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CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Date: February 20, 1973
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Madeline Apt, Secretary, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, Monday, March 5, 1973

The March meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 1973, in Room 401 of Fawcett Hall at 3:10 p. m.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY, 1973, ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING BECAUSE THE ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE REPRODUCED AGAIN.

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes of February 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. Old Business:
 - A. Memo from R. Reece, Chairman, University Curriculum Committee, regarding request from Political Science Department to shift to 4 credit hour courses. (Attachment A from February minutes.)
 - B. Statement from G. Wade, Chairman, Student Affairs Committee regarding scholastic regulations. (Attachment B from February minutes.)
 - C. Report from Bylaws Revision Committee, E. Kmetec, Chairman. (Attachment C from February minutes.)
 - D. Motion by M. Low to delay elections for the Academic Council until after the general faculty meeting on May 8, allowing time for consideration of E. Kmetec document.

VII. New Business:

- A. Course Approvals Curriculum Committee, Attachment A.
- B. Recommended Policy on Transfer Credit, Attachment B.
- C. Revision of Article VII, Promotion and Tenure Document, Faculty Affairs Committee.
- D. Committee Report, ad hoc Committee on University Governance,
E. Cox, Chairman, Attachment C.

VIII. Adjournment.

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Attachments

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

March 5, 1973

Minutes

- I. The regular monthly 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 February meeting were approved.
- III. Report of the President, Mr. White reporting.

There will be a committee composed of faculty, students and staff to review the University budget when it reaches its final stages. President White will appear before the subcommittee of the House Financial Committee on Wednesday afternoon, March 7, 1973. The Governor has proposed a 3% increase in the subsidy for higher education. The Ohio Board of Regents has proposed a 6 1/2% increase in the subsidy dollars. 3% is not enough because of inflationary pressures. Ohio is 47 among the 50 states in the per capita support of higher education.

There is a proposal before the Legislature to have the Ohio Board of Regents and the Governor create a medical program at Wright State University. The Program would be separately funded so that it does not become a drain on the University.

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

The death of Dr. Kenneth Brookshire, Chairman of Psychology, was noted through a letter from Dr. Sherwin Klein. The funeral was March 6, 1973.

The Steering Committee has been working on the academic side of the budget and meeting with Dr. Spiegel. The Committee work is just about finished and it will report back.

The Governance Document was submitted as part of New Business and appears on this agenda. Dr. Cox asked the Steering Committee's advice on various questions concerning procedures. It is on the agenda for the Council; the Council would start discussing it at the next meeting. The Council would probably want to continue discussion on it and hold it over for next year because it has so many ramifications. It was advised against trying to get it on the May agenda of the Faculty Meeting.

- V. Reports of Standing Committees.

- A. Curriculum Committee - Brought up under Old Business.

- B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Sachs reporting.

Mr. Sachs presented a copy of the Proposed Revision of Article VII for consideration at the next meeting (see Attachment A). It is being placed under New Business. This proposed revision was given to Council last June and the Council sent it back to the Committee this fall. That revision has been revised. This new document is a little more streamlined than the first proposed revision and a little more in spirit with the older article.

There probably will not be any new disability benefits paid for by the University this year. The proposal was that the University would pay for the whole program; this would amount to something like \$17,000 to \$18,000 per year. The University indicated that it did not have the money to pay for such a plan. A group plan was then proposed in which the University would pay half of the cost and the faculty members would pay half the cost. After some study, the University feels at this time that it cannot finance such a program. The possibilities of having a group plan in which the individual faculty member would pay was discussed. The understanding is that in order to have such a plan, 75% of the faculty would have to participate. Mr. Sachs would like to hear what the faculty's feelings are on this possibility. At some previous meetings, Mr. Sachs talked about credit unions and asked for comments. He did get one letter from one of the deans about this, but aside from that he hasn't heard anything from anybody else until just a few days ago. He received a phone call from an instructor who indicated that instructors, in particular, would perhaps be interested in such a program.

C. Library Committee, Mr. Waggener reporting.

By way of information, the Library Committee has been talking about the problem of overdue materials that faculty members have signed for. The Library is getting ready to implement the policy that was discussed earlier. It would be a very good time for Deans and Department Chairmen to bring this to the attention of faculty. One faculty member had 93 overdue books as of the end of December. The faculty should re-check books after every quarter in order to bring everything up to date.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Wade reporting.

Matter brought up under Old Business.

Mr. Hussman gave a verbal summary of his report on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor (see Attachment B). Mr. Hussman informed Council that the Faculty Advisory Committee plans to go en masse to the next Board of Regent's meeting.

Mr. Spiegel stated that we would be reading about a joint committee that is going to be appointed from two English Departments - one here and one at the University of Dayton - to study the master's program in English.

VI. Old Business

- A. Memo from R. Reece, Chairman, University Curriculum Committee regarding request from Political Science Department to shift to 4 credit hour courses (Attachment A from February Minutes).

Dr. Reece moved that Academic Council approve the Political Science Department's request that they be permitted to change all of their courses from 3 to 4 credit hours.

Motion seconded.

Mr. Hess pointed out that this change may have an effect on the General Education requirements, in as much as at the present time 9 courses amount to 27 credits but with 4 credit hour courses it would be 36 credits. In the discussion that followed, it was noted that there is precedent for allowing 4 hours credit for classes that meet only for 3 hours. It has taken place in many other departments of the University and in every college except the College of Science and Engineering, where their laboratory situation makes it unique. Mr. Walker pointed out that every single course in Political Science has an explanation and documentation as to exactly what the work will be. This material is on file with the Curriculum Committee. Not one course was omitted. In some cases, laboratories were scheduled for upper division courses.

Motion carried.

Three other items of urgency under New Business concerning the Curriculum Committee.

Mr. Reece made the motion that Council suspend the rules and consider at this time the Program of Nursing.

Motion seconded; the rules were suspended.

Mr. Reece made a motion to approve the Nursing Curriculum. (See Attachments to the Addendum to the March Agenda of the Academic Council.)

Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Reece made the motion that Council suspend the rules and consider the revision of the Undergraduate Program in Psychology.

Motion seconded; the rules were suspended.

Mr. Reece made the motion that the proposal of the Revision of the Undergraduate Program in Psychology be approved, except for the change in Psychology III and II2.

Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Reece moved to suspend the rules and consider the course proposals (see Attachment A of the March Agenda) at the present meeting.

Motion seconded.

Vote taken to suspend the rules and the motion carried.

In Attachment A, there needs to be a change under Item 1, DAN 101 should be titled Dance Techniques instead of Dance.

Attachment A, Page 2, Item 3, ART 101, 102 and 103-3 should be changed to 4 credit hours.

R. Reece made a motion to adopt the report of the Curriculum Committee.

Motion seconded and carried.

B. Mr. Wade presented the Proposal for Scholastic Regulations (See Attachment C).

Mr. E. Wade moved that Academic Council approve the proposal of the Student Affairs Committee regarding Scholastic Regulations.

Motion was seconded.

There was a great amount of discussion. A proposal by the Admissions Committee was presented (See Attachment D).

A motion was made by Dean R. Conley that the material should be returned to their respective committees and that the committees should meet jointly and return to Council next month with a proposal.

Motion was seconded and carried.

C. Report from Bylaws Revision Committee, E. Kmetec Chairman (Attachment C from February Minutes).

Motion was made to delete the following from Page 6, Item (C), "Instructors who are candidates for degrees from Wright State University shall be ineligible to serve on the Academic Council".

Seconded and carried.

Motion was made to delete the following from Page 10, Item (B), "The Academic Council, by affirmative vote of the majority of the full membership, may decide to act on a matter not on the agenda for action".

Seconded and carried.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to delete the word "regular" in the first sentence, Page 10, Item (D).

Motion was made to amend Section 10, Item (D), Part (a), Page 12, by adding the statement: "There shall be two student representatives on the Curriculum Committee."

Seconded and carried.

Motion was made to amend Section 10, Item (D), Part (e). Part (e) should become Item (E).

Seconded and carried.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to place this document on the agenda of the General Faculty Meeting of May 8, 1973.

- D. Motion by M. Low to delay elections for the Academic Council until after the General Faculty Meeting on May 8, allowing time for consideration of E. Kmetec document.

Motion carried.

VII. New Business

- A. Course Approvals Curriculum Committee (Attachment A of the March Agenda), covered by Mr. Reece under Old Business, Item A.
- B. Recommended Policy on Transfer Credit (Attachment B of the March Agenda).
- C. Revision of Article VII, Promotion and Tenure Document, Faculty Affairs Committee (See Attachment A).
- D. Committee Report, ad hoc Committee on University Governance, E. Cox, Chairman (See Attachment E).

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p. m.