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## Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, October 1, 1973

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## CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

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Date: September 20, 1973  
To: Members of the Academic Council  
From: John Treacy, Secretary, Steering Committee  
Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, Monday, October 1, 1973

The October meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 1973, in Room 401, Fawcett Hall, at 3:15 p. m.

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes of June 4th meeting.
- III. Welcome new Student members.
- IV. Report of President Kegerreis.
- V. Report of Steering Committee.
- VI. Reports of Standing Committees:
  - A. Curriculum (See Attachment A)
  - B. Faculty Affairs
  - C. Library
  - D. Student Affairs
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Offering the following Constitutional amendment:

Amend Article III, Section 10, (C) (b) by placing a period in the last sentence after the word Council and deleting the subsequent phrase, ". . . and one of the members will be the Chairman of the Standing Committee".
  - B. Approval of Committee chairmanships and Committee members (See Attachment B).

VIII. New Business

A. Elect Professor-at-large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee

B. Proposed Governance Document

IX. Adjournment.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
October 1, 1973  
Minutes

- I. The first regular monthly meeting for the new academic year was called to order by the Chairman Pro tem Provost Spiegel at 3:15 p. m.

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The Chair made announcements of several changes recently made at the University as follows:

1. Mr. J. Murray, formerly the Dean of Business & Administration, is now the Associate Provost and he will chair the meeting when Spiegel is unable to attend.
2. Mr. J. Daily has been named as Acting Dean of Business & Administration in Murray's absence.
3. Mr. R. Conley is now Vice-President and Director of Health Affairs.
4. As a result of Mr. Conley's promotion, Mr. B. Hutchings has been named as Acting Dean of Science & Engineering.

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The Chair also brought to the attention of the Council that the contract, "Binding Agreements on Program Studies," will be implemented in a manner not exactly prescribed by the Academic Council. After reviewing the present procedures, it was found that they were suitable while the proposed procedure would add a great amount of paper work.

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- II. The minutes of the June meeting were approved with the following one correction:

On Page 3, the last sentence in the last paragraph should read as follows:

"Right now they have one representative at large, one representative from W. O. B. C., and five representatives from mutually exclusive constituencies, being the four academic colleges and the Graduate Division."

- III. The Chair recognized the new Student members. Then he called on the Student Caucus President, W. Roberts, to introduce the new students individually, being the following:

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| 1. Don Deel      | 4. Sam Ribbler     |
| 2. Mark Sawyer   | 5. Dennis Cochran  |
| 3. James Haughey | 6. William Roberts |

(The student representative from W. O. B. C. has not been chosen as yet.)

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The Chair welcomed Dr. Kegerreis to the Academic Council as the University's new President.

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#### IV. Report of President Kegerreis.

Mr. Kegerreis clarified his role with that of the Steering Committee. He will be available on call to this Committee. Also, the President will volunteer to appear at the Committee's meetings, if necessary.

The President pointed out that he is the presiding officer at the Academic Council unless he relinquishes the Chair of the Academic Council. As has been done in the past, Mr. Kegerreis will allow Provost Spiegel to serve as Chairman or Spiegel's designee.

Finances seems to be one of the most interesting items of discussion, especially beginning the Fall Quarter. The University is receiving an increase of 5% in subsidy level. Approximately 59% of our income is from subsidy. Subsequently, the Board of Trustees enacted a 5% increase in student fees. No index of University costs exists for evaluation of the cost of operations; however, the costs do far exceed 5%. We should be cautiously comfortable this year due to these increases unless we have a severe erosion of student enrollment.

Regarding enrollment, the Administration had predicted an increase of 1/2 of 1% for this year. At the close of the day last Friday, 11,325 students were enrolled on the main campus. The only figure we have to compare this to is that of 11,212 students enrolled as of the fourteenth day of the quarter last Fall. Thus, the enrollment is about a 1% increase right now. After the various students withdraw, the number will level out to about 1/2 of 1%, as predicted, on the fourteenth day.

The credit hour loads of the students seem to be climbing upward somewhat.

An all out effort is being made to enhance the Admissions, advising and registration process, thus, making the entire process appear and to actually be as simple as possible to the entering students.

The Nursing program is fully launched this fall with nursing students ranging from registered nurses to entering freshmen.

Ten days ago the ground was broken for the Biological Sciences building, Phase I.

The legislature approved appropriations of slightly more than \$600,000 for two years of planning for the medical school. Also, the legislature allotted through the Capital Appropriations Bill \$6,000,000 for the erection of two new buildings in connection with the medical school.

After the medical school is in operation, there still exist some hurdles which must be overcome. These are as follows:

1. Preliminary accreditation by the combined Boards of the American Association of Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association
2. Meeting the recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Health Care
3. The approval to grant the degree from the Ohio Board of Regents.

The search is presently going on for the first Dean of the medical school.

President Kegerreis is trying his best to open up the President's Office to the University. Thus, in connection with this effort, the Executive Wing has been remodeled. Mr. Kegerreis has taken great pains to meet with the deans, department chairmen, faculty, staff and students and will continue to do this throughout the year. Then, Mr. Kegerreis hopes to assess the general process and reconfigure the ways in which the President finds out what is going on and how people feel about the University.

V. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Fritz reporting.

This summer the Provost requested this Committee to serve as an advisory committee to select an Associate Provost.

Under "New Business" the Steering Committee is asking the Academic Council today to approve the memberships of the various committees as drawn up.

Mr. Ribbler has been nominated from the Student Caucus to serve as the student liaison representative to the Steering Committee.

VI. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Larkins reporting.

The first meeting this year of this Committee will be Wednesday, October 3rd, at 11:00 a. m.

Mr. Larkins pointed out that on the Curriculum Committee M. Bireley was appointed from Education to serve on this committee in place of C. Maneri.

Attachment A of the October 1, 1973, Academic Council Agenda shows the limited number of actions taken by the Curriculum Committee during the summer.

Mr. Hess questioned the University Division, a nonacademic division, being allowed to offer courses to the students. Mr. Larkins stated many other faculty members had questioned this recently and that this topic would be taken up at the Committee's upcoming October 3rd meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Swanson reporting.

This Committee met on Thursday, September 27th, to set up an agenda. Next Monday, October 8th, at 3:00 p. m. the Faculty Affairs Committee will meet to conduct business. Mr. Swanson asked for anyone to submit items of business to the Committee for consideration.

C. Library Committee, Mr. Hess reporting.

The Committee has not met yet this year. Any suggestions for items of consideration for the Committee to look into this year are solicited.

Mr. Frommeyer made comments about getting settled into the new University Library. He asked that everyone have "patience." The new building is 90% completed. The library collection is 95% complete. All floors are open and usable by the students. Within a week to ten days most shifting of library materials should be finished. Bids are being accepted now to put rails along the stairway going from first to second floor as well as the one along the fourth floor balcony. The building is completely equipped with smoke detectors.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Hemskey reporting.

This Committee did not meet during the summer. The Committee welcomes any suggestions for items of business for it to examine.

VII. Old Business

A. Offering the following Constitutional amendment:

Amend Article III, Section 10, (C) (b) by placing a period in the last sentence after the word Council and deleting the subsequent phrase, ". . . and one of the members will be the Chairman of the Standing Committee."

Mr. Fritz moved the above amendment be adopted.

The motion carried.

- B. Approval of Committee chairmanships and Committee members (See Attachment B of October 1, 1973, Academic Council Agenda).

Mr. Fritz moved that the Council approve the recommendations of the Steering Committee for the University Committee compositions for the 1973-74 year.

Mr. Fritz asked that Mr. S. Ribbler's name be added as the student liaison member to the Steering Committee.

The Provost will still be an ex officio member on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Mr. Roberts requested that in the future students be allowed to chair some of these committees.

The motion passed.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Elect Professor-at-large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee

The following three persons were nominated for the above position:

1. E. Cox
2. E. Zwetschke
3. M. Ritchie

A run-off vote between E. Cox and E. Zwetschke was held.

E. Cox was elected to serve as Professor-at-large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

- B. Proposed Governance Document

Mr. Fritz proposed that this document be put on as an item of new business to be *considered and discussed at the next Academic Council meeting.*

The Governance Committee informally decided that the document should be withdrawn to be redone preferably by them as a new reconstituted committee, with hopefully having at least three students on the Committee. Mr. Fritz concurred with the Governance Committee's wishes on this matter.



After some discussion, the Chair asked that the committee be reconstituted and that this committee review totally the document before it is again presented to the Academic Council for consideration.

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Mr. Fritz urged all faculty to try their best to attend and march during the Presidential Inauguration and University Library dedication to be held sometime early in December.

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**X.** The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p. m.