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# Wright State University

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Rudy Fichtenbaum, Faculty Vice President

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on  
Monday, March 4, 1991, 3:10 p.m., 155 A. B. & C--University  
Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 4, 1991
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
- V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
  - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: James Runkle
  - B. Curriculum: Susan Praeger
  - C. Faculty Affairs: Gregory Bernhardt
  - D. Library: Gordon Welty
  - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe
  - F. University Budget Review Committee: James Sayer
  - G. Ad Hoc Review Committee on 4th Credit Hour: Robert Wagley
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Diversity Statement--See Attachment A, February 4, 1991 Academic Council Minutes
- VII. New Business
  - A. Committee to Study Early Retirement
  - B. University Curriculum Committee Items for Consideration: Susan Praeger, Chair
    1. Course Inventory Request Addition-CPE 001, Field Experience, 0 Credit, Pass/Unsatisfactory
    2. Gen Ed course modification requests: change MTH 132 to 229, MTH 133 to 230
    3. Gen Ed course sequence substitution requests: **change present sequence** PHY111/101, 112/102, 113/103 or PHY 240/200, 241/201 and 242/202 **to** PHY111/101, 112/102, 113/103 or PHY 250/255, 251/256, 252/257 (the sequence has been renumbered with some shifting of topics and the inclusion of optics)
    4. New Major Proposal--Request from COBA that the Management and Human Resource concentrations be changed to a Management major and a Human Resource major
  - C. University Faculty Affairs Items for Consideration: Gregory Bernhardt, Chair
    1. Reinstatement of the Rank of Senior Instructor at the Lake Campus (Attachment A)
    2. Lecturer Position (Attachment B)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
  - A. Next Academic Council: Monday, April 1, 1991, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

March 4, 1991

I. The meeting of March 4, 1991, was called to order by University Faculty Vice President Rudy Fichtenbaum at 3:10 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.

**Present:** G. Bernhardt, D. Brown, L. Crum, D. Engebretson, R. Fichtenbaum, R. Fox, G. Gayle, B. Hale, E. Harden, N. Hassan, C. Hathaway, R. Hetherington, B. Hull, M. MacDonald, R. Markert, M. Melko, P. Moore, P. Mulhollan, M. Peltier, D. Reynolds, W. Rickert, T. Ringhand, J. Rossmiller, E. Rutter, D. Schlagheck, P. Seybold, R. Siervogel, G. Spalding, J. Steinberg, J. Stekli, J. Thomas, J. Vance, A. Wendt, R. Williams

**Absent:** G. Cambier, W. Carmichael, D. Fitch, B. Fowler, F. Gies, R. Gordon, W. Goulet, W. Hanks, M. Kapp, J. Sayer, K. Sheplak

II. The February 4, 1991, minutes were approved as written.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

At this time there are no reports coming from Columbus in regard to the budget. It does appear that the 3% cut that was made in state funding will be permanent. That would be the best case scenario. When the University has received numbers on the budget, information will be given to the campus community.

The president's cabinet will meet weekly. They met for the first time last week. The purpose of the cabinet is to discuss issues, not to reach decisions.

Discussion: A question was raised from the floor as to the cost of joining an athletic conference. The president responded that the initial fee was \$100,000 plus \$25,000 a year membership fee. He noted that budget difficulties cannot be used to make the decision to do nothing. In the long term, this decision to join the conference should be beneficial to the university. He noted that the monies will not come out of operating expenses. It will come out of the athletic budget over the next two years.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

- A. An ad hoc committee on early retirement has been established. The committee has two charges:
1. To see if it is possible to do something quickly that would be beneficial to the faculty and be helpful to the university in the coming budget year.
  2. It will look at the long-term objectives of an early retirement. Members of the committee are Darold Engebretson, SOPP; Elizabeth Harden, L.A.; James Kane, S&M; Fran Landers, CEHS; John Rudisill, SOM; Carol Snyder, LC; George Spalding, E&CS; Jean Sullivan, SON; and Richard Williams, COBA, Chair.

- B. The university must establish an assessment plan to determine success of general education and of studies in a student's major. It was noted that North Central now requires an assessment plan to see if colleges are meeting their objectives. The university is up for re-accreditation within the next four years, so an assessment plan must be established soon.

V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning

James Runkle reported via campus communication, see attachment A.

B. Curriculum, Susan Praeger reporting:

In addition to considering the routine business of course additions, deletions and modifications, the University Curriculum Committee is currently discussing issues related to progress towards a degree, writing across the curriculum, and the graduation with honors policy.

C. Faculty Affairs, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

Faculty Affairs is currently reviewing the following:

1. Creation of Sr.Instructor at Lake Campus and Lecturer at the main campus.
2. Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence.
3. Enrollment Management - how it is factored into the P&T process, student advising, etc.
4. Possible involvement of Faculty Affairs Committee in new faculty orientations in the fall.
5. Guidelines for the procedural conduct for the university P&T deliberations for eventual inclusion in the faculty handbook.
6. The results of university P&T in an aggregated form will be distributed to the faculty government.
7. A report from Affirmative Action of the past year's mediated civil rights activities.

D. Library, no report.

E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:

1. A conference titled Beyond Compliance: Substance Abuse in Higher Education was hosted by Wright State University on February 14-15, 1991. The conference was coordinated by Katie Deedrick, Director of New Student Orientation, and was funded by the Ohio FIPSE Consortium (Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education). Twenty-three Ohio universities and colleges were represented and studied programming, peer helpers, disciplinary action, and intervention programs.
2. A Violence in Dating: Issued for Campus Management teleconference was held in the Wright State University Telecommunication Center on February 26. The teleconference was coordinated by Joanne Risacher, Assistant Vice President for Student life. Ninety-eight universities from the United States, Canada and Bermuda participated in the teleconference. The program included incidence, issues, programming for intervention, and prevention of dating violence and date rape.

3. Louis Falkner, University Registrar, met with the Student Affairs Committee to discuss the procedures for telephone registration, and to clarify any questions raised by members of the committee. The procedures for implementation are in place, and the committee will continue to promote support for both the pilot programming for Fall Quarter, 1991, registration, and the fully operational registration for Winter Quarter, 1992.
4. Steve Lyons, Director of International Student Programs, met with the committee to discuss international students affected by the Gulf War. The members of the committee had expressed concern about financial support for Middle East students whose financial support from their homeland had been cut off, and also incidents of harassment directed toward the students. A report summarizing assistance given to these students since August, 1990, was presented (see attachment B).
5. The Student Affairs Committee is continuing to review the Demonstration and Marches, Speaker's Corner, and Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Conduct policies. The policies will be brought to the April Academic Council meeting.

F. University Budget Review Committee, James Sayer reporting via campus communication:

The University Budget Review Committee continues in its efforts to assist the Central Administration in identifying priorities and possible funding reductions, eliminations, and reallocations in dealing with a tight budgetary situation. As part of that process, UBRC, as reported at earlier Academic Council meetings, is interviewing all deans and central administrators about constituent parts of the respective budgets so that appropriate recommendations may be generated.

Importantly, contrary to campus-wide rumors, UBRC does not have a "hit list," or programs targeted for elimination. Instead, the previously-mentioned interviews are being used to better understand budgetary expenditures and to help identify areas that warrant more careful scrutiny. Nothing has been targeted for elimination, and no specific recommendations have been tendered by UBRC, except for those noted last fall quarter.

Once specific recommendations are generated, they will be forwarded for information to the Academic Council.

G. Ad Hoc Review Committee on 4th Credit Hour, Robert Wagley reporting: Mr. Wagley reported that the committee, after a great deal of study, has made the recommendation that the university should not change to a four-hour base.

VI. Old Business

A. Diversity Statement (See attachment A, 2-4-91 AC minutes.)  
The following amendment to the Diversity Statement was made:

Paragraph two, delete the second sentence: "The 'Great Chain of Being' is a reality."

The amendment was seconded and approved. After a great deal of discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the Academic Council endorsing the Diversity Statement as amended.

- B. A motion was made and seconded that the Faculty Vice President appoint a committee to consider university priorities and to present a list of suggested priorities to the Academic Council for consideration.

Discussion ensued. It was pointed out that this committee may be repeating the work that is now being done by the University Budget Review Committee and the president's cabinet.

The motion was defeated.

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Committee to Study Early Retirement**

As announced earlier, under the Steering Committee Report, an ad hoc committee to study early retirement was formed.

**B. University Curriculum Committee Items for Consideration, Susan Praeger, Chair, reporting:**

1. **Course Inventory Request Addition-CPE 001, Field Experience, 0 Credit, Pass/Unsatisfactory.** A motion was made to approve course inventory request to add CPE 001, Field Experience, 0 credit, pass/unsatisfactory. The motion was seconded and will be considered as old business at the April 1, 1991, Academic Council meeting.

2. A motion was approved to suspend the rules to consider the following two items of business:

- a. A motion was passed to approve general education course modification requests: change MTH 132 to 229, MTH 133 to 230; change present sequence PHY 111/101, 112/102, 113/103 or PHY 240/200, 241/201 and 242/202 to PHY 111/101, 112/102, 113/103 or PHY 250/255, 251/256, 252/257 as noted on the Academic Council Agenda of March 4, 1991.
- b. A motion was passed to approve a new major proposal-- Request from COBA that Management and Human Resource concentrations be change to a Management major and a Human Resource major.

- C. Gregory Bernhardt made a motion for the reinstatement of the rank of Senior Instructor at the Lake Campus and the adoption of the Lecturer position (see attachments A and B, March 4, 1991, AC agenda). The motion was seconded. A great deal of discussion ensued. This will be old business at the April 1 AC meeting.

VIII. The next Academic Council Meeting: Monday, April 1, 1991, 3:10 p.m.