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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Date: September 25, 1972
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Madeline Apt, Secretary, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, Monday October 2, 1972

The October meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 1972, in Room 401 Fawcett Hall, at 3:10 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

- I Call to order
- II Approval of Minutes of June meeting
- III Report of the President
- IV Report of the Steering Committee
- V Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
- VI Elections
 - A. Vice-Chairman of Council
 - B. Faculty member of Steering Committee
 - C. Student member of Steering Committee
 - D. Professor-at-large, University Promotion and Tenure Committee (The Provost and the Steering Committee recommend that this faculty member be tenured.)
- VII Old Business
 - A. Proposed Policy Statement on Faculty and Administration Accountability (See Attachment A)

- B. Article VII, Removal or Suspension of Tenured Faculty, Promotion and Tenure Document, Faculty Handbook (See Attachment B).
- C. Report of ad hoc Committee on Immunity of Members of the Academic Council (See Attachment C).
- D. Athletic Council's Constitution and By laws (See Attachment D)

VIII New Business

- A. Committee Assignment: Faculty Affairs Committee, ...
- B. Course Approvals, Curriculum Committee (See Attachment E)
- C. Report from Agenda Committee regarding faculty meeting times. (see Attachment F)

IX Adjournment

Academic Council
October 2, 1972
Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Pro tem Provost A. P. Spiegel in 401 Fawcett Hall at 3:15 p. m.

II. The Minutes of the June meeting were approved as presented.

The Chairman announced the appointment of Mr. Fritz to the Academic Council as an ex officio (non-voting) member, acting as a faculty representative.

Mr. Eakins is the new parliamentarian for the Academic Council.

III. Report of the President, Mr. White reporting.

Mr. White stated he would do everything in his power to expand programs at Wright State.

He will lean heavily upon Provost Spiegel and the Academic Council for counsel.

Both private and public higher education are in for a rough time in the next few years; the repeal of the income tax which will appear on the November ballot would greatly hurt schools.

The enrollment at Wright State is not up to full expectations, but it is much better than had been thought it would be a month ago.

Mr. Hussman, the faculty representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, reported asking that the faculty present ideas to him any time during the year to be considered by the Advisory Committee to the Chancellor.

The Millett Plan, a variation of Governor Gilligan's Ohio Plan, is now being proposed as an alternative to extreme austerity for institutions of higher education; any faculty member is encouraged to submit ideas to Mr. Hussman on this matter as soon as possible. (See Attachments A & B)

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Low reporting.

The Provost asked the Steering Committee to appoint two faculty members to the Council of Deans; thus, the Committee selected the Vice President of the Faculty and the Vice-Chairman of the Academic Council to serve.

Also, upon the request of the Provost, the Steering Committee this summer has served and will continue to serve as an advisory group to interview candidates for administrative positions.

The committee will meet the third Wednesday of each month.

From now on the committee will try to get the agenda out at least a week before each Academic Council meeting.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Reece reported that their business would be taken care of under "New Business."

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Sachs reporting.

The Committee is trying to set up a faculty dining room next year in Millett Hall.

The University has received from TIAA a plan for faculty disability benefits; the Committee intends to investigate this matter further for the coming year.

C. Library Committee, Mr. Waggener reporting.

The Library budget was doubled this year.

The new building is scheduled to be ready in February.

Mr. Ronald Frommeyer is the new Director of the Library.

Regarding the matter of lending materials to the faculty, there seem to be a large number of delinquent accounts when it comes to returning these materials. The difficulty is not in the length of the loan period but in getting these items returned so they can be loaned out to others. The feeling seems to be that instead of imposing heavy fines on the faculty members to get these materials returned, pressure should be put on them by the department chairmen and the Deans.

Mr. Waggener asked for suggestions from the faculty on the loaning of periodicals; the committee will be sending letters out to all faculty for their responses.

The Committee recommends that faculty members leaving the employ of the University would have to clear their library account before getting their final pay check.

The Committee also suggested that the Director of the Library and the Provost take administrative action against those faculty who still have library materials delinquent from this last spring.

D. Student Affairs Committee - No report.

VI. Elections

A. The following two persons were nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Academic Council:

1. T. Dovel
2. W. Coppage

Of these two nominations the one elected was T. Dovel.

B. The following three persons were nominated for the position of faculty member of the Steering Committee:

1. G. Barlow
2. L. Cross
3. W. Coppage

Since there was no plurality in voting for the above candidates, nominations were reopened for the above position; the nominations this time were as follows:

1. W. Coppage
2. G. Barlow
3. L. Cross
4. R. Correale

Then a run-off ballot was held between W. Coppage, G. Barlow, and L. Cross.

G. Barlow was elected to serve as the faculty member on the Steering Committee.

C. R. Minamyer was the only nominee and was unanimously elected to serve as the student member on the Steering Committee.

D. The following two persons were nominated for the position of professor-at-large on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee:

1. R. Dolphin
2. R. Battino

Of these two R. Battino was elected to serve in this capacity.

VII. Old Business

A. Proposed Policy Statement on Faculty and Administration Accountability (See Attachment A of the October Agenda)

Mr. T. Evans pointed out that this copy of the proposed accountability statement does not seem to reflect changes which were to be made after this document was referred back to the Faculty Affairs Committee in June.

Mr. Piediscalzi stated that as told to him by Mr. Weng earlier, the Committee would be contacted and given further instructions by the Steering Committee; however, through a misunderstanding the Steering Committee did not contact anyone on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Mr. T. Evans moved to table this matter and present the document to the new Faculty Affairs Committee so they might revise and edit the Proposed Policy Statement on Faculty and Administration Accountability to be presented later to the Academic Council.

Motion passed.

B. Article VII, Removal or Suspension of Tenured Faculty, Promotion and Tenure Document, Faculty Handbook (See Attachment B of the October Agenda)

Mr. Batra brought up the subject that this document was to be sent to the AAUP Council members, which has not been done.

Mr. Batra moved that, since none of last year's Faculty Affairs Committee members were present to review and defend Article VII, this article be referred to the new Committee.

Motion carried.

C. Report of ad hoc Committee on Immunity of Members of the Academic Council (See Attachment C of the October Agenda)

Mr. Cross moved that we adopt suggestion A.

Motion failed.

The Chair recognized Mr. Klein, who originally introduced the idea on Council immunity back in December 1971. He did have some documentation in mind when he first wrote this. Mr. Klein had hoped a thorough investiga-

tion would be made to see whether or not intimidation did occur. He stated that the question really is as follows: Can an elected member come on the Council and speak his peice without fear of intimidation, without fear of some kind of punitive action from a permanent member?

The Chair ruled that the matter before the Academic Council is whether this Council wishes any action on the reports by Mr. Hutzel to determine on this ad hoc committee.

Mr. Reece moved that this be tabled until next month until Mr. Hutzel and other members of the committee be present to discuss this with the Academic Council.

Motion carried.

D. Athletic Council's Constitution and Bylaws (See Attachment D of the October Agenda)

Mr. Hemsy reported on some of the differences between the old and new constitution. The new constitution is very short. It now defines quorum and provides for amendments which the old one did not. The Bylaws are where most of the changes take place. The new constitution provides the date for the election of officers. In Section 4 the responsibilities of the council have been expanded. Section 5 outlines the eligibility requirements for recruiting new athletes.

It was brought out that any changes in the Athletic Council's Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by the Academic Council. The Athletic Council is a "satellite" of the Academic Council.

Mr. Low suggested a faculty member should not be able to succeed himself until he has served a full term.

The Chair ruled that the Academic Council does not amend the constitution and/or bylaws of "satellites" but may suggest possible changes to the satellites.

Mr. Merriam moved to suggest to the Athletic Council to consider the idea of a faculty member not being able to succeed himself until he has served a full term.

Motion passed.

VIII. New Business

A. Mr. Low moved to name Mr. Gerald Meike as the replacement on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Motion carried.

- B. Mr. Reece moved to suspend the rules and to vote on the course approvals at the present meeting.

The motion to suspend the rules carried.

The curriculum changes motion passed.

- C. The Steering Committee received a letter from Mr. Uphoff regarding the problems of faculty getting to faculty meetings because there is not a set date and time for these meetings.

Mr. Norris moved that there should be a procedure set whereby the faculty know ahead of time when the meetings would be held.

Motion carried.

Mr. R. Minamyer moved to suspend the rules so that this could be discussed and voted on at the present meeting.

Motion passed.

Discussion: Many Monday classes lose meeting times due to so many legal holidays falling on Mondays in the Fall and Spring Quarters.

Fridays would be a good day for these meetings because there are fewer students on campus than any other day of the week; however, correspondingly, there are probably fewer faculty members on campus on Fridays, and Fridays are also affected by holidays in the Fall Quarter.

The Chair ruled that the Agenda Committee get together with the Steering Committee to allow them to come to a conclusion within a month so that the dates can be printed in the new Academic Calendar for the coming year.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p. m.