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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: *Edgar A. Rutter*
Edgar Rutter, Faculty President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, October 5 1992, 3:10 p.m., 155 A. B. & C--University Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 1992 (Attachment C)
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Edgar Rutter
- V. Report of Committees and Councils
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Stephen Frederick
 - B. Curriculum: Daniel Voss
 - C. Faculty Affairs: James Swaney
 - D. Library: Rai Pujara
 - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Mary Ellen Mazey
- VI. Old Business
 - A. University Student Affairs Committee: Lewis Shupe, Chair & Student Government: Jeffrey Weller, Pres.
 1. Student Affairs Recommendations Regarding ROTC/Diversity (Attachment A)
- VII. New Business
 - A. Call for Nominations for Academic Council Representative to University Promotion & Tenure Committee (Attachment B)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Overview of Strategic Plan: Vice President Hathaway
 - B. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, November 2, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 1992

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Edgar Rutter at 3:10 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.

Present: E. Berry, J. Brandeberry, L. Caron, D. Curry, A. Faghri, I. Fritz, F. Gies, P. Griffin, P. Griffith, C. Hathaway, P. Human, G. Kantor, J. Lucot, M. Mazey, M. MacDonald, D. Miller, G. Narayanswami, M. Olsen, A. Painter, M. Perkel, R. Pohlman, W. Rickert, E. Rutter, D. Schlagheck, E. Self, N. Shepelak, R. Siervogel, R. Siferd, C. Snyder, H. Sproghe, J. Swart, D. Voss, R. Wagley, A. Walter, J. Weller

Absent: R. Brode, P. Dadras, R. Fichtenbaum, N. Gressis, R. Kumar, S. Lott, S. McConnell, P. Mulhollan, J. Rafferty, J. Thomas

II. The minutes of June 1, were approved as written.

III. Report of the President, Charles Hathaway reporting:

In the absence of the president, Charles Hathaway noted that the university had received full membership in the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. The university already had membership in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Hathaway reported on the Managing for the Future Task Force of which he was one of the twenty-one members. He gave a brief history of the task force. Of specific interest to the university, the task force noted the decline of population in the age group 20-29 who were college educated. Ohio had lost ground to other states. Without a sound economy there was no growth in education. With the cost of entitlement programs and prisons, the only elasticity in the budget is that spent on education. In July the task force issued a report entitled, "Managing for the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Higher Education in Ohio."

Items that the local newspaper picked up from the document are: (1) the educational system in Ohio, (2) tenure, (3) the University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University would be considered the comprehensive universities, and (4) the two-year college system.

He thought that none of these items were clearly reported by the newspapers, and that Wright State was not threatened by any of these matters. He also noted that the report gave a mandate to measure quality.

He urged members of the council to read the report which is available in the library and in the faculty president's office. He noted that the report is not final; there will be an open hearing on the report in Dayton on October 20 at Sinclair Community College.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Edgar Rutter reporting:

The committee set the October 5 Academic Council's agenda. Mr. Rutter noted that the committee accepted the recommendation of the University Curriculum Committee's action of May 14, 1991, in regard to graduating with honors. Those students who were in attendance in spring of 1991, and had not dropped out of school, have the option to choose either the new rules or the old rules in the awarding of honors. Students starting at the university after that date will use the new rules.

He announced that a second student would be placed on the General Education Review Committee. The committee released the process/timeline for the review of the draft of the Strategic Plan (attachment A). An update of the 1992-93 University Committees was distributed (attachment B). He announced that the next meeting of the Steering Meeting would be October 23.

V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, no report.

B. Curriculum, Daniel Voss reporting:

The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) met once in September. Agenda items included routine course requests as well as a brief discussion on the revision of the description of UCC in the Faculty Handbook for the Quadrennial Review Committee; the graduating with honors policy; removal of high school articulation deficiencies for students with handicaps; writing across the curriculum; the course approval process; diversity in the curriculum; general education requirements for transfer students; and the Draft WSU Strategic Plan.

The UCC will meet on October 15 and November 12. Mr. Voss announced that the undergraduate catalog will be revised this academic year. He requested that relevant course requests or program proposals be submitted as soon as possible.

C. Faculty Affairs, James Swaney reporting:

For the fiscal year, the committee will be involved in many issues of which the most prominent are the Presidential Search Committee; input to the Strategic Plan, and the Quadrennial Review Committee.

D. Library, Rai Pujara reporting:

The main issues that are being considered by the Library Committee are: (1) the research journals and their growing costs. (A task force will be established to review the matter.); (2) faculty and student satisfaction in the library; (3) circulation policy (7 days for faculty and 35 days for students); and (4) enforcement of copyright laws.

E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:

This year the university experienced the largest number of freshmen applications in its history. Applications from African-Americans increased significantly, by 16%.

The New Student Orientation was successful and was increased this year from one and one-half days to two days. The orientations have been successful in giving new students the opportunity to register early and understand the overall university process. The parent participation in orientation is a positive aspect of the program.

The Office of Disability Services is beginning the second year of a Federal Career Grant to promote career planning and placement for minority students with extensive disabilities. After completing three classes in career development, the students are placed in summer work in federal agencies such as WPAFB and the EPA. Twenty-one students successfully completed the program in its first year, and for most of the students this is their first work experience.

A new residence hall opened this year, and for students who wish to live in a non-smoking, non-alcoholic environment, a program is provided in that hall called "Choice" (Choosing Healthy Options in a College Environment). With the opening of the new hall, 1,880 students can now be housed on campus. This compares to 570 students in 1985.

F. University Budget Review Committee, Mary Ellen Mazey reporting:

Among items to be considered this coming year by the University Budget Review Committee (UBRC) are: 1) Strategic Plan, 2) future early retirement laws, 3) cost of printed material; 4) merit policy for classified and unclassified staff; 5) fringe benefits; 6) compensation package; 7) review of the 1991-92 UBRC budget reductions recommendations; 8) report of Women in the Academy; 9) computer service reports; and 10) the Nutter Center.

VI. Old Business

University Student Affairs Committee; Lewis Shupe, Chair, and Jeffrey Weller, President of Student Government:

A motion was made and accepted to substitute the resolution (attachment A, 10-5-92 AC agenda) of "Policy of Discrimination Employed by Department of Defense." It was noted that at the end of line 6, after "race" the following could be added: "religion, color, veteran status, and ancestry". After some discussion, the resolution was approved.

VII. New Business:

Call for nominations for Academic Council representatives to the University Promotion & Tenure Committee (attachment B 10-5-92 AC agenda). It was noted that Edward Haas' name was omitted from the list of candidates (attachment B, 10-5-92 AC agenda).

A motion was made to accept the following nominations:

BATRA, Prem
CLEARY, Michael
LEONARD, B. Charles
PRINGLE, Mary Beth
SAYER, James

It was noted that other nominations could be made at the November meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Overview of Strategic Plan, Charles Hathaway reporting:

Vice President Hathaway noted that copies of the Strategic Plan are available in most departmental offices and in the library. He noted that the act of planning may be more important than the actual plan. Important items in the document: the quality of education, student centeredness, the metropolitan university concept, and the position the university wishes to take for the future. He reminded the faculty to participate in the process of reviewing the Draft Strategic Plan.

B. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, November 2, 3:10 pm.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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Attachments