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# Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, January 12, 1976

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# Wright State University

# Campus Communication

Date: December 29, 1975  
To: Members of the Academic Council  
From: Glenn Graham, Secretary, Steering Committee  
Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, January 12, 1976.

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 P.M., Monday, January 12, 1976 in Rooms 155 A,B,C (Presidential Dining Area), Main Floor, University Center.

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of Minutes of December 1, 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 revised constituencies (See handout of December 1, 1975 meeting, Attachment A; Also see Attachment B).
  - B. Approval of definitions of affiliation for Faculty of Medicine.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Approval of Members of Tenure Removal Committee (See Attachment C).
- VIII. Adjournment.

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# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

January 12, 1976

## Minutes

- I. The first meeting of the new year 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, B. Dreher, E. Duffy, J. Fortman, I. Fritz, R. Frommeyer, G. Graham, R. Gray, K. Kotecha, E. Levine, A. MacKinney, J. Martin, A. Moliterno, C. Montgomery, H. Neve, N. Nussbaum, G. Pacernick, H. Roehm, J. Sayer, D. Schmidt, G. Skinner, E. Stearns, J. Thatcher, G. Torres, B. Yoder, J. Zamonski

### Absent:

D. Badaczewski, J. Castellano, W. Collie, S. Dyer, R. Kegerreis, T. Matczynski, A. Spiegel

- II. Minutes of the December 1, 1975 meeting were approved as written.
- III. Report of the President.

Mr. Murray advised the President is off campus, and there will be no report other than the fact that he has been giving a report to all Colleges on a most significant issue that we have, and that is the financial and enrollment situation. For those of you who have not had an opportunity to hear Mr. Kegerreis' presentation, he has another one scheduled for January 13, 1976. Also, he has a presentation scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 1976 for the students.

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

On the Agenda for today, please add Item B under New Business, Proposed Academic Calendar for 1976-1977. The Steering Committee has had to make a replacement on the Ad Hoc Elections Committee. Mr. Yuan is going to be at Ohio State this quarter, and he has been replaced by Mr. Harvey Wachtell. The Steering Committee has been looking at the College Level Examination Program, and an extension of that program is being considered. All the materials have been referred to the Curriculum Committee for their consideration. The early quarter changes in the arrangement of the academic year have also been discussed at length, and the Steering Committee is looking into it.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Whippen reporting.

The Curriculum Committee has submitted proposals to the Steering Committee concerning early grading for graduating seniors and student classification, that is, how the students are classified as freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior. The Committee is dealing with expansion of the College Level Examination Program and is still in the process of revising the Course Change Procedures. The Committee is also analyzing the drop date and, hopefully, can finish this up this quarter.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Nicholson reporting.

The Faculty Affairs Committee is continuing their investigation into a policy on limited term contracts. The Committee has also compiled the results of the fringe benefits questionnaire, and will forward this information through the mail next week to each member. The Committee has also completed amendments to the retrenchment policy, and will send these amendments to the Steering Committee, hopefully to bring the policy off the table by the next meeting. The Committee is currently considering the bylaws of the Faculty of Medicine, and how they relate to our existing bylaws.

C. Library Committee, Mr. Wood reporting.

The University Library Committee plans to recommend a suggestion from Mr. Spiegel that the \$1674 resulting from selective periodical cancellations be used for large unanticipated requisitions; and our committee members are currently soliciting specific recommendations from the Library Representatives as to what would be a good acquisition for these funds. Any suggestions are to be in by January 23, 1976. The final, specific recommendations by our Committee will then be forwarded to the Provost.

Until recently, there has been no Library policy on the replacement of lost books, and a book recorded as being lost was often not reordered again for many months, if ever. The changing policy is that lost items are paid for by the borrower, and will be considered for replacement within two weeks by Library Personnel; or if a lost and paid-for item is on hold, a rush order will be sent.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Page reporting.

The Student Affairs Committee has no specific report since it has not met since the Christmas break. The Committee plans to have a meeting on January 26, 1976.

VI. Old Business:

A. Approval of revised constituencies (See Attachment A and B, January 12, 1976 Agenda).

Mrs. Dreher moved approval of the revised constituencies and advised that the change in constituencies is to assure adequate representation for all areas.

Mr. Thatcher asked why constituency E, which has the same number of faculty as constituencies A and B, has one less representative.

Mr. Falkner responded that the Ad Hoc Elections Committee was tied down by the constitution to 20 members. The Committee felt that Liberal Arts was already represented under constituency C. That meant that Liberal Arts had at least five representatives, while constituency A has no other group, nor does constituency B. That is why they were given the benefit of the doubt over constituency E.

Mr. Thatcher replied that since the constitution is the major factor in determining representation and the number of faculty in each constituency, he would like to request that the next time reapportionment is considered, the position of constituency E be considered.

Mr. Falkner pointed out that the constitution states that numbers be as proportionate as possible.

Mr. Beljan said he noticed that the School of Medicine has one representative in its constituency. He stated this presents a problem because his understanding is that, technically, none of the School of Medicine faculty would be eligible for election, should the election occur. How does Academic Council choose to permit the School of Medicine to have a suitable representative from its constituency if, in fact, there are no members who have been here over two years?

Mr. Falkner answered that the Ad Hoc Elections Committee felt that there is one individual who does qualify. That individual was here before the School of Medicine, even though it is true, he has not been in the School of Medicine for two years. However, the constitution is not clear about being in a particular department or school.

Mr. Beljan expressed concern at not seeing this individual, even though he has great trust and confidence in that faculty member, as representative of the School of Medicine, since the 27 faculty members mentioned on the revised constituency sheet are primarily clinical faculty; and the basic science faculty are in other constituencies because of the matrix organization. What Mr. Beljan is suggesting is that, in essence, the School of Medicine has no eligible faculty to represent them except himself, ex-officio.

Mr. Murray replied it would appear that the Council has two alternatives. One, to make a change and not have representation at this time, or the other alternative would be to change the constitution.

Mr. Beljan requested a one-time only exception or whatever needs to be accomplished, in terms of the constitution, or, alternatively, to give up the one position that the School of Medicine would ordinarily be eligible to have.

Mr. Murray clarified Mr. Beljan's request by asking if he would prefer a deviation from the constitution or a procedure set up, whereby, a one-time only exception could be made. He said it would be up to Academic Council to recommend to the faculty, at the next general faculty meeting, a change to the constitution.

Mr. Beljan asked to give some clarifying background information, hoping the Council could understand the sensitivity that exists. The School of Medicine does have significant faculty numbers, many of whom have their parent academic orientation in another college or school on this campus; and of the over 67 full-time faculty, 27 are the numbers that were addressed at the time that the reconstitution occurred. Therefore, of those 27, who are largely clinical faculty members, none of them would have been here a sufficient length of time to qualify legally as a representative. Therefore, it is critical that at least one clinical faculty person represent the School of Medicine; and the individual who might technically be eligible is not, in fact, a clinical faculty member.

Mr. Sayer informed the Council that the constitution is vague in places, but it does give to Academic Council the power to establish its own regulations, under Section 6., "governing the conduct of elections, the filling of vacancies". It would be feasible for Academic Council to note the fact that the School of Medicine does not have a faculty member with two years of service, with one exception, and declare that vacancy open. Then by construction of the Council itself, appoint a member from the School of Medicine faculty to serve on the Academic Council.

Mr. Beljan replied that would be feasible and very helpful. What would be even more helpful is if the Council would then ask for that appointment to come from an election from the 27 eligible faculty.

Mr. Beljan moved to place the amendment to the motion.

Mr. Fritz proposed the amendment to read, "The Academic Council declare the School of Medicine representative slot a vacancy, and that it fill that vacancy for one year only, upon recommendation from the faculty of the School of Medicine.

The amendment was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Murray asked for further discussion on the original motion.

The question was asked if the numbers of faculty in the constituencies includes the Administrators.

Mr. Falkner replied that the numbers include the Administrators and the Deans and Assistant Deans. The representatives at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee checked these numbers with the Chairmen and Deans, and they agreed to these numbers as of November 13, 1975. The faculty names used were from the Personnel Office, and each representative was given a list to take to his department and his Dean to have approved.

Mrs. Dreher called attention to Attachment B to the Agenda. The constituency sheet, Attachment A, dated December 1, 1975, was perused by Deans and Chairmen; and the one complaint submitted was a memo from Mr. Yuan, a Liberal Arts representative to the Ad Hoc Elections Committee. Mrs. Dreher asked, since the Chairer Mrs. Bennett, is not present, would Mr. Falkner report on the feelings of the whole Ad Hoc Elections Committee regarding Mr. Yuan's recommended changes.

Mr. Falkner responded that the feelings of the Committee were that Library Administration should have a representative on their own. Mr. Yuan's suggestion would mean that English would have their own representation out of constituency C. This would then reduce constituency C to 56 faculty and 2 representatives. What Mr. Yuan is suggesting is that Library Administration would then be included with constituency C, giving them 3 representatives and a total of 73 faculty. Dean Frommeyer should speak to this point. His conversation to Mr. Yuan was a compromise situation if Academic Council got bogged down in this, but the Library Administration faculty still feel they should have their own representation. Adding them to constituency C would dilute their voice in the government and not add to their constituency.

Mr. Frommeyer stated he did not know this was going to be published with the Agenda, and another memo had been sent to Mrs. Bennett which basically concurred with what Mr. Falkner said. Library Administration did not concur to any amendment, and the Library faculty still feels they should have their own constituency, based upon the fact that they get just representation. Going into constituency C would cause difficulties and problems, and Mr. Yuan was sent a clarification of this.

Mr. Skinner asked about cutting off the English faculty from constituency C.

Mr. Falkner explained that the Ad Hoc Elections Committee, in their recommendation, indicates that constituency C and D might subdivide themselves into smaller constituencies if they so wish. The statement from Mr. Yuan seems to say that English would want to be considered by themselves.

Mr. Levine asked to speak for English and stated they do not really wish to be a separate constituency.

Mr. Pacernick mentioned that it seems as though Science and Engineering has more representation than the combined Liberal Arts constituencies, and could that be explained.

Mr. Falkner answered there are approximately 490 faculty members, and every 25 members should have one representative. With 126 faculty members in constituency D, the number of 5 representatives is correct. In regard to breaking down constituency D into smaller groups, Mr. Low, a member of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee, did take a survey to see if smaller departments would like to make up their own constituency. They did not. There were 26 members wishing to remain in one constituency and 23 wishing to break into smaller constituencies. Of those 23, there were more faculty from large departments than from small departments according to the questionnaire.

Mr. Levine wondered if he could address the Steering Committee to examine the numbers of total people which would be on Academic Council.

The motion passed by voice vote.

**B. Approval of definitions of affiliation for Faculty of Medicine.**

The Faculty Affairs Committee respectfully requests that this item be tabled until a later meeting so as to give the Committee an opportunity to interview representatives of the Committee that drafted the original document for the School of Medicine and iron out some problem areas.

The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Murray asked if this would be returning from table at the next meeting.

Mr. Beljan moved, since there is some urgency in the definition of affiliation, that the Committee be mandated to come back with the report at the next regularly constituted meeting of the Academic Council. The reason is to set up a timetable for those kind of deliberations. The thrust of the motion being that the Committee be prepared to report at that time.



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Mr. Nicholson said the Faculty Affairs Committee can meet and deliberate on this, and can have an opinion for Academic Council at the February 2, 1976 meeting.

The motion passed by voice vote.

VII. New Business:

- A. Approval of Members of Tenure Removal Committee (See Attachment C to January 12, 1976 Agenda).

Mrs. Dreher moved to suspend the rules to deal with this item.

The motion to suspend the rules passed by voice vote.

Mrs. Dreher moved to approve the Tenure Removal Committee as suggested by Faculty Affairs Committee, Attachment C.

The motion passed by voice vote.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.