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## Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, October 3, 1983

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To: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty  
From: James E. Jacob, Vice-President of the University Faculty   
Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, October 3, 1983, at 3:10 p.m.  
Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of the June 6, 1983 meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: James Jacob
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
  - A. Budget Review: Charles Hartmann
  - B. Curriculum: Robert Dixon
  - C. Faculty Affairs: John Talbott
  - D. Library: Terry McKee
  - E. Student Affairs: Barbara Denison
- VI. Old Business:

Motion to approve optional grading for SOC 213, "SIMSOC II"
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Election of Professor-at-Large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (List of candidates attached)
  - B. Suspension of the rules requested to permit the ratification of the following appointments:
    1. Library Committee:  
Gordon Welty (L A) to replace Matthew Melko (L A)
    2. Student Affairs Committee:  
Carol Ovalle as student representative
    3. Commencement Committee:
      - a. Kim Gilliland to replace Janet Bohren as graduate student representative
      - b. Jim Whitton as representative of the School of Graduate Studies
    4. Agenda Committee:  
Rishi Kumar (Bus & Adm) to replace Peter Carusone (Bus & Adm)
- VIII. Adjournment

Attachment - List of Candidates for Professor-at-Large  
for University Promotion and Tenure Committee

ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
October 3, 1983

- I. The meeting of October 3, 1983 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Michael Ferrari at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: A. Bassett, K. Beers, W. Brown, M. Brownfield, J. Castellano, J. Cross, B. Denison, R. Dixon, T. Farrow, M. Ferrari, R. Fox, E. Harden, A. Islam, J. Jacob, M. Kapp, R. Kegerreis, C. King, E. Kmetec, C. Maneri, M. Mazey, P. Moore, A. Parisi, R. Schosser, R. Schumacher, B. Shepard, J. Stenzel, J. Talbott, C. Taylor, E. Wetter

Absent: M. Griffin, J. Hemsy, B. Hutchings, D. Organisciak, G. Palmer, D. Thomas

Juanita Wehrle-Einhorn was introduced as the new Affirmative Action Director. Joseph Castellano was named as the Deans' representative to Academic Council and is replacing Thomas Knapke who resigned as Dean of WOBC.

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented of the June 6, 1983 meeting.
- III. Report of the President, Robert Kegerreis:

President Kegerreis addressed the importance of State Issues 2 and 3. Support of the Tax Repeal (State Issue 3) would mean a substantial loss in subsidy to public institutions. President Kegerreis has spoken out and will continue to speak out against State Issue 3 and invited students, faculty, and staff to do the same.

Discussion followed. Mr. M. Brownfield invited all members to attend the open forum to be held in Allyn Lounge on October 4 regarding this issue. It was agreed that there should be an organized, coordinated effort among students, faculty, and staff to alert people to the impact of the passage of State Issues 2 and 3 and to encourage voter registration. The President said that fact sheets will be printed (not at taxpayers' expense) and will be available for distribution. The Academic Council, informally by consent, authorized the Steering Committee to work with the Provost and President to formulate a campus-wide organization to address State Issues 2 and 3.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. J. Jacob reporting:

- A. Steering Committee has met three times since the beginning of the fall quarter and will be meeting for the remainder of this quarter on the second and third Thursdays of each month. Any issues to be addressed to the Steering Committee should be forwarded to Mr. Jacob prior to those meetings.
- B. Ratification of committee appointments will be addressed under New Business at this meeting.
- C. The Trustees Award for Faculty Excellence was created by the Board of Trustees at its June meeting to recognize excellence in teaching, research, and service among the University faculty. Steering has requested the University Faculty Affairs Committee to develop a process for soliciting nominations and developing criteria for the recipient of this award. This process will be discussed with Academic Council as soon as it is determined by the Faculty Affairs Committee and forwarded to the Steering Committee. The Board of Trustees is to receive a list of names through the officers of the University faculty. The issue will be discussed in the Academic Affairs

Committee of the Board of Trustees, at which time the Board of Trustees will take the names under advisement and decide on the recipient of the award. In future years, the winner of the award will be announced at the Winter Commencement and an appropriate ceremony held at that time. It is also possible that some University Trustee lectureship might be created to further recognize the recipient of the award. It was the intention of the Trustees to endow the award with a substantial cash prize which would be funded from their own personal contributions.

- D. Steering has been discussing the issue of campus beautification with the Provost, and it was decided that this question may fall within the purview of the Buildings and Grounds Utilization and Planning Committee. The subject of tunnel murals was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Utilization Committee, and that committee was requested to meet with David Atwater to discuss administrative policies for removal of beautification projects of this sort.
- E. Steering discussed the process for the revision of the High School Articulation Policy; this will be discussed in the Curriculum Committee report.
- F. Steering approved the agenda for this Academic Council meeting.
- G. Mr. Jacob hopes to inform Academic Council of issues that Steering will be considering at future meetings. Issues now on Steering's upcoming agenda include the question of photocopying on campus and how to improve the method of that delivery to members of the campus community, the lack of a true campus post office, and a Student Government memo concerning faculty teaching evaluations.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Budget Review Committee, Charles Hartmann, Chairer, reporting:

- 1. UBRC met three times since last spring. The meetings for the remainder of the fall quarter are scheduled as follow: October 11, 8:00-9:30; October 21, 8:30-10:00; November 1, 8:00-9:30; November 18, 8:30-10:00; and November 29, 8:00-9:30.
- 2. Matters of concern can be presented to the following college representatives to UBRC: Larry Crum from the College of Science & Engineering, John Talbott from the College of Business & Administration, James Walker from the College of Liberal Arts, Susan Praeger from the School of Nursing, Arnold Allen representing the School of Medicine and the School of Professional Psychology, and Glenn Graham from the College of Education & Human Services.
- 3. The following agenda items were discussed at UBRC meetings:
  - a. Costs associated with the establishment of the new School of Engineering. Over a 3-year period, the cost was estimated at an additional \$250,000 on the average per year. The committee voted to recommend to the Provost the use of funds for this purpose.
  - b. A subcommittee of UBRC members has been established to explore the question of membership of staff persons not currently represented on UBRC. The subcommittee recommended the inclusion of classified and unclassified staff as members of UBRC. This would require action by Academic Council and by the University Faculty because this would be an amendment to the Faculty Bylaws. While this amendment process

occurs, UBRC hopes to establish some means of being in contact with representatives of unclassified and classified staff as their economic interests are effected by the decisions and recommendations made by UBRC.

- c. UBRC, by motion, wished to express its grave concern over the fiscal and budgetary implications of Issues 2 and 3 on the November ballot and has urged President Kegerreis, the Board of Trustees, and all members of the University community to take all possible action to defeat those two issues. A copy of the UBRC motion will be presented to the President for transmittal to the Board prior to their meeting on October 4 and 5.
  - d. UBRC is considering the nature of faculty and staff reaction to changes in the fringe benefit program. UBRC members have been asked to schedule a discussion of faculty reaction to these changes in their respective college faculty meeting this fall.
  - e. UBRC heard a report from the Vice-President for Administration, Joseph Hamel, concerning the effect on this year's budget of a current 5.7% student increase across the board. The report was that the University has additional revenues available which had not been counted upon.
  - f. A subcommittee chaired by Donald Pabst continues to meet to discuss issues related to the University's obligation to pay STRS and PERS benefits. A subcommittee report is expected to the full UBRC shortly as to the tax liability to employees of these pick-up issues and whether there is need for the University to expand the pick-up on the pick-up issue.
4. The following topics have been identified for the remaining fall and winter quarters:
- a. Costs associated with the purchase of a new computer mainframe, specifically the IBM 3083.
  - b. Costs savings associated with the reduction of post office services.
  - c. Question of salary increases for the 1983-84 year.
  - d. Nature of the UBRC interface with the other committees and councils on campus, specifically with regard to construction priorities of the Buildings and Grounds Committee chaired by Richard Williams, and with regard to planning in general of the Planning Council chaired by James Daily.
  - e. Nature of the reconfiguration of the Physical Education Center for basketball seating. The UBRC learned at its July 5 meeting of the University's decision to spend approximately \$160,000 to improve seating for basketball games, the costs being recaptured by the sale of seats to patrons over a 5-year period.
  - f. Costs associated with a proposed new library on-line circulation system.
  - g. Loss of income to the University from the imposition of free parking.
  - h. Costs associated with the loop road.
  - i. Costs associated with the purchase of a word processing system last year, specifically the IBM 8100.

Additional topics are welcomed from members of the Academic Council.

Discussion followed Mr. Hartmann's report. Mr. Hartmann stated that although costs to be considered by UBRC are those where decisions have already been made (costs of the IBM mainframe and reconfiguration of the Physical Education Center), others have been brought to UBRC in a timely fashion.

The reconfiguration of the Physical Education Center was discussed. Mr. Hartmann said that UBRC received the report on the reconfiguration on July 5 but a report from the Athletic Director has not yet been scheduled by UBRC. The role of the Athletic Council in the decision of the reconfiguration was questioned and this will be looked into. Although on June 6, the Academic Council recommended that the reconfiguration be brought before the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the decision to go ahead with the reconfiguration was made before the Buildings and Grounds Committee had been appointed.

B. Curriculum Committee, Robert Dixon, Chairer, reporting:

1. The Curriculum Committee has met once this fall. The committee will be meeting on Wednesday mornings, 8:30 a.m. in 032 Rike, prior to the Academic Council meetings to process course inventory requests. Two weeks prior to those Wednesday meetings, Curriculum will meet to discuss topics other than course inventory requests.
2. Issues to be considered this year by Curriculum:
  - a. Articulation Policy
  - b. General Education
  - c. Policy on Certificates and Minors
  - d. Drop Policy
  - e. Magnitude of HPR and Military Science credits in graduation
  - f. Incomplete Policy
  - g. Credit for standardized tests

The Articulation Policy, which is of highest priority, was referred back jointly to the Admissions Committee chaired by Michael Williams and the Curriculum Committee. Anyone wishing to influence the revision of that policy should contact members of those committees. Open hearings on the policy will also be planned.

C. Faculty Affairs Committee, John Talbott, Chairer, reporting:

1. The Faculty Affairs Committee met on September 27. The committee agreed to serve in the selection process of the new Trustees Award for Faculty Excellence. Some concern was expressed regarding the intent of the resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees and the appropriate criteria to be used in the selection process.
2. The form for preparing staffing and compensation changes for faculty and unclassified staff has been developed and will be distributed at the fall General Faculty meeting. This form is in response to a motion made at the Fall 1982 General Faculty meeting.
3. The issue of student evaluations was discussed.

D. Library Committee, Terry McKee, Chairer, reporting:

1. The Wright State libraries have a valuable opportunity to join with area libraries in an on-line circulation system and computer-based catalog. The committee has passed the following recommendation to Academic Council and the Provost:

The University Library Committee strongly endorses the membership of Wright State's University Library and Health Sciences Library in the Cooperative On-line Library System along with the University of Dayton, Central State University, and several area hospital libraries. The committee further urges the installation of such a system at the earliest possible date.

The Library staff has prepared detailed specifications for the system, and the University Librarian will be meeting with the University Budget Review Committee in October to discuss the costs and savings involved.

2. The committee is also alarmed by a serious shortage of Library space. The University Library is within 98.8% of its capacity and will significantly exceed capacity during this academic year. Despite measures already taken by the Library to delay the crisis, within a few months there will be no space at all for any new books or journals. The Library Committee has discussed all sorts of suggested short-term ways to ameliorate the problem, but each is unacceptably costly, either in money or already insufficient student study space or involve totally canceling subscriptions and book orders. The only acceptable solution is major expansion of the Library as quickly as possible. More detailed recommendations are being prepared for the University administration and the Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning Committee.

Discussion followed Mr. McKee's report. Since it is unlikely to have additional space added to the Library in the next year or two, the question was asked as to what options would be available. The possibility of shipping resource material to the college and/or departments has been explored, but money and space are short at those levels also. Hours and services would have to be maintained; it does not appear to be a feasible solution. President Kegerreis said that the University's capital requests have included Library expansion projects. The success of the tax repeal movement would have a drastic effect on construction projects. The University will accord the expansion of the Library its highest priority, but there must be a short-term solution formulated.

E. Student Affairs Committee, Barbara Denison, Chairer, reporting:

Student Affairs met September 29 and discussed the following agenda items for the year:

1. Review of the Student Government report on student faculty evaluations.
2. Status of intramural sports

Student Affairs welcomes items to be referred to them from Steering and Academic Council.

VI. Old Business: Motion to approve optional grading for SOC 213, "SIMSOC II."

Motion was brought to the floor and passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. New Business:

A. Election of Professor-at-Large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (List of candidates attached to agenda of this meeting):

Three additional names of eligible candidates were added to the list: Marlene Bireley, M. Paul Serve, and Ralph Stuckman. Council members were requested to review the list of candidates for accuracy and report any changes needed to be made. This election will take place at the next Academic Council meeting.

B. Ratification of Committee Appointments (see agenda of this meeting):

Mr. J. Jacob added the following appointments to the list presented in the agenda of this meeting:

Calendar/Elections: Marc Bergman replaces Chip Hodges

Admissions: Terri Farrow replaces Jack Wilson

Obscenity Guidelines Review: Michael Brownfield replaces Chip Hodges

Library: Aspi Contractor is the graduate student representative

In addition to those names, Steering has appointed three faculty members to the University Food Services Advisory Committee: Pat Boggs (Business & Administration), Grace Thomas (Nursing), and Doris Dittmar (Education & Human Services).

Mr. Jacob moved for a blanket suspension of the rules to permit ratification of these appointments. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

Motion was made and seconded that the individuals named be ratified as members of the committees. MOTION PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Date of next meeting: November 7, 1983

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