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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Gregory Bernhardt, Faculty Vice President

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, February 3, 1992, 3:10 p.m., 155 A, B, & C—University Center

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 1992 (Attachment A)

III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Gregory Bernhardt

V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
   A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Stephen Frederick
   B. Curriculum: Daniel Voss
   C. Faculty Affairs: Marguerite MacDonald
   D. Library: Gordon Welty
   E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe
   F. University Budget Review Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum

VI. Old Business
   A. University Policy on the Granting of Academic Letters (January 6 Agenda, Attachment B): Jim Jacob; Marguerite MacDonald, Faculty Affairs Committee; Lewis Shupe, Student Affairs Committee
   B. Changes in Faculty Constitution and Bylaws
      1. University Partial Affiliation (SOM/SOPP): Marguerite MacDonald, FAC
         Amend the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, Article II, Section 1. B. by adding the following (for complete section see January 6 Agenda, Attachment C):
         2. The person is a member of the School of Medicine or the School of Professional Psychology and does not hold a "regular" or "institutional" appointment as defined in the Bylaws of the Faculty of Medicine, Article II., Section 1., or in the Bylaws of the Faculty of Professional Psychology, Article II., Section 1., as approved by the Wright State University Board of Trustees.
      2. Change the title for the head of Faculty Governance from Vice President of the Faculty to President of the Faculty:
         It is moved that the Wright State University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, Article II, Section 4, Subsections A, and B, and other articles and sections as necessary be altered so that the elected head of faculty governance be titled "President of the Faculty", and that the chief executive officer of the University be titled, "President of the University." This change would be effective upon approval by the faculty. The Wright State University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws will be altered in such a way as to implement these changes in titles upon the appointment of the 1992 Quadrennial Review Committee.
   C. University Curriculum Committee Business: Daniel Voss, University Curriculum Committee
      1. Writing Across the Curriculum/Writing in General Education (January 6 Agenda, Attachment D)
      2. Course Addition—S & M 199 (Pass/Unsatisfactory)

VII. New Business
   A. University Curriculum Committee Business: Daniel Voss, University Curriculum Committee
      1. Course Addition—Bio 399 (Pass/Unsatisfactory)
   B. University Policies: Lewis Shupe, Chair, University Student Affairs
      1. Policy for WSU Demonstrations and Marches (Attachment B)
      2. WSU Designation and Use of the Speaker's Corner (Attachment C)

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
   A. Grading System Modification (This item on January 6 Agenda, Attachment E was returned to committee to come back as Old Business at March 2, '92 Academic Council meeting)
   B. Next Academic Council—Monday, March 2, 3:10 p.m. General Faculty Meeting—February 18, 3:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment
I. The February meeting was called to order by University Faculty Vice President Greg Bernhardt at 3:15 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.


II. The minutes of January 6, 1992, were approved as written. (It was noted that attachments to the minutes were printed on the back side of the agenda in order to conserve paper.)

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

The president noted that he had two items on which to report:

1. Capital Bill. There will be a capital bill coming out of Columbus which will be based on the Ohio Board of Regents recommendations. This would include monies for the renovation of the space that will be vacated by Engineering & Computer Science, a new Education & Human Services building, and $1.5 million for parking and traffic construction.

2. 1992 Salary Increase. The Board of Trustees will approve a 4% increase in the base salary retroactive to January 1, 1992, for faculty and staff. It will be an across-the-board increase except for a small number of individuals (some vice presidents and deans have asked for exceptions) whose evaluations have been negative. In such cases it would be a zero raise.

In the Akron salary study, the full professor was ranked fourth in the state, the associate professor ranked sixth, and the assistant professor ranked third. It has been the aim of the Board of Trustees to have the faculty ranked in the second quartile (fourth through sixth) among the Ohio state assisted universities.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Greg Bernhardt reporting:

The committee met on January 21 and will meet again on February 17 and March 16. Items considered at the January 21 meeting were:

1. Writing Across the Curriculum/Writing in General Education.
2. Early appointment of the Quadrennial Review Committee.
3. A letter from Michael Coakley, Director of Student Development, in which he requested the starting date for fall classes be in the middle of the week.
4. WSU Demonstrations and Marches, and WSU Designation and Use of the Speaker's Corner.
5. Grading System Modification.
6. Faculty governance view of having an open meeting once a month in which the faculty would be free to discuss faculty governance.
V. Report of Standing and ad hoc Committees

A. **Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning**, Stephen Frederick reporting:  (See attachment A.)

There was considerable discussion about the parking consultant's recommendations. A copy of the recommendations is available in the University Faculty Office.

B. **Curriculum**, Daniel Voss reporting:

The University Curriculum Committee met on January 15 at which time they discussed Grading System Modifications and Writing Across the Curriculum/Writing in General Education. Routine business included five course additions, one course deletion, and eighteen course modifications. The next committee meeting will be February 13, 1992.

C. **Faculty Affairs**, Marguerite MacDonald reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee has met twice since the January Academic Council meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, February 10th. In addition to presenting two items of old business on the February Academic Council agenda, the committee is working on changes in the due process procedure to make the process more reasonable and the description in the **Faculty Handbook** more accurate. The committee is also expanding the description of the procedures for faculty promotion and tenure in the **Faculty Handbook**.

D. **Library**, Gordon Welty reporting:

During the month of February, the university libraries will have a new on-line service available for evaluation by faculty, students and staff. The software package, entitled **First Search**, is a set of on-line research databases, including OCLC, ERIC, GPO, BIOSIS, and many more, containing information about millions of books, serials, audiovisuals, and periodical articles.

Mr. Welty reported that an official session of the Library Committee was called with Associate Vice President of Minority Affairs Jerrie McGill and University Librarian Arnold Hirshon in attendance. The committee endorsed a proposal to name the library building the "Paul Laurence Dunbar Library."

Mr. Welty read a letter written by James Sayer and submitted it for inclusion to these minutes (attachment B). Discussion ensued as to the process of how the library was named. It was pointed out that the Board of Trustees has the authority to designate names to university buildings. With reference to Mr. Sayer's letter, Mr. Welty commented that the Library Committee "was not massaged into approving anything."
E. **Student Affairs**, Lewis Shupe reporting:

1. The Student Affairs Committee thanked the Director of Student Development, Michael Coakley, his staff, and members of the Academic Council for touring the campus residences. Mr. Shupe discussed the importance of faculty members, staff and administrators to be aware of the changing residential campus environment. He reported that fifty-one percent of all main campus students now live on campus or near campus, away from their primary residences; thirteen percent of all main campus students live on campus; and fifty percent of incoming (traditional age) freshmen students live on campus.

2. A teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, in the Telecommunication Center. The conference, scheduled from 1:30-3:30 pm, will be followed by a panel discussion by representatives from The Ohio State University and Wright State University. The topic of the teleconference is "Understanding the Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual Student on the College Campus." This is one of a series of teleconferences exploring the topic of diversity on campuses.

3. The Student Affairs Committee has continued to bring forward the Academic Letters Policy (see old business), the Demonstration and Marches Policy, and the Designation and Use of the Speaker's Corner (see new business).

F. **University Budget Review**, Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

At the last Budget Review Committee meeting the committee looked at the list of the cuts versus the list of recommendations made by the University Budget Review Committee. They found that most of the cuts recommended were implemented.

A committee will be appointed to review fringe benefits at Wright State in comparison with other state universities.

A report on the Nutter Center will be presented at the next Budget Review Committee meeting.

Academic Council members discussed next year's budget. It was noted by Greg Bernhardt that faculty who held similar positions at other Ohio universities felt that the Wright State administration was open about the budget process, and that WSU faculty had a great amount of input into the budgeting process compared to other schools.

VI. **Old Business**

A. **University Policy on the Granting of Academic Letters** (1-6-92 AC Agenda, Attachment B): Jim Jacob, Marguerite MacDonald, Faculty Affairs Committee; Lewis Shupe, Student Affairs Committee

The policy was approved.
B. Changes in Faculty Constitution and Bylaws

1. University Partial Affiliation (SOM/SOPP): (2-3-92 AC Agenda, VI, B.1.) Marguerite MacDonald, Faculty Affairs Committee.

   There was a call for the question. The motion was approved.

2. Change the title for the head of faculty governance from Vice-President of the Faculty to President of the Faculty: (2-3-92 AC Agenda, VI, B.2.)

   There was a call for the question. The motion was approved. (It was noted this change would not take effect until approved by the faculty and the Board of Trustees.)

C. University Curriculum Committee Business: Daniel Voss, University Curriculum Committee presenting.

1. Writing Across the Curriculum/Writing in General Education. (1-6-92 AC Agenda, Attachment D)

   A substitute motion was introduced (attachment C). A change was made to item 6 in the Proposed Implementation of Writing Across the Curriculum:...... The word "undergraduate" should be added as follows:

   "WSU graduates returning to earn a second undergraduate degree must complete the Writing in the Major requirements."

   After discussion, the substitute motion was approved.

2. Course Addition - Science & Mathematics 199 (Pass/Unsatisfactory)

   Motion was approved.

VII. New Business

A. Course Addition--BIO 399 (Pass/Unsatisfactory), Daniel Voss, University Curriculum Committee:

   A motion was made and seconded to approve BIO 399 (P/U) at the March Academic Council meeting.

B. Universities Policies, Lewis Shupe, Chair, University Student Affairs

1. Policy for WSU Demonstrations and Marches (See attachment B, 2-3-92 AC agenda.)

   It was noted that under item A.3, speech was regulated as to time, place, and manner, but not content. A motion was made and seconded to introduce this as old business at the March Academic Council meeting.
2. **WSU Designation and Use of the Speaker's Corner** (See attachment C, 2-3-92 AC agenda.)

   It was again pointed out that there was no intent to regulate content, and that failure to comply with the policy may result in banning a speaker from the speaker's corner.

   A motion was made and seconded to introduce this item as old business at the March Academic Council meeting.

VIII. **Announcements**

   A. **Grading System Modification.** It was reported that the grading system modification will come back as old business at the March 2, 1992, Council meeting.

   B. **Introduction of the Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs.** Jerrie McGill, recently appointed as Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs, was introduced to the Academic Council.

   C. **Next Academic Council Meeting:** Monday, March 2, 3:10 pm.

IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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Attachments