second the Chair continued the order of the day.

Mr. Leavitt moved to return the "Bylaws" to the Research Council with the notation that the objection is to the lack of Divisional parity.

Motion to return the Bylaws passed.

- D. Following notice given at the April meeting,

1. Mr. Batra moved to approve the "Motions on the Grading System"

Discussion: Mr. Batra indicated the subcommittee of the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee consisted of:

Mr. Low, Chairman
Mr. Whissen
Mr. Graham
Mr. Chitwood
Mr. Hawkins
Miss Strausbaugh

Mr. Spetter indicated that a poll in the Division of Liberal Arts showed 24 for and 66 against and 4 with no opinion.

Mr. Power moved to amend the motion in such a manner as to require a faculty and student body referendum on the motion with details of the referendum and the decision to be made as a consequence of the referendum.

Mr. Batra moved to amend the amendment to require use of the ballot contained in Attachment B.

The Chair ruled that the results of such a referendum would be binding.

Discussion: Mr. Conley felt that the objection was not so much to grading system but rather to teaching ability.

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The Chair extended the meeting at 5:45.

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Motion to amend the amendment fails.

Mr. Weng moved to amend the amendment to require use of the ballot proposed by Mr. Batra with the words "(punitive)" and "(nonpunitive)" deleted.

Motion to amend the amendent failed.

Mr. Anon moved to refer the motion to the University Faculty for action at their next meeting.

Motion to refer passed.

- 2. Mr. Leavitt moved to invite the Student Body President to the University Faculty Meeting to present his views on the Grading System.

Motion passed.

IX. New Business

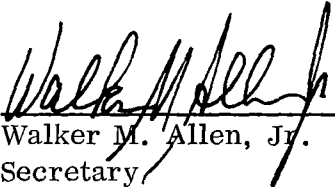
- A. Mr. Campbell requested permission to give notice of intent to have introduced at the June meeting two motions relative to the Program Committee.

Request approved.

The motions are:

1. That a search be initiated immediately to hire a person whose duties, among other things, should be concerned mainly with managing the Artists and Lecture Series, coordinating other entertainments and university functions and with promoting an appreciation of the arts in the university community. That when this person is hired the Program Committee should be used only in an advisory capacity. That until such a person is hired, the chairman of the Program Committee be recompensed for his time and effort by paying him for 10 hours of overload each quarter.
2. Effective with Academic Year 1972-73 , the duties, responsibilities and financial resources of the Program Committee of the Academic Council be assumed by the government of the Student Body of Wright State University.

X. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Walker M. Allen, Jr.
Secretary

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