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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,
February 2, 1987 at 3:10 p.m.
Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 1987 Meeting
- 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
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Full Time Non-Tenure Track Proposal--Gregory Bernhardt,
Faculty Affairs Committee
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
- IX. Adjournment

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 2, 1987

- I. The meeting of February 2, 1987 was called to order by Richard Williams, Vice-President of the University Faculty, at 3:10 p.m. in the cafeteria extension of the University Center.

Present: D. Beelick, J. Brandeberry, D. Carlson, L. Crum, J. Daily, C. Denman, P. Engle, N. Hassan, C. Hathaway, R. Iddings, M. Kapp, J. Klinger, J. Lancaster, D. Leach, B. Mann, J. Martin, K. McNamara, P. Mulhollan, V. O'Brien, M. Perkel, S. Praeger, J. Runkle, J. Sayer, L. Shupe, R. Williams.

Absent: J. Abidi, C. Altick, J. Ballantine, W. Goulet, M. Hall, L. Kurdek, D. Murphy, R.A. Pendergrass, M. Pryor, M. Sammons, D. Uetrecht

- II. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the January 12, 1987 minutes as distributed.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

- A. Governor's Proposed Budget for Ohio Institutions. P. Mulhollan offered the following information with reference to a reporter's apparant erroneous arithmetic calculation in a confusing press release, printed in the Dayton Daily News, of the governor's proposed submission of the budget for Ohio institutions.

The article stated that the governor is asking for a spending increase during the coming fiscal year (1987-88) of 1.2% and an increase in the second year of the biennium (1988-89) of approximately 5.8%. When these two figures were added together and the biennium divided by two, the conclusion was that the governor is asking for a 3.5% increase. That is not the case--he is asking for a 1.2% increase for 1987-88 in terms of the budgeted 1986-87 figure.

For education (primary and post-education) the governor is asking for an absolutely flat appropriation. Within the line items there are some changes, but the subsidy line is constant: 992 million dollars in the current year and 992 million dollars in 1987-88; however, there could be a redistribution of funds within that total among the various institutions--state universities, public supported community colleges, and university branches. The Selective Excellence Program (Academic Challenge, Research Challenge, etc.) will continue to be funded.

Other line item changes do not directly involve Wright State University. The governor has committed himself to the Ohio Supercomputer project, but it has very little impact upon the coming year's appropriation. Additional student aid has been requested for single parents and part-time students. No money is being asked for that program in the coming year, but \$400,000 is being asked for the second year of the biennium. He has asked for a moderately sizable increase in the Ohio Instructional Grant, presumably to take into account the likelihood that with a budget of this sort, there would be enormous pressure in all universities in the state to increase tuition.

The only state agency for which increased funds are being recommended is for the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections; they are being recommended for approximately 120 million dollars in the coming year because of the number of new prisons coming on line.

- B. Ethical Standards of Research. The Board of Trustees approved the WSU Policy Regarding Maintenance of High Ethical Standards in the Conduct of Research at its January meeting. The Board expressed commendation to the Academic Council and the governance process for developing the policy and for putting it into place in an appropriate way--not at a time when there was a problem, but as an effort to make certain there was a clearly defined policy in the absence of a problem.
- C. Academic Dishonesty. P. Mulhollan reviewed a recent case of academic dishonesty at Wright State University which had raised questions among members of the faculty concerning the university's procedures that govern such an issue. The President assured the faculty that the university will stand behind them in enforcing academic honesty. The State provides limited immunity, plus the university carries insurance whereby all faculty are beneficiary to a 5 million dollar policy; therefore, as long as faculty actions cannot be defined as being professionally inappropriate, vindictive, or intentionally negligent, the university will provide support and protection to the faculty in taking appropriate action to stem academic dishonesty.
- D. Athletics.
- Statement of Philosophy & NCAA Accreditation Visit. In order to move into Division I on September 1, 1987, on a confident basis that the university is in full compliance and spirit of NCAA regulations, an attempt is being made to produce a model program to make the institution proud of the athletic department without its win or loss record. The NCAA has developed a self-evaluation process which every institution's athletic department is obliged to submit itself to on a five-year cycle. A lengthy checklist has been developed of items which should be investigated, certain responses are viewed with concern, and thus are supposed to be signals to the institution to take appropriate action. Among other things discovered was that there had never been an officially accepted statement at WSU regarding the role that athletics play within the university. As a result, the Athletic Council and the athletics administration developed an official statement of philosophy that was submitted and approved by the Board of Trustees at the January meeting (Attachment A).

In line with the spirit of the NCAA's self-study requirement, Wright State's athletic program will have an NCAA accreditation visit during the coming spring. NCAA will nominate a board of experienced athletic directors at Division I schools to visit our campus and investigate our program carefully enough to insure that our university is in compliance with the NCAA.

- Comprehensive Drug-Testing Program. In the very near future Wright State University will undertake a comprehensive drug-testing program in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics for all students and employees of the athletic department who have a close relationship with those student athletes. Although some individuals believe that a drug testing program threatens the privacy of individuals, that question will ultimately be satisfied by the courts, but all of the courts' opinions thus far have upheld the right of institutions to engage in such a testing program, particularly when the purpose of such a program is educational and rehabilitative. P. Mulhollan believes it is also appropriate for the university to make a statement to the community about where we stand on this issue, particularly for those student athletes who are seen by their peers and by the community as representatives of the university and who, in many instances, accept financial aid in return for their athletic participation.

- "Rowdy Raider" - WSU's official mascot. The introduction of the university's first mascot, Rowdy Raider, has met with a substantial amount of success. Rowdy is establishing a reputation, not only at the games, but around the community where he is appearing at schools and elsewhere. His presence adds significantly to the spirit that accompanies WSU's athletes. (P. Mulhollan presented everyone with a Rowdy Raider lapel sticker to wear proudly.)

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

The Curriculum Committee has been looking at the academic dishonesty question and is forming a committee to establish guidelines. Two or three more volunteers are needed for the committee; the College of Science & Mathematics and the School of Nursing are not yet represented on this committee.

Other agenda items of the committee:

- Full-time Nontenure Track Policy - Old Business on today's agenda.
- Early Retirement. The subcommittee has indicated they will be finishing their report this week and will present their recommendations to the parent committee. A report should be presented to the Academic Council in March or April.
- Recommendations for Selection of Honorary Degree Recipients. The Curriculum Committee approved a set of recommendations for selection of honorary degree recipients. These recommendations will be sent to the Commencement Committee as guidelines in selecting persons to receive honorary degrees at university commencements. The guidelines suggest the faculty approve the honorary degree candidates; this will be implemented at the 1987 Spring Quarter General Faculty Meeting.
- Vice-President of University Faculty Nominations. Volunteers and nominations for the position of Vice-President of the University Faculty are now being accepted.

Mr. Williams requested that Paige Mulhollan discuss the academic dishonesty case (reference the president's report in today's minutes) at the 1987 Winter Quarter General Faculty Meeting on February 17.

V. Report of the Standing Committees

A. Curriculum, Robert Wagley reporting:

- The Curriculum Committee has been meeting on routine business, primarily approving courses, etc.
- The committee has approved a model course syllabus.
- As part of the General Education Review Committee, the Curriculum Committee will submit a proposal concerning the interim policy on general education for transfer students to the Academic Council--under new business today (Attachment B).

B. Faculty Affairs, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

- The Faculty Affairs Committee continues to receive and review nominations for the Trustees Award for Faculty Excellence. These will be accepted through Friday, February 13. Deliberations will begin on February 16 for submission of the nominations to the Board of Trustees in March.
- The committee anticipates making a recommendation to the Academic Council at the March meeting concerning the use of emeritus, university, and distinguished professor ranks. The committee has been redrafting the comprehensive policy which will be presented as new business at the March Academic Council meeting.
- As one of the two parent committees for the subcommittee on early retirement, the Faculty Affairs Committee is awaiting the recommendation from that committee in order to take a position and make a recommendation.

(C. Hathaway commented that starting last summer, and continuing, there has been a series of events in the community that is totally unacceptable, directed at some of the university's minority students. He thinks it would be appropriate that faculty, through the Academic Council, go on record with a statement addressing the harassment of students. He asked the Faculty Affairs Committee to prepare such a resolution.)

C. Library, Adrian Rake reporting:

Noise Level. Every year the library committee receives several complaints about the high noise level in the main library, and every year the committee examines the problem. The main cause seems to be with the library architecture; for example, voices (talking in a normal tone) on the main floor travel easily to the third floor. Chattering of students also adds to the noise level. Although many remedies to this problem were considered, there is no reasonable way to do anything about the library noise. The committee is hopeful that when the new library addition is constructed, this problem will be taken into consideration and eliminated.

(P. Mulhollan stated now that all contractors are in compliance with the Ohio statutes, weather permitting, construction will begin as soon as possible.)

D. Student Affairs Committee, Alan Cooper reporting:

- The Student Affairs Committee requests the Academic Council consider forming a task force with responsibility to design a common core of questions to be included in all faculty evaluations, design a process for distribution and administration of all faculty evaluations, and design a method for procuring the results.
- The committee will continue discussion of the student exam schedules.

E. Budget Review, Robert Dixon, reporting:

1. Agenda items of the last meeting:

- The committee heard a report from Deans Moore and Thomas on the Internal Task Force.
- R. Dixon reported on some trends in spending over the last five years.
- The committee discussed the total merit pay raise concept. The AAUP recommends the university not allocate raises on the total merit basis, but that it be broken into various categories--some of it to be across the board.
- The committee saw a preliminary version of the early retirement report with figures given of costs for the five year buy-out and to have continued teaching options. They expect to receive the full report next week and will act upon it within a week or so.

2. Upcoming agenda items:

- Ritchie Thomas will report on the library budget.
- This week the committee should be receiving some of the beginning data on the actual budget for the coming year.

VI. Old Business

Full Time Nontenure Track Proposal, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

In November, 1986, an ad hoc subcommittee, chaired by Richard Williams, was established to look into the creation of the position of lecturer. The report of that committee was circulated to all faculty in January. Mr. Bernhardt read the following recommendation of the University Faculty Affairs Committee: (Attachment C)

"The University Faculty Affairs Committee believes that the attached Proposal for the creation of the position of Lecturer at Wright State University is a sound document and wishes to acknowledge the effort of the ad hoc Lectureship Subcommittee which consisted of Professors J. Blair, S. Frederick, C. Hathaway, R. Millman, P. Moore, M. Perkel, and R. Williams.

The University Faculty Affairs Committee, after reviewing the ad hoc Lectureship Subcommittee's recommendation, the national and local AAUP position, last year's University Faculty Affairs Committee materials and the input of many concerned faculty, has reached consensus and recommends that the position and rank of Lecturer not be created at Wright State University at this time."

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued; the question was called.

The motion was defeated by a voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 16, 1987 proposal for the creation of the position of lecturer at Wright State University (Attachment C, pp 4-6).

Discussion ensued; the question was called.

The motion was defeated by a voice vote.

VII. New Business

Interim Policy on General Education for Transfer Students,
Robert Wagley, University Curriculum Committee reporting:

Mr. Wagley presented the following recommendation (Attachment B):

"Through the Fall Quarter of 1989, students who transfer to Wright State University with 45 or more quarter hours will have the option of satisfying either the new General Education requirements or those in force prior to the Fall of 1987.

Beginning in the Fall of 1987, courses from other institutions that are equivalent to Wright State University's general education courses will be accepted as meeting the Wright State general education requirement. Assessment and certification of transfer credit for general education will be done at the time of a student's entry into Wright State, and that assessment will become part of the student's permanent general education record at the university."

Following a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Academic Council that a vote was not necessary, but this recommendation would be accepted as an explanation policy of the General Education Review Committee.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports - None

IX. Adjournment at 4:45 p.m. The next Academic Council meeting is March 2, 1987, at 3:10 p.m. in the cafeteria extension of the University Center.