Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 3, 1982

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Date: April 22, 1982

To: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty

From: Donald F. Pabst, Steering Committee Chairer and University Faculty Vice-President

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, May 3, 1982, at 3:10 p.m.

Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

I. Call to order

II. Approval of minutes of the April 5, 1982 meeting

III. Report of the President

IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
   A. Curriculum
   B. Faculty Affairs
   C. Library
   D. Student Affairs
   E. Budget Review

VI. Special Report - Calendar/Elections Committee on the proposed conversion to the Early Semester calendar. A four-page report will be distributed at the meeting.

VII. Old Business:
   A. Recommendation from the Commencement Committee - An on-campus commencement ceremony at the end of exam week in December be instituted by the administration at the earliest possible date (December 4, 1982).
   B. Revised University Faculty Constitution - This document dated April 1 prepared by the Ad Hoc Faculty Governance Committee, chaired by William Rickert, was distributed at the April Academic Council meeting and included with the minutes for that meeting.

VIII. New Business:
   A. Academic Council meeting dates for 1982-83 - to be distributed at the meeting. Steering Committee will recommend a suspension of the rules.
   B. Ratification of Change to the Student Government Constitution - The School of Professional Psychology shall have a representative elected to the Student Government. Steering Committee will recommend a suspension of the rules.
   C. Seating of the New Faculty and New Dean Members of Academic Council for 1982-83. Steering Committee will recommend a suspension of the rules.
   D. Election of the New Members of Steering Committee for 1982-84 - Steering Committee will recommend a suspension of the rules. Faculty persons must be elected to represent:
      Nursing
      Science and Engineering
      Medicine/Professional Psychology
   E. Seating of the New Faculty Vice-President

IX. Adjournment
I. The meeting of May 3, 1982, was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Provost John R. Beljan at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.


Absent: W. Sawyer, J. Schrader, H. Viets

II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the April 5, 1982 meeting as presented.

III. Report of the President: No report

IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President: Mr. D. Pabst reported that Steering Committee had three meetings in April to conclude the activities of the 1981-82 Steering Committee. The Steering Committee began a review of the mission of the University Division, has reviewed the 1982-83 committee structure, and has spent time planning the transition from the old Steering Committee to the new Steering Committee. Mr. Pabst reminded all members of the General Faculty Meeting to be held May 11 and that the election of the Faculty Vice-President will be at the beginning of that meeting. Mr. Pabst reminded chairers of standing committees of Academic Council that their 2 or 3-page annual report is due either to Mr. Pabst or to the Office of the Registrar by May 19. A brief and final report of the Faculty Vice-President will be made at the May 11 General Faculty Meeting. Mr. Pabst, at this time, thanked all the University committee chairers and committee members for their time and effort spent during this past year and thanked members of Academic Council for their cooperation.

Academic Council expressed by round of applause their appreciation of Mr. Pabst's service as Faculty Vice-President.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. J. Kane, Chairer, gave the following report:

1. Progress of the general education changes introduced at the April 5 Academic Council Meeting. A May 10 deadline was established for submission of courses to be listed in the next catalog. Response has been received in the form of course modifications and more are expected by May 10. The Curriculum Committee expects to complete its work on these requests by the June 7 Academic Council Meeting and at that meeting will request suspension of the rules and make a motion that the Council approve the removal of the general education status from existing courses and approve for general education offerings the courses submitted on that day.

2. Course Inventory and Course Modification Requests. The Curriculum Committee submitted the following for action at the next meeting of Academic Council:

   a. Course Inventory Request for Optional Grading
      ENG 110 Overcoming Writers' Block
   b. Course Modification Request for Optional Grading
      GL 499 Special Problems
      PSY 490 Independent Readings
3. The Curriculum Committee recommends to Academic Council that the Chemistry 101 general education requirement be waived for students transferring to the School of Nursing with credit equivalent to CHM 102. This will appear as Old Business at the next Academic Council meeting.

4. The Curriculum Committee recommends that any undergraduate course which deviates from the traditional credit-hour to contact-hour standard as described on page 24 of the 1981/83 Wright State University Bulletin must be submitted through the University Curriculum Committee to the Academic Council for approval. This will appear as Old Business at the next Academic Council meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. J. Jacob, Chairer, reported that the committee is reviewing recommendations from the Promotion and Tenure Committee regarding the promotion and tenure process.

C. Library Committee: Mr. A. Rake reported, in behalf of Chairer Ms. C. King, that the University Library Committee is studying ways of reflecting the importance of faculty and graduate student research in the funding model for the allocation of the acquisitions budget. Ms. B. Mann expressed her support of the Library Committee in studying this matter.

D. Student Affairs Committee: No Report

E. University Budget Review Committee: Mr. L. Hoehn, Chairer, reported that the committee is continuing to study fringe benefits and salary concerns and a faculty productivity statement.

VI. A. Special Report - Calendar/Elections Committee on the Proposed Conversion to the Early Semester Calendar. Mr. E. Rutter, representative from the Calendar/Elections Committee, distributed a report summarizing the recommendation of the Calendar/Elections Committee regarding the early semester study. Mr. Rutter said in order to justify a calendar change, there should be significant evidence of educational or financial advantages and broad support from faculty and students. Neither of these were evident, and the committee voted against a calendar change.

B. At this point, Provost Beljan recognized a memo to the Academic Council from Student Government requesting Academic Council to chair two new members from Student Government. Gerald Kahler (School of Medicine) is replacing Isabella D'Agostino; and James St. Peter (College of Liberal Arts) is replacing James Hoying. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to seat Gerald Kahler and James St. Peter as student members of Academic Council.

VII. Old Business:

A. Recommendation from the Commencement Committee - An on-campus commencement ceremony at the end of exam week in December be instituted by the administration at the earliest possible date (December 4, 1982). Motion made and seconded to put subject recommendation on the floor. Ms. L. Dawes, Co-chairer of the Commencement Committee, introduced student member of the Commencement Committee, Theda Farrow, who spoke in favor of subject recommendation. Ms. C. Queener said Student Government voted unanimously to endorse the proposal by the Commencement Committee. Motion was made and seconded to amend the recommendation to add "provided that the total number of faculty required to attend both commencement ceremonies does not exceed one-third of the fully affiliated faculty per year." After discussion, a vote was taken by show of hands on the amendment. Motion was defeated. Discussion returned to main motion to adopt subject recommendation from the Commencement Committee. It is understood that if this motion passes, this recommendation will then go before the faculty at the May General Faculty Meeting for approval as it involves a calendar change. Motion passed by voice vote.
B. Revised University Faculty Constitution (Attachment C to Academic Council Minutes, April 5). Motion made and seconded to put the subject on the floor. Council was reminded that implementation date of subject constitution would be Fall 1983 and does not affect Academic Council for this coming year. If subject constitution is passed by Council, it will then go before the General Faculty for acceptance or rejection, then to the President and the Board if passed by the General Faculty.

A motion was made by Mr. J. St. Peter and seconded to put on the floor six amendments to the proposed revision of the Faculty Constitution (Attachment A to these minutes). Amendments were discussed individually.

Amendment #1 - This amendment would change student representation on the Academic Senate from the proposed Chairer of Student Government or designee and one additional student to the Chairer of Student Government or designee plus one graduate student and one undergraduate student. Much discussion followed.

Motion was made and seconded to amend Amendment #1 to read: "... plus one graduate student and two undergraduate students, one representing main campus and one representing the branch campuses." Question called. Motion to amend Amendment #1 was defeated by voice vote.

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Question called regarding original motion to approve Amendment #1. Vote was taken by show of hands. Motion defeated.

At this point, in order to determine whether Council will consider this document after discussing and acting upon all the amendments, Mr. St. Peter withdrew the remaining amendments, and the discussion returned to the original motion to approve the subject document. Mr. W. Rickert, Chairer of the Faculty Governance Committee, stated that the intent of this document is to increase proportionate representation of the faculty and to streamline the organization. Question was raised whether the Library would have representation on the proposed Academic Senate. Mr. Rickert responded that this would be subject to interpretation by the Registrar and Provost. Mr. Rickert assumes that the Library would still be included in the constituency with Education and Human Services. Mr. Skinner spoke in favor of the document, recognizing the advantages of the small size of the senate and the capability of the senate to accept or reject committee reports. A clarification was made as to the membership of the present council and the proposed senate. Faculty membership would change from 22 to 18; membership of the deans would change from 5 to 2; student membership would change from 7 to 2. Total membership would be changed from 36 to 24.

A motion was made and seconded to table the document. Interpretation of this motion was that if the document is tabled and not brought back from the table by the conclusion of the meeting in June, this proposal would be dead. The intent of this motion is to assess the support of this document. If the motion passes, there is little support for this document; if the motion fails, there is support for this document and that will guide future debate of the document. Vote taken by show of hands on motion to table the document. Motion defeated.
Mr. St. Peter made a motion to return amendments 2 through 6 to the floor. Motion seconded.

Amendment #2 - The intent of this amendment is to add one student member to each standing committee of the Academic Senate unless otherwise stated in the document. A motion was made and seconded to amend this amendment to read: "... plus one student member appointed by Student Government to serve on the University Budget Review Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee." Motion to amend the amendment passed by voice vote. Discussion returned to Amendment #2 as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion was made and seconded to table further discussion of amendments until the June 7 meeting in order to allow time for remaining business on this meeting's agenda. Motion passed by show of hands. It was suggested that the meeting start earlier in order to allow enough time for ample consideration of this subject. It was noted that should it be decided at the June 7 meeting that additional time is needed for consideration of this document, the subsequent day(s) would be rescheduled until the matter is satisfactorily consummated. It was also suggested that anyone wishing to make an amendment, should provide copies in writing.

VIII. New Business: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the rules so that action might be taken on the following Items A, B, C, and D.

A. Academic Council Meeting Dates for 1982-83. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to establish the following meeting dates for Academic Council for 1982-83:

- October 4, 1982
- November 1, 1982
- November 29, 1982
- January 3, 1983
- February 7, 1983
- March 7, 1983
- April 4, 1983
- May 2, 1983
- June 6, 1983

B. Ratification of Change to the Student Government Constitution. Motion was made and seconded that the Academic Council ratify the amendment to the Student Government Constitution passed by the student body in a February 22 and 23 special referendum to the constitution which provides that the School of Professional Psychology shall have a representative elected to the Student Government. Motion passed.

C. Seating of the New Faculty and New Dean Members of Academic Council for 1982-83. The following new members of Academic Council were seated:

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Also seated were the Dean representatives for 1982-83:

Ronald E. Fox                  School of Professional Psychology
Brian L. Hutchings             Science & Engineering
Thomas A. Knapke               WOBC
Margaret M. Moloney            School of Nursing
Donald C. Thomas               School of Graduate Studies

D. Election of the New Members of Steering Committee for 1982-84: The following three members were nominated and elected by unanimous vote to the Steering Committee:

Emil Kmetec                   Science & Engineering
Marshall Kapp                 School of Medicine/Prof. Psych.
Joanne Cross                  School of Nursing

E. Seating of the New Faculty Vice-President. Mr. C. Hartmann was seated as the Faculty Vice-President.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. Date of next meeting: June 7, 1982.

Attachment