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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, December 1, 1975

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Wright State University

Campus Communication

Date: November 20, 1975
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Glenn Graham, Secretary, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, December 1, 1975.

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 P.M., Monday, December 1, 1975 in Rooms 155 A,B,C (Presidential Dining Area), Main Floor, University Center.

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 3, 1975 meeting.
- III. Report of the President.
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum Committee
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - C. Library Committee
 - D. Student Affairs Committee
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Approval of new courses (See Attachment D, November 3, 1975 Agenda).
 - B. Return from table statement on "Faculty Retrenchment Policy" (See Attachment D of June 2, 1975 minutes). (See proposed Amendment, Attachment B, November 3, 1975 Agenda).
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Approval of new courses (See Attachment A).
 - B. Approval of revised constituencies.
- VII. Adjournment.

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

December 1, 1975

Minutes

- I. The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice Provost Murray at 3:15 P.M. in room 155 of the University Center.

Present:

S. Barone, J. Beljan, C. Benner, E. Cannon, J. Castellano, W. Collie, B. Dreher, J. Fortman, I. Fritz, R. Frommeyer, G. Graham, R. Gray, R. Kegerreis, K. Kotecha, E. Levine, T. Matczynski, H. Neve, N. Nussbaum, H. Roehm, J. Sayer, D. Schmidt, G. Skinner, A. Spiegel, E. Stearns, J. Thatcher, G. Torres, B. Yoder, J. Zamonski

Absent:

D. Badaczewski, A. Blue, E. Duffy, S. Dyer, A. MacKinney, J. Martin, A. Molliterno, C. Montgomery, G. Pacernick

- II. Minutes of the November 3, 1975 meeting were presented for approval.

Mr. Levine asked that a correction be made on page four, item C.:

The amendment should read "The order of termination will be determined by the department after consultation with the Dean."

Approval of the minutes, as corrected, was given by voice vote.

- III. Report of the President, Mr. Kegerreis reporting.

Mr. Kegerreis' brief report covered three categories:

The first is, the analysis of the current operating budget indicates that unless the legislature reopens the state budget and further reduces the subsidy allocated to us, we will not have to open the university budget for another strenuous mid-term adjustment. We will simply be forced to continue our very careful budget management for the balance of this year. Mr. Kegerreis stated that he is not prepared to comment on next year at this time except to say that it does not look very pleasant, but will not expand until we have further information.

The second is about enrollment for those who may not have analyzed the situation. A striking thing happened to the University this year. Not only did we have a greater than expected enrollment increase, but somewhat in contradiction to the trend of the immediate three or four preceding years, our graduate enrollment tradition rate of increase slackened noticeably and gives signs of perhaps leveling off. Whereas, the freshman class increased by a greater percentage than in any previous period in the University's history. We have a freshman class of four thousand, which is the largest we have ever had.

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The third point is the most significant news item since our last report, the recommendation by the sight visit team of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that Wright State University be continued for accreditation for the undergraduate and masters level and be accredited for the start of the doctoral program in medicine.

Mr. Nussbaum asked to submit a question relative to a memo received on parking.

Mr. Spiegel replied that in anticipation of this, he had asked Mr. Grewe to attend today's meeting.

Mr. Nussbaum stated, in a memo dated November 6, 1975, a statement was made to clarify parking policy. In particular, reference is made to the second paragraph which reads, "it was assumed by us the faculty members would utilize the F parking area to their capacity before parking in the other zones." In the following paragraph, it reads, "however, many faculty members are parking in any available zone before the faculty reserved zones are full." Mr. Nussbaum asked for clarification on this in order to determine whether or not it is considered inappropriate by the Director of Security and Parking Services for a faculty member to park anywhere but in an F zone if he has an F zone decal.

Mr. Grewe answered, yes, it is proper to park other places, but it is hoped the faculty will use the F zone first.

Mr. Nussbaum went on to ask if under conditions, where for example, a faculty member in the course of his university affiliated business, either arrives on campus late or returns to campus late in the day and finds that the F zone where he normally parks is full, does he have to go from one F zone to the next looking for an open F zone slot before attempting to park in a B or C zone area that may be more conveniently located for him.

Mr. Grewe stated that under the existing regulations, that is true.

Mr. Spiegel interjected, to be precisely clear, some further clarification is needed. The students that were complaining the most were those that were parking behind Millett, and the reserved faculty strip there was frequently not filled. Mr. Nussbaum is really saying that because he is a member of the Science and Engineering faculty, which parks some distance from there, that he should not have to go all the way up to the old tennis court area to check before he can park in a B lot. It is then permissible for the faculty to do that.

Mr. Grewe replied it was hoped they would utilize that area primarily. A daily statistical analysis has been done since the issuance of that memo, and a significant increase has been seen in terms of utilization of F areas by the F parkers. The problem now is getting the B parkers back out of the F areas, so they can be filled to capacity.

Mr. Skinner asked for additional information on the accreditation.

Mr. Kegerreis advised that the accreditation sight visit team reports to the full council of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in very early spring. At this time, a formal vote is taken. The University is represented and questions and answers are permitted. So the team itself, while here, allowed us to report that they recommend that we be accredited. It is very unusual for the full association to differ with the team's citation, especially when it is positive. However, they would prefer that we not go into programmatic detail until the actual, final vote by the full assembly.

Mr. Kegerreis added, they seemed to be pleased with the institutional progress, and even in some areas, amazed. Only one or two of the committee members had ever been on campus, and therefore, really were not prepared for the rate of progress in the facilities, the faculty, and the programs. They were somewhat cautious about the University's ability to continue the same rate of growth in the graduate area without a whole new program of added facility and faculty, etc. Therefore, they were not prepared to give us unconditional accreditation, for example, at the doctoral level. They gave us accreditation only for the Doctor of Medicine Degree, but said they would expect us to mount other doctoral programs in due time according to the dictates of Ohio policy. If we had programs at the doctoral level to propose, we should consult with them so they could work with us through the process, along with the state process, so that those programs would not have to be mounted right up to the point of actual student enrollment before we got NCA visitation and accreditation.

They were sympathetic about the limited accreditation at the doctoral level but hardly knew what else to do. We think they were impressed with the University and gave us as wholehearted a vote of confidence as they could. There will be, in the full report, a great many program analyses which we will share with you when we get them. We have not seen those ourselves; all we have is a verbal exit interview and a limited press release to go on.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mrs. Dreher reporting.

Passed out at this meeting today was a proposal for revised constituencies. This will be considered at our next meeting which will be January 12, 1975 rather than earlier in the month.

The Steering Committee named a new member to the Ad Hoc Elections Committee, Dr. Alvin Rodin of the School of Medicine.

Please add as an item of new business on today's agenda, item C., Approval of Definitions of Affiliation for the Medical Faculty. We will be receiving a copy of the bylaws of the School of Medicine when they have been acted upon which will be some time this week.

The Steering Committee spent considerable time with Mr. Whippen talking about problems the Curriculum Committee had, and the committee itself will consider some revisions in the guideline of their procedures in course approvals.

Mrs. Dreher asked the rules be suspended under New Business so course approvals could be acted on today and give the Curriculum Committee the relief of a clean slate temporarily.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee, no report

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Levine reporting for Mr. Nicholson.

The Faculty Affairs Committee is collating the responses to the questionnaire on fringe benefits and will make a report at the next meeting of the Academic Council.

At the last meeting, the committee considered the retrenchment policy document and found some definitional and contextual problems. The committee would like the Faculty Retrenchment Policy to remain on the table until they can issue a report.

Mr. Skinner responded to the item that Mrs. Dreher asked to be put on the agenda, the Definitions of Affiliation for the Medical Faculty. Is this something the Faculty Affairs Committee has discussed.

Mr. Levine answered they have not seen it.

Mr. Skinner asked for Mr. Beljan's clarification on this.

Mr. Beljan advised that after the Medical School's Bylaws are adopted, these will be passed to the appropriate committee. The definitions the University has adopted for fully affiliated and partially affiliated present great problems for the School of Medicine in terms of faculty and faculty representation. Therefore, considerable time has been spent in trying to define the Medical School's particular use of certain terms to fit the University's guidelines. It is the intent of the Medical School to adopt the bylaws and then present the definitions, so there can be any needed reconciliation at that time. There has been input by other people into those definitions, but there is need to clarify them because the generalizations that exist currently do not specifically apply to all cases.

C. Library Committee, Mr. Wood reporting.

At the last meeting of the Library Committee, each member selected colleges, departments, program areas in which they will work with library representatives in order to maximize the committee's responsiveness to faculty questions, concerns, and suggestions.

The other business the committee has dealt with is the misuse of library materials. There will now be a 50 cent per day fine for students keeping overdue media. This is new; before this time there was no fine. As far as the faculty is concerned, there will continue to be no fine for overdue media materials. Abuse of these things will be worked out through Departmental Chairmen and the Deans.

There were 92 canceled subscriptions suggested as no longer needed by those departments who were using them. Of those 92, the savings realized was only \$1600.00. That savings out of the budget has been placed in the discretionary budget. We assume there has been no decision on how it should be used. There has been some concern that those departments that have canceled subscriptions be able to use that money to purchase new subscriptions, but no decision on that has yet been made. The committee continued to discuss a formula for allocating library funds to various colleges and continues to work with the Deans Ad Hoc Committee regarding such a policy. The Library Committee will hold their next meeting December 19, 1975, and we are open for any items to be placed on the agenda.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Page reporting.

At the last meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Conley and Mrs. Ballantine reported about research on day care facilities at Wright State University. The basic issues were that a day care facility could be made a self-sustaining operation if a structure were available. Given the lack of such a structure, there would be substantial cost incurred, and lack of a source of funds currently seems to be preventing day care on campus. This is still an open file which Mr. Conley is maintaining should funds become available for such a building. The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee will be December 4, 1975.

VI. Old Business:

A. Approval of new courses. (See Attachment D, November 3, 1975 Agenda).

Mrs. Dreher moved approval of these courses except for Art 490 which was approved last summer. It appears by error. Please strike Art 490 from Attachment D of the November 3, 1975 Agenda.

Approval was given by voice vote.

B. Return from table statement on "Faculty Retrenchment Policy" (See Attachment D of June 2, 1975 Minutes). (See proposed Amendment, Attachment B, November 3, 1975 Agenda).

Mr. Levine moved that the "Faculty Retrenchment Policy" remain on the table.

It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

VII. New Business:

A. Approval of new courses (See Attachment A to December 1, 1975 Agenda).

Mrs. Dreher moved suspension of the rules. The rules were suspended by voice vote.

Mrs. Dreher advised there are two additions to the list. CE 106, Making It Count, a television course similar to one already offered, and CE 107, Adams Chronicles. The list now has six courses.

All the courses were approved by voice vote.

Mr. Nussbaum asked if the existing procedures for the approval of modification of courses will continue in effect until the Curriculum Committee comes in with new recommendations?

Mr. Whippen responded that the procedures currently in effect will remain until the Council is presented with new procedures. The only deviation from that is the fact that the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing are recognized as existing.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.