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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 7, 1973

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Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, Monday, May 7, 1973

The May meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 1973, in Room 401, Fawcett Hall, at 3:10 p.m.

Please bring your Agenda and Minutes of the March and April, 1973, Academic Council Meetings because the attachments will not be reproduced again.

The agenda is as follows:

  I. Call to order.

  II. Approval of minutes of April 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. Scholastic Regulations Document, Alphonso Smith, Chairman, Admissions Committee, Attachment A.

      B. Motion from H. A. Waggener, Chairman, Library Committee, for adoption of "Guidelines for the University Library Committee."

      C. Curricular Changes, R. Reece, Chairman, Curriculum Committee.
VII. New Business:

A. Report from Elections Committee, D. Bedlick, Chairman.

B. Resolutions and recommendations from H. Ballantine, J. Ballantine, and G. Graham regarding Guidelines for the Use of Human Subjects in Research document, Attachments B, C, and D.

C. Statement regarding Grade of 'I', R. Reece, Chairman, Curriculum Committee, Attachment E.

D. Curricular Changes, R. Reece, Chairman, Curriculum Committee, Attachment F.

VIII. Adjournment
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.

The student representative from W.O.B.C., Gary Nolan, has a conflict in his schedule which will not allow him to attend Academic Council meetings; thus, Miss L. Ellinger has been named to replace him.

II. The minutes of the April meeting were approved with the exception of one correction as follows:

Under "VII. New Business, " B., the fourth paragraph should read this way: "An amendment was made to remove Computer Science 252 and 253 from consideration."

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

The appropriations bill has passed the House; it is now in the Senate as amend­ed substitute House Bill No. 86. Hearings start on the bill May 14th. Mr. White will be testifying for Wright State on May 15th.

The capital improvement bill is now in the House and has not yet been voted on. Hearings have not been held on the bill. (Mr. White will discuss these two items more in detail at tomorrow's Faculty meeting.)

Commencement will be held, Sunday, June 10, 1973, in the new Physical Education Building. This is the first to be held in Wright State facilities.

Mr. White expressed his appreciation of the support of everyone during this interim period while he has been Acting President. As everyone knows, Dr. Kegerreis is the official Wright State President designate, whose term will be effective July 1st.

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

The Committee has finished the budgetary review process for next year's budget; he will report the details at tomorrow's Faculty meeting.

The Parking Committee voted 9 to 1 not to have a special parking area for the faculty. The parking charges for this fall are as follows: $2 for Skyway, $20 for "C" stickers, $40 for "B" stickers, and $100 for "A" stickers.

V. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee - Mr. Reace reported that this committee's business is listed under "New Business."
B. Faculty Affairs Committee - Mr. Sachs reporting.

Mr. Low, Mr. J. Daily, Mr. Listerman, and Mr. Sachs worked on the Personnel Management Report being put out for the Board of Regents. This report is a big handbook which will deal with personnel management. Input was received from a number of people here in the University. Thus far, there seems to be a great deal of unhappiness about the handbook and therefore, many recommendations for extensive revisions have been made.

The Committee on Faculty Tenure of AAUP has come out with a rather impressive report recommended for all to read. For those who are members of the AAUP, you should be able to obtain this book for $7.25. The commission made 47 recommendations and discussed them in some detail. This will perhaps be the report on tenure for the next 20 or 30 years. One of the items pointed out is that there ought to be a limit on the number of people given tenure at the university (recommended 50 to 67%).

One new faculty member is going to be using the Due Process mechanism. A letter has been sent to the Provost regarding this matter. The committee has not had any recent word about this case.

The Faculty Affairs Committee has met to discuss some of the faculty benefits. Mr. Low indicated that a special committee is to be set up to make recommendations about a credit union; the members of this committee include L. Imundo, R. Silverman, and G. Henderson.

Wright State does have a major medical plan but its limits are not the best. There has been some discussion and recommendation about an additional plan which the faculty might want to pay for that would cover bills up to $100,000. Mr. Sachs mentioned that liability insurance might be of interest to the faculty members as well.

In the future the Committee would like to take a survey to see if the faculty are interested in paying for the various plans.

C. Library Committee - Mr. Waggener reporting.

Mr. L. Hagler reviewed the Report of the Bookstore Committee. It was pointed out that none of the members of the Bookstore Committee are on the Library Committee and thus, it is not really a true subcommittee of the Library Committee.

Since the bookstore already pays some $20,000 toward the debt of the University Center, it does not seem necessary that the profits beyond the cost of the bookstore itself be used to pay off the debt of the Center.

The debt of the bookstore should be pretty well taken care of and thus, a recommendation has been made to reduce prices of the bookstore.

The matter of a textbook request by the faculty must be discussed with the Provost.
Mr. Frommeyer briefly gave a report on how the new Library building is coming along and also the moving. Shelving and carpeting are behind schedule. Hopefully, the Library will be closed down from June 18th to 24th for moving; however, it may not be possible for the moving to take place until June 25th through July 1st.

All reserve material for the summer session are due in to the chief reserve clerk by June 11th.

D. Student Affairs Committee - Mr. Wade reporting.

In June Mr. Wade will ask for a suspension of the rules to vote on the Student Constitution.

Concerning the scholastic regulations issue, Mr. A. Smith and Mr. Wade met with Dean Conley and worked out a compromise which did not appeal to anyone and thus was scrapped; a compromise was not possible.

The Academic Council has two proposals before it to consider. The Admissions Committee rewrote its original document that Mr. Cox proposed. The Student Affairs Committee rewrote their document.

The Chair suggested (due to ruling by the Parliamentarian) that Mr. Wade put forth as a motion the Student Affairs Scholastic Regulation Proposal.

Mr. Wade moved the adoption of the Student Affairs Committee proposal. (See Scholastic Regulations Comparison Table - Attachment A - and the actual proposal - Attachment B.)

Mrs. Whissen asked when is a student dismissed. This is determined by the student's adviser, the department chairman, and the dean of the college.

Advising starts with the warning period.

The Chair asked how this new procedure would affect the Registrar's Office. Mr. Falkner pointed out that his office would have to have some way of knowing the student has seen his adviser; thus, the Deans and the advisers will have to become much more involved if either of the proposals is to take effect. Also, Mr. Falkner pointed out that the Continuing Education students, who have no advisers but are here for self-enrichment, must be considered.

There was some discussion on the necessity of a student having to petition to be readmitted after dismissal.

The ways the two proposals are alike include providing mandatory advising, providing a human contact; then, too, these proposals both cut out various items that are reported on the students' records.

Mr. Wade gave three advantages of the Student Affairs proposal over the Admissions proposal as follows: (1) It gives the student a longer period of time before dismissal; whereas, the other sets a very specific time for dismissal. (2) It is more humane. (3) It leaves the person who leaves the University with more of his self-respect intact.
Mr. Wolfe moved to amend the first sentence of the section entitled "Readmission After Dismissal" on Page 3 of the Scholastic Regulations to read as follows:

"A student who has been dismissed may apply for readmission through petition to the Undergraduate Admissions Committee after remaining out of school for three quarters."

Amendment carried.

A student can be dismissed by default if he is not accepted by any college in the University.

Mr. Low asked how does a student go about getting mandatory advising. The college would be getting a list of these people. The student would then be advised to consult with the adviser.

The student can always appeal to the University petitions committee if the student thinks he is being treated unfairly.

Mr. Clark called the question.

Motion to call the question passed.

The Chair asked for a vote on the Student Affairs motion as amended.

Motion (as amended) carried.

VI. Old Business


Topic was bypassed because of the adoption of the Student Affairs proposal.

B. Mr. Waggener moved that the Academic Council approve the "Guidelines for the University Library Committee." (See Attachment C)

Motion passed.

C. Curricular Changes, R. Reece, Chairman, Curriculum Committee.

Mr. Reece moved to add to the B.A. in Art Proposal the following statements:

"The candidate for teacher certification must complete a specific certification requirement as outlined by the College of Education. The student should consult his adviser in the College of Education in the course of study."

Motion carried.

VII. New Business
A. Report from Elections Committee, D. Beeliclc, Chairman.

A brief discussion was given of the two proposed plans—the Clean-Slate Plan and the Holdover Plan. (See Attachment D)

Mr. Low moved to suspend the rules so that action can be taken on these plans.

The motion to suspend the rules passed with a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Low moved the adoption of Item II B, the Holdover Plan.

Under II. B. "The Holdover Plan" on Page 1, the last sentence on that page which extends over to the next page should be corrected to read in the following manner:

"All other persons who hold the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Instructor and have been a full-time member of the faculty for a minimum of two academic years (except Deans, Associate Deans, and Assistant Deans) shall be eligible for election (cf. Article III, Section 3C.)."

Motion carried.


Mr. Mackinney gave a brief discussion on this topic, trying to convince the Academic Council of some strong possibilities of some pretty substantial risks involved not only to the students but also to the faculty. He urged strong positive group action toward liability insurance.

Some purposes Mr. Mackinney listed for studying this subject include minimizing risks to faculty members and protecting the rights and freedoms of professors and instructors to teach and to do research via the avenue of assuming responsibilities in this area.

Since September the Human Subjects Committee has been meeting regularly. They have worked through a third draft of the guidelines. Now the committee is soliciting input.

The committee has found the following to be problem areas: (1) invasion of privacy—the least problem, (2) the area of actual hurt or harm to subjects, (3) the area of deception—particularly important when persons do not know that they are subjects in an experiment.

The committee is proposing that there be a banding together to buy a liability insurance policy; there is insurance written called Professional Educators Liability Insurance. Of course, one of the main advantages of a group policy is the cost.

Mr. Reece stated the Committee wishes to put before the Council a question on the new policy on the meaning of the grade "I." He asked if the Council feels that the Committee should review this matter or not.

The Chair stated that the Curriculum Committee should look into this matter.

D. Curricular Changes, R. Reece, Chairman, Curriculum Committee, Attachment F of the May 7, 1973, Academic Council Minutes.

Mr. Reece moved to suspend the rules to adopt the Curriculum Committee changes as contained in Attachment F.

Motion to suspend the rules carried.

Mr. Reece moved the approval of the Curriculum Committee's report.

In changing the lab hours, they are not changing the degree requirements and therefore, would not increase the hours for the B.S. degree.

There is a change in Chemistry courses of 1 1/2 credit hours; there is a change in some of the Physics options but not all of them; there is no change in the Biology or Geology options.

There is a minor error in the B.A. degree for Urban Studies; English 260 is listed as a 3 hour course but has been changed to a 4 hour course.

Motion passed.

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The Chair added an item to the agenda and introduced Dean J. Randall to make a motion.

Dean Randall moved to amend the recently adopted transfer policy (See Attachment E) by amending the second paragraph to read in the following manner:

"Nursing education credits are not transferable from technical nursing programs (one, two and three year programs) but may be obtained by proficiency examinations.

Nursing education credits from professional nursing programs (four and five year programs) are transferable and will be evaluated by the nursing faculty admissions committee to determine placement in the Wright State University nursing program."

Mr. Fritz moved to suspend the rules to consider this matter at the present meeting.

Motion to suspend the rules carried.
Motion passed.

Mr. Reace moved the approval of the Environmental Studies Dual Major Proposal (see Attachment 7) to have this as an item of "Old Business" on the agenda for the next meeting.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.