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Do to the apparent inevitability of the quarter system coming to Wright State University and the lack of information regarding possible ramifications of such a change, we the members of CODE, a campus organization concerned with the welfare of the university as a whole, respectfully request that the Academic Council reconsider the recent decision overtly accepting and approving the quarter system. Before any decision should be finalized, these questions should be answered and their implications comprehensively examined and explained in full.

1. Will salaries for three quarters, as student credit for three quarters, be the same as two trimesters?
2. Will the quarter system allow time for research, graduate work and other scholarly activity - and vacations? It will allow only a three month period.
3. Will the quarter system allow free-days and hours for class preparation? There is a possibility that five-hour courses will be included in the curriculum.
4. Very little information has been made available concerning teaching loads.

STUDENTS

1. Will you, under the quarter system, find yourself paying more for an equal amount of education in the quarter system than you do now in the trimester system.
2. What about jobs? Under the quarter system you will have only about three months during the summer in which to work. You will be the last ones to have a chance at jobs, behind both the area-high schools students and students of the University of Dayton, who are on trimester.
3. You will probably be buying many more textbooks on the quarter system than on the trimester system because a complete year is composed of three terms rather than two.
4. Students on the quarter system will be taking courses from three to five days a week which will limit the opportunity to maintain lucrative employment. Secondly because students will have to be on campus more days per week, the cost of transportation will increase.
5. Will credit hours be lost or gained upon transition from one system to another or from one school to another?

The process by which this matter has been passed gave no consideration to furnishing full information on these and other questions of this change-over to either faculty or students.

It has come to our attention that even though the Academic Council has voted and passed the measure, many faculty and most students have been neither informed or questioned about their views. We urge that through reconsideration, these views be represented.

One-third of the faculty may call a special meeting of the Academic Council in order to effect a reconsideration of this issue. Petitions for this special meeting are now being circulated among the faculty as well as the students.

We urge you to please consider and sign this petition. Are the facts of more ease in financial management for the board of regents and faculty in transferring grades from one Ohio state supported university to another enough to offset the negative or unanswered aspects of the proposed change-over?

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Committee for Decisive Expression
(CODE)

There will be a meeting of the Committee for Determined Expression (CODE) at 12:45 Tuesday October 17, in 326 Library Bldg. The students are concerned about such issues as Vietnam, the quarter system, the bookstore, publication policies, etc. Interested faculty are urged to attend.

Norman Cary