Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, December 1, 1986

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Richard Williams, Vice President of the University Faculty

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, December 1, 1986 at 1:00 p.m.

Place: Medical School Auditorium (120 Medical Sciences)

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of November 3 and November 17, 1986 Meetings

III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Richard Williams

V. Report of the Standing Committees
   A. Curriculum: Robert Wagley
   B. Faculty Affairs: Gregory Bernhardt
   C. Library: Adrian Rake
   D. Student Affairs: Alan Cooper
   E. University Budget Review Committee: Robert Dixon
   F. Athletic Council Report: Charles Hartmann

VI. Old Business
   A. Election of Professor-at-Large for the University Promotion and Tenure Committee

VII. New Business
   A. A New Minor in Music: Robert Wagley—Curriculum Committee
   B. Library Committee Recommendation: Adrian Rake—Library Committee
   C. The 1988-89 Academic Calendar: Alphonso Smith—Calendar and Elections Committee

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

IX. Adjournment

A SPECIAL UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

called by President Mulhollan

will be held immediately following Academic Council

at 2:00 p.m. in the Medical School Auditorium

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I. The meeting of December 1, 1986 was called to order by Richard Williams, Vice-President of the University Faculty, at 1 p.m. in the Medical School auditorium.


Absent: J. Abidi, C. Altick, C. Denman, D. Murphy, V. O'Brien, D. Uetrecht

II. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the November 3 and 17, 1986 minutes as distributed.

III. Report of the President. No report. (P. Mulhollan deferred his report concerning the WSU Mission Statement for the special university faculty meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. today in the Medical School auditorium.)

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Richard Williams reporting:

The committee continues to look at ongoing issues.


A. Curriculum, Richard Williams reporting:

The committee will meet soon with the General Education Review Subcommittee to prepare for the implementation of the new general education policy. Under new business today is a recommendation for a minor in music.

B. Faculty Affairs, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

The committee met three times since the November 3 Academic Council meeting and:

- Appointed a chair to conduct a due processing hearing board—to hear the complaint of a member of the faculty.

- Finalized a draft of the Emeritus University Distinguished Professor document that is currently being circulated to the faculty for comments and suggestions.

- Is considering the mechanism used in nominating candidates for the Trustees Award for Faculty Excellence.

- Is continuing to monitor the progress of the Early Retirement Subcommittee.
C. Library, Adrian Rake reporting:

Mr. Rake presented the Council with a report of the library's holdings and the method of analysis of department holdings. (Attachment A)

The Library Committee will make a recommendation under new business today.

D. Student Affairs, Alan Cooper reporting:

Mr. Cooper complimented the members of the Student Affairs Committee for their interest and attendance at the meetings. Items of discussion:

- **Student Evaluation of Faculty.** The student concern seemed to evolve around the evaluation of the instrument--some evidence of change as a result of the utilization of the instrument.

- **Teaching Methodology.** This gets to the subject of publishing, or making available, syllabi in advance for the students to be able to determine what will be done during the course.

- **Woods Housing Project.** This dealt with the parking problem.

- **December Graduation Exercise and the Seating Capacity Problem.** The committee is concerned with the communication gap in that the university does not have advance knowledge of the potential problem; therefore, lacking the understanding of what took place makes it difficult to respond to the students. It also seems the avenue for feedback is perhaps cloudy, at best, and it might be well if the vice-president would discuss this with the chairs to see if there can be some improvement in this area.

E. University Budget Review Committee, Robert Dixon reporting:

- During the fall quarter the UBRC has been positioning itself for the process that will begin in earnest in the winter quarter. A schedule has been arranged for the committee's interaction with the administration in the budget process.

- Two subcommittees are now active:
  - **Salary -** This committee is generating data for the budget deliberations.
  - **Early Retirement -** This is a joint subcommittee between the Faculty Affairs Committee and the University Budget Review Committee.

- The committee has been monitoring the classified/unclassified study in regard to the financial implications. It is also looking at some of the data generated in the planning process.

F. Athletic Council, Charles Hartmann reporting:

For those not familiar with the Athletic Council, Mr. Hartmann reviewed its purpose, terms of membership, and listed the current members.

The council has met monthly in this academic year; among the most important topics discussed:

- The Athletic Director, Mike Cusak, announced the implementation of a faculty mentor program for new student athletes. Faculty volunteers have been assigned approximately three students under this program.
• Plans to adopt a mascot was reviewed with the Athletic Council by the Athletic Director.

• The president met with the Athletic Council in November to report the following:

  1. It is his view that the university should implement a drug-testing program for student athletes. A draft of a policy is being developed by a committee that he has formed. The report is to be submitted to the president this month and implemented during the winter quarter.

  2. The president discussed two designs of the planned Activities Center—one an oval shape and the other a horseshoe with a second level concourse. Both would be in-ground structures. Groundbreaking is scheduled for spring with construction beginning in summer or fall 1987. September 1989 is the scheduled date of completion.

  3. The president has requested the Athletic Director to conduct a departmental self-study to identify potential operational problems associated with Wright State University moving to Division I status, including requesting of receipt and disbursement of university funds.

VI. Old Business

Election of Professor-at-Large for the University Promotion and Tenure Committee

Nominees: Terry McKee, Gary Barlow, Rubin Battino

The floor was opened for further nominees—being none, the nominations were closed.

Gary Barlow, Education & Human Services, was elected by a secret ballot.

VII. New Business

A. A New Minor in Music. Robert Wagley, reporting:

  The Curriculum Committee recommended the approval of a new minor in music (Attachment B). This will appear as old business at the January meeting.

B. Library Committee Recommendation. Adrian Rake, reporting:

  Mr. Rake (Library Committee) summarized the "Statement to Academic Council" (Attachment A).

  A motion was made and seconded to accept the Library Committee's recommendation that the Budget Review Committee examine this issue and look into the financial implications. This will appear as old business at the January meeting.
C. The 1988-89 Academic Calendar. Louis Falkner, reporting:

Mr. Falkner reviewed the 1988-89 calendar (Attachment C).

A motion was made and seconded to accept the calendar with the following changes to the Winter Quarter 1989:

March 13, Monday, Last Day of Class

March 14-18, Tuesday-Saturday (Monday late afternoon & evening exams will be held on Friday, March 17. Some weekday exams will be held on Saturday, March 18.)

Monday classes are scheduled for 9 class days and 0 exam days.

This will appear as old business at the January meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The January Academic Council meeting is scheduled for the second Monday, January 12, 1987, at 3:10 p.m. in the cafeteria extension of the University Center.

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Attachments