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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 1, 1978

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Campus Communication

date: April 20, 1978
to: Members of Academic Council
from: Jacob H. Dorn, Chairer, Steering Committee
subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, May 1, 1978

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, May 1, 1978 in the Cafeteria, Back Section, University Center.

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 1978 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
 - E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Election of Steering Committee for 1978-79 academic year.
 - B. Discussion of Senate Bill No. 19 (See Attachment B, Agenda, Academic Council Meeting of April 3, 1978).
 - C. Approval of nominee for Ohio Faculty Senate (See Attachment A, Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, May 1, 1978).
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Library Committee recommendation for Book Approval Plan (to be distributed at May 1, 1978 meeting).
 - B. Proposed amendments to the Student Body Constitution (see Attachment B, Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, May 1, 1978).

VII (Continued)

- C. Course approvals for variant grading and modification of Sociology 113 grading (see Attachment C, Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, May 1, 1978).
- D. Recommendations of Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee (see Attachment D, Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, May 1, 1978).
- E. Approval of recommendation to establish an ad hoc budgetary review committee (proposal to be distributed at May 1, 1978 Meeting).
- F. Approval of the following appointments:
 - 1. W. Young to Academic Council
 - 2. B. Graham to Student Affairs Committee

PLEASE NOTE:

It will be necessary for the Academic Council to reconvene on Monday, May 8, 1978 to seat the student members to the Academic Council and to elect the 1978-79 Steering Committee.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MAY 1, 1978

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of May 1, 1978 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President Murray at 3:20 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the University Center.

Present:

B. Barth, J. Beljan, B. Bentsen, H. Brown, E. Cantelupe, M. Cleary, G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, R. Earl, J. George, K. Gillette, R. Glaser, E. Graham, G. Hess, A. Kader, G. Kantor, R. Kegerreis, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, E. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, G. Sideras, A. Spiegel, W. Stoesz, V. Sutch, B. Tea, H. Wachtell

Absent:

L. Arlian, P. Batra, J. Castellano, R. Iddings, P. Nolan, C. Schmitz, R. Schumacher, S. Stringer

The Minutes of April 3, 1978 were changed with the following correction. Section IV, paragraph B, the sixth line of the paragraph should read faculty as well as students to the Wright State University Board of Trustees. Incorporating this change, the Motion was made and seconded that the Minutes of April 3, 1978 be approved.

- II. Report of the President: The President had no formal report to present, however, he did offer to answer questions pertaining to the action of the Trustees' approval of inauguration of three new committees, two of which should have significant effect on the structure and administration of the University. Mr. Sutch asked if this was in response to the "No Confidence" vote, and Mr. Kegerreis answered affirmatively. He also said there is a 4th step in the sequence which will be announced at the General Faculty Meeting on May 9.
- III. Report of the Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee has met only once since the last Council meeting. Its work on the budget has been temporarily suspended pending the completion of proposed budgets for 1978-79 from both academic and non-academic departments. The committee will be reviewing projected cuts which all units were requested to make, as well as being consulted prior to final determination on student fees. An article on faculty and staff salary increases and fee increases for students recently appeared in the Guardian but Committee members felt their role was misrepresented in this matter.

Documents are being distributed today for two items appearing under New Business, namely, the Library Committee Book Approval Plan, and a recommendation to change the composition of the Budget Review Committee. At an appropriate time in today's meeting, Mr. George Hess will make a presentation concerning the Budget Review.

An additional item of New Business needs to be added to today's agenda for action in June (Attachment A). This concerns proposed meeting dates for the Academic Council in 1978-79. This was also distributed prior to the proceedings of this meeting.

Report of the Steering Committee (Cont'd)

Items A and C under OLD BUSINESS will be held over until the next meeting on May 8 when the new student members will also be present.

As outlined in the Faculty Constitution and By-Laws which were approved last year by the faculty and last week by the Trustees, henceforth members of the Steering Committee will serve staggered two year terms. Once elected, the members will determine among themselves which members will serve for one or two years in order to implement the staggering.

Regarding the Ohio Faculty Senate, two persons will be chosen as our representatives, to be nominated at the meeting on Monday, May 8. This appointment will require a fairly substantial commitment of time, including attending one meeting per quarter to be held in Columbus.

At its meeting last Monday, the Board of Trustees instructed the Council to elect one person to serve on the newly formed Committee to recommend administrative reorganization by September 13. The Chairman was requested to add this item requiring Suspension of the Rules to those requiring action on May 8.

In clarifying the Steering Committee's appointment of two faculty members to the Obscenity Board, at that time no cases were in the foreseeable future and the Committee deferred this to the new Steering Committee which will undertake the staffing of all Ad Hoc and Standing Committees within a few days of next week's meeting.

An item of OLD BUSINESS which was inadvertently left off the agenda is that of the Student Affairs Committee's proposal regarding the course drop fee (Attachment B).

Mr. Steve Renas will make a presentation on the Student Body Constitution, clarifying a mix up in the sequence of items.

As this is his last meeting at the Council, Mr. Dorn expressed his deep personal thanks to all those individuals who have assisted him throughout his tenure.

Mr. Dolphin raised the question concerning a conflict of time between the Graduate Council and the Academic Council meeting on May 8. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sideras said it was highly likely that the student elections would not be completed by May 8, and a week's postponement would be in order. It was therefore decided that the Academic Council would meet on Monday, May 15 at 3:10 p.m.

IV. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Robert Earl reporting. The major portion of this report pertains to the dropping of courses. After lengthy discussions the Committee recommends no change to the Academic policy of WSU towards dropping courses. Citing the School of Nursing proposal, a student could drop a course up to two weeks after the first day of class without a grade. After this two week period if a student drops or withdraws from the course, a "W" will be placed on the transcript. This proposal was essentially the one the Curriculum Committee responded to in its recommendations.

Report of the Standing Committees (Cont'd):

- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Thomas Tiernan reporting. A possibility of dental insurance is under consideration for the faculty of WSU. A response of 60% of the faculty indicated favorable interest in this proposal. Discussions are being conducted with Mr. Spiegel and the Administration to see if this is feasible.
- C. Library Committee: Mary Lou White reporting. The Committee recommends the continuation of the Book Approval Plan (Attachment C). For several years the University Budget has been on file in the Reserve Room, excluding that of the Medical School Budget. She is pleased to report now that under the names of Mr. Spiegel and President Kegerreis, the Medical School Budget is now on file in the Reserve Room.
- D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Steve Renas reporting. The committee is considering a recommendation to change the composition of the Committee, specifically, a reduction of the faculty from 7 to 5 members, and increasing the student representation from 3 to 5 members. Implementation of this proposal would equalize the faculty and student representation. Other items to be discussed during this meeting are the Course Drop Fee and the Student Body Constitution.
- E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee: No Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Steering Committee for 1978-79 Academic Year.

This election will be extended until the meeting on May 15 so that we will have full representation.

- B. Discussion of Senate Bill 19. This Motion from the Faculty Affairs Committee was moved and seconded. Discussion follows. Mr. Constable asked the students to give their opinions of this Bill. Mr. Sideras felt that by placing a student and a faculty member on the Trustees Board, there would be a more uniform input into the Trustees' decision making process. Mr. Murray asked for a clarification of the Motion which was on the floor. Is this a Motion to approve Senate Bill 19, or to endorse the Bill? Lacking authority to actually approve the Bill, it was stated that this Motion is intended to endorse the Bill or to give our recommendations to the Senate Rules Committee that it does have the support of the Academic Council. Mr. Ed Nicholson asked for clarification of the statement which reads: "The faculty and student representatives on the Board of Trustees of Wright State University have full voting power on the Board, but the faculty members shall abstain from voting on matters that would directly affect them or their employment at Wright State University." Mr. Nicholson thought it very vague and possibly unable to implement. Are they to abstain only when they are personally and directly involved. Mr. Sideras could not relate specifically to Senate Bill 19, but concerning House Bill 1042 the Ohio Ethics Commission delivered testimony regarding definite conflict of interest in areas of grievances, collective bargaining

Discussion of Senate Bill 19 (Cont'd)

procedures and faculty wage hikes. Mr. Sideras reaffirmed that an endorsement is being solicited for Senate Bill 19. Mr. Nicholson reiterated his concern against endorsing this Bill until these criteria have been spelled out. With so obvious a conflict of interest this Bill is defective without an explanation of these criteria. Mr. Sutch asked if this idea could be endorsed in principle, seeking student and faculty representation on the Board of Trustees, without actually referring to Senate Bill 19 or House Bill 1042. Mr. Sayer replied that this could be possible if Mr. Sideras and Mr. Dorn agreed to have their original Motion reworded as such. Mr. Nicholson felt that this did not get at his question which dealt specifically with under what circumstances should the members serve under. He suggested the Academic Council address itself to exactly which certain circumstances are to be considered. Mr. Sideras felt this would place undue restrictions and limitations on their participation, whereas the Bill is intended to make them full voting members. A request was made to hear the Motion as it now stands. The Motion was presented, but never acted upon, to endorse the idea in principle seeking student and faculty representation on the Board of Trustees, without actually referring to Senate Bill 19 or House Bill 1042. Mr. Sutch asked if the maker and the seconder would agree to a change as he had some language which he would like to suggest. Mr. Murray agreed that he could suggest that, or it could be put in to the form of an Amendment. Mr. Sutch asked if it wouldn't be sufficient to say that we endorsed the concept of full membership and appropriate participation on the part of students and faculty in the Wright State University Board of Trustees. Mr. Sideras agreed that the suggested wording presented by Mr. Sutch to endorse the concept rather than a particular piece of legislation was worthy and should be acted upon. Mr. Sayer repeated the Motion again to emphasize the correct reading to state we endorse a policy resolution that the Ohio State Boards of Trustees contain faculty and student membership. A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted in 16 YES and 10 NO. Record of vote follows:

Members Voting YES: B. Barth, S. Bentsen, E. Cantelupe, J. Dorn, R. Earl, K. Gillette, R. Glaser, E. Graham, G. Hess, A. Kader, K. Racevskis, G. Sideras, W. Stoesz, V. Sutch, B. Tea, H. Wachtell

Members Voting NO: J. Beljan, H. Brown, M. Cleary, R. Dolphin, J. George, G. Kantor, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, E. Nicholson, A. Spiegel

- C. Approval of Nominee for Ohio Faculty Senate. Approval of the nominee will be acted upon at the next meeting of May 15. However, the matter of the Ohio Faculty Senate will be acted upon today, and Mr. Dorn made a Motion to recommend Wright State University participation in the Ohio Faculty Senate and that we elect members to represent us in this group. This Motion was seconded. A roll Call Vote was taken which resulted in 24 YES and 0-NO. Record of vote follows:

Ohio Faculty Senate (Cont'd)

Members Voting YES: B. Bentsen, H. Brown, E. Cantelupe, M. Cleary, G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, R. Earl, J. George, R. Glaser, E. Graham, G. Hess, A. Kader, G. Kantor, R. Kégerreis, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, G. Sideras, A. Spiegel, W. Stoesz, V. Sutch, B. Tea, H. Wachtell

D. Course Drop Fee: Ms. Barth read the Motion concerning Drop Fee as follows: "It is recommended that the drop fee be reduced from \$10.00 to \$7.00 for dropping one course and remain at \$10.00 for dropping two or more courses when these courses are dropped at the same time." Motion was seconded. Discussion follows. Mr. Murray asked what impact this would have on the number of drops. Mr. Renas said if this proposal was to be implemented, it would result in an increase in the number of drops. Mr. Sutch asked if it wouldn't be better to postpone action on this proposal until a determination of this impact is known. Further, would it not be desirable to couple this proposal with placing a "W" on the transcript. Mr. Renas said the academic issue of placing a "W" on the transcript and the financial issue of the drop fee are being considered by two separate committees. The Student Affairs Committee has not considered the academic issue of placing a "W" on the transcript as this is a Curriculum Committee matter. Mr. Earl said when the \$10.00 drop fee was initially imposed, there was not a significant impact on the number of drops. Mr. Sutch looked upon this proposal as a sort of "gesture" which he is against, and asked if this was worth a loss of \$18,000 to the University. Ms. Barth said the students do not feel this is a "gesture" but rather this reduction of fee brings it more in line with the actual cost. She further stated that students will continue to drop a course, no matter what the fee, rather than to fail a course. A hand count on this Motion resulted in 17 YES and 3 NO. The Motion passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Library Committee Recommendation for Book Approval Plan. A recommendation is being made on the basis of faculty input that the Book Approval Plan be renewed. The committee does not anticipate the necessity of year to year approval of the plan by the faculty. This item will appear as OLD BUSINESS at the next meeting.

B. Proposed Amendments to the Student Body Constitution. The students are voting on this Amendment this week, and if enough votes are gained, the next step would be for presentation to the Academic Council. Mr. Renas pointed out that several items appeared out of order, having mainly to do with transposed page numbers. He further stated there are several major changes, the first of which appears on Page 1, Article II, STUDENT CAUCUS, Section I MEMBERSHIP. This proposed change is designed to make the Student Caucus more independent, and not formed from the Academic Council. The second change appears on Page 4 and provides for Caucus representation on the Academic Council in a manner consistent with the Faculty Constitution changes prepared in the Spring of 1977. The third change concerns

Student Body Constitution (Cont'd)

Article VI - AMENDMENTS, Section 2 VOTE. As noted on the page, Section 2 VOTE "OLD" will be replaced entirely by Section 2 VOTE "NEW". This proposed change is intended to remedy the situation of not having enough students vote to add up to the 10% minimum.

C. Course Approvals for Variant Grading and Modification of Sociology 113 Grading

No questions

D. Recommendations of Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee. Mr. Neve reported that the final recommendations of the Committee are four fold:

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| (1) Program Review | (3) Terms of Reference |
| (2) General Education | (4) Policy and Procedure |

Approval of items (1) and (2) would allow for preparation of a mechanism to develop procedures in these areas.

Item (3) is not a major change but does involve a few items. A Curriculum Committee shall recommend action to the Academic Council concerning undergraduate study.

Item (4) concerns the codifying of statements into a single document representing undergraduate curriculum policies and procedures at Wright State University.

Mr. Hess questioned the statement in Part II concerning the rotation of senior faculty members in general education courses in an attempt to improve course quality. Mr. Hess resented the implication that senior faculty members would automatically improve the quality of the courses. Ms. George also supported this criticism presented by Mr. Hess. Mr. Hess further stated that it is very important to communicate within these courses, and this ability sometimes eludes the senior faculty members because of his advanced standing.

E. Approval of Recommendation to Establish an Ad Hoc Budgetary Review Committee

In presenting this item, Mr. Hess stated that it has been the responsibility in the past for the Steering Committee to assume the task of budget review. However, with all the other duties with which it has been charged, it is unrealistic for the Committee to continue in this Review. Therefore, a Motion is being presented to appoint a separate Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of the University Budget Review. A Suspension of the Rules is requested for action on this item at the meeting on May 15. Faculty appointed to this Committee would serve two year terms so as to have continuity in this review process.

F. Approval of the Following Appointments:

1. W. Young to Academic Council
2. B. Graham to Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Dorn made a Motion that the Rules be Suspended in order to make these appointments. This was seconded. All in favor of Suspension. The Motion to appoint those individuals listed above was seconded. All were in favor.

G. Election of the Representative of Academic Council to a Member of Organization of Administrators Committee

This item is being verbally placed on the Agenda today as it was not received in time to appear on the printed Agenda. A Suspension of the Rules will be requested so that action can be taken at the next meeting on May 15.

Seating of New Academic Council Members

The newly appointed members of the Academic Council were seated as follows:

Kathryn Eckerle	Constituency	H
Mary Lou White	"	A
Barry Blackwell	"	F
Donald Pabst	"	B
Pierre Horn	"	C
Peter Doherty	"	E
Sue Cummings	"	D
Ira Fritz	"	D
Leone Low	"	D
Malcolm Ritchie	"	D
Eldon J. Wetter	"	G

Mr. Murray congratulated and welcomed these new members, and at the same time offered his thanks to those members leaving the Council, and expressed his gratitude for a job well done.

A Motion was entertained to Adjourn this meeting, and continue discussions at the Recess Meeting on Monday, May 15, 3:10 p.m. The Motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.