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November 14, 1968

To: University Faculty

From: Walker Allen
Registrar and Secretary of the Faculty Meeting

Subject: Faculty Meeting Agenda

The first Quarter meeting of the Faculty will be held on November 20, 1968, at 1:30 p.m. in the Oelman Hall auditorium.

Special Reports: Dr. Edward Cox, Chairman of the Steering Committee.

Old Business:

Ratification of suggested changes in the Faculty Constitution and By-laws. Recommendations will be presented by J. Larkins, Chairman, Ad Hoc committee for Revision of By-laws. (See attachments B and C to the Oct. 9 minutes of the Academic Council Meeting)

The following amendment proposed by Dr. Gordon Skinner will be considered with the approval of a majority of those present:

"Add to the first sentence in Article IV the following: "provided 50% of the faculty is present when the vote is taken."

New Business:

Election of the Vice-president of the University Faculty as provided for under Article II Section 3, (2) which reads:
"The Vice-president of the University Faculty shall be selected by written secret ballot, following nominations from the floor at the close of the meeting....The term of office shall be for one year. The Vice-president shall be a member of the University Faculty, but shall not hold an elective or appointive office in the Academic Council at the time of this election or during the term of office."
I. Dr. Treacy opened the meeting at 1:30 in the Oelman Auditorium for President Golding.

II. The minutes of the April 15, 1968 meeting of the University Faculty were approved as presented.

III. Special Reports.

A. Steering Committee and Academic Council - Dr. Cox reporting.

Dr. Cox reviewed, in chronological order, the work of the Academic Council since the last regular meeting of the University Faculty (February 23, 1967). Some of the highlights of action taken by the Academic Council were: Organization and staffing of the regular committees of the Academic Council; created and staffed ad hoc committees for Revision of Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, Statement of Goals for Wright State University, Academic Convocation, Academic Regulations, Intercollegiate Athletics, Study of Freshman Grades, and Promotions and Tenure; adopted the quarter system; delineation of the function, composition and scope of action of the Curriculum Committee; and elected delegates for Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee and Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium (Full details may be obtained from the official minutes of the Academic Council).

B. Graduate Council - Dr. Milheim reporting.

1. The Graduate Council has met regularly since its inception. Meetings were scheduled twice a month during the Winter and Spring and have been held monthly during the current quarter.

2. The membership of the present Council is listed for your information. In addition we have prepared a roster of the committees currently functioning. (See Attachment A)

3. Some of the actions of the Council to date include the following:

   a. Adopted the report of the Committee on Graduate Studies as approved by the Academic Council to serve as interim guidelines.

   b. Adopted a policy of open meetings.
c. Adopted policies for the approval of course, programs, and faculty, in keeping with the policies approved by the Academic Council.

d. Adopted policies for graduate students who had initiated graduate work with Miami University.


f. Recommended a maximum graduate stipend of $2900 for the first year and $3000 for the second year, plus a waiver of all fees except for a registration fee of $3.50 per quarter hour.

g. Accepted Master's programs in Education and Business Administration, which had been an operation under Miami University, and approved new programs in Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Systems Engineering, and History.

h. Approved graduate courses in departments where there is presently no Master's graduate program, for service to students in other departments.

i. Dr. Charles Blake, Department of Economics, is presently Assistant Dean. Dr. David Sachs, Department of Mathematics, serves as secretary to the Council.

j. Presently, there are eleven graduate assistants in the University, assigned as follows:

   Mathematics Department  2
   Chemistry Department     5
   Biology Department       4

k. The graduate enrollment by term and the number of graduate credit courses offered is shown on Attachment B.

l. To date they have received approximately 2100 applications.

C. Athletic Council - Mr. Wise reporting.

The Athletic Council serves in advisory capacity to the president. It has had as its prime objective the laying of the groundwork for an effective and meaningful program of intercollegiate athletics - one which will make a significant contribution to the university as a whole. We just ended our soccer season with 8 wins, 3 losses, 2 ties. Funds are not currently available for an adequate program - the soccer team was sustained this year by contributions. Immediate plans call for further discussions regarding the future of the program.
IV. Old Business - Revision of Bylaws of the University Faculty - Dr. Battino reporting for the ad hoc Committee for Revision of the Faculty Bylaws. Attachment C reflects amendments enacted below.

A. Dr. Battino moved, Dr. Pabst seconded, that in Article III, Section 4 (page 6 of the current document) the words "and two alternates" be inserted between the words "The two representatives" and "to the Academic Council." The sentence would then read "The two representatives and two alternates to the Academic Council from the Student Body shall be selected as determined in the Constitution or Bylaws of the representative student assembly." Motion passed.

B. Dr. Battino moved, Dr. Zwetschke seconded, that the following sentence be added at the end of Article III, Section 11, Paragraph (3) (page 10 of the current document): "For each student appointed to a committee the Steering Committee shall appoint an alternate student member to serve in the absence of the main appointee." Motion passed.

C. It was recommended by the Committee and agreed upon by those present that no action be taken on the Board of Trustees' recommendation to incorporate into the University Faculty's Constitution and Bylaws a section detailing the existing mechanism for bringing student matters to the attention of the administration, Academic Council, and the faculty.

D. Dr. Battino moved, Dr. Pabst seconded that in Article II, Section 4, Paragraph (3) the last phrase "or 100 University Faculty members, whichever number is smaller" be deleted. The last clause would then read "however, a quorum for transacting business shall be forty percent of the University Faculty."

Discussion:
It was pointed out that this section has to do with regular business meetings only and not with Bylaw amendment procedures. In response to a question on projected faculty size it was suggested that the number 100 could be increased as the faculty grows. The general feeling was that the number should be representative of the faculty.

Motion passed.

E. Since the committee did not have a specific recommendation, discussion was opened on the Board of Trustees' proposal to adopt a more rigorous amendment procedure.

1. Dr. Fenton moved, Dr. Hanson seconded to allow presentation of Dr. Skinner's motion.
Discussion:

Many of those present felt that the motion should be delayed for the two-week period called for in the Bylaws. It was suggested that a mail ballot could be called for if the motion were approved. Motion defeated.

2. Mr. Throckmorton moved, Dr. Cox seconded, to put the item on the agenda for the next University Faculty meeting. Motion passed.

V. New Business.

A. Nominations for Vice President of the Faculty were opened. Dr. E. Kmetec was nominated, nominations closed. The Secretary was instructed to indicate a unanimous ballot.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Walker Allen, Secretary