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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 28, 1994

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: James Sayer, Faculty President

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, November 28, 1994, 3:10 p.m., W169 A, B, C Student Union (formerly 155 A, B, & C–University Center)

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 1994 (Attachment A)

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: James Sayer

V. Reports of Standing Committees
   A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Mateen Rizki
   B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Mark Sirkin
   C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum
   D. Library: Larry Turyn
   E. Student Affairs: James Walker
   F. University Budget Review Committee: Marguerite MacDonald

VI. Old Business--None

VII. New Business
   A. Proposed Academic Calendar for 1996-97--Calendar & Elections Committee: Manley Perkel (To be handed out at meeting)
   B. Course Modification Request, Gen. Ed. EC 200--Curriculum Committee: Mark Sirkin
      Present--
      Introduction to basic economic concepts such as resource allocation, costs, supply, demand, and public goods. Topics include American capitalism, market failures, unemployment, inflation, and taxation. The sequence EC 201, 202, 203 may be substituted.
      Proposed Change--
      Introduction to basic economic concepts such as resource allocation, costs, supply, demand, and public goods. Topics include American capitalism, market failures, unemployment, inflation, and taxation. The sequence EC 201, 202, 203 may be substituted. Credit will not be given for EC 200 Economic Life for students who successfully complete EC 201, 202, and 203.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
   A. Next Academic Council Meeting--January 9, 1995

IX. Adjournment
I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President James Sayer at 3:10 p.m. in W169 A, B, and C Student Union.


II. The minutes of the November 7, 1994, meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President: Dr. Flack reporting:

1. College/school/division meetings on university governance have begun and will conclude in early February. The task force will make its recommendations to Academic Council who will forward it to the President who in turn will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. These discussions also include clarification of our mission as a metropolitan university and the establishment of baselines for measuring our success in fulfilling our mission. This should help us with measures of faculty productivity.

2. A $1.685 million budget deficit is projected for this year. We will need to make adjustments in early 1995 and fiscal year 1995-96 budget base with hopes to be caught up by 1996. We will be linking budget and the planning process.

3. A statement regarding the financial situation with the Nutter Center is being distributed to the campus community. A task force has been formed and is being chaired by Janet Achterman. This task force will be reviewing a number of mission-related issues.

4. Wright State has been selected a one of the four sites for the National Retention Conferences being sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities in conjunction with the Sallie Mae Foundation. We will host this meeting sometime between now and June 1996.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, James Sayer reporting:

1. The Steering Committee received from and returned to Faculty Affairs a proposal to modify the promotion and tenure document in light of this summer's Ohio Supreme Court ruling making such documents public. We have returned the proposal to Faculty Affairs for further consideration.

2. Steering supports the Commencement Committee's decision to no longer distribute diplomas at the ceremony. Instead students still will have their names called and will receive the diploma cover, a facsimile diploma (for photographic purposes) and a letter from the President. Diplomas will be mailed to students after the completion of all graduation requirements has been confirmed.

V. Reports to the Standing Committees

A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning, Mateen Rizki reporting: (Attachment A)

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy, Mark Sirkin reporting: (Attachment B)

C. Faculty Affairs, no report

D. Library, no report

E. Student Affairs, no report

F. University Budget Review, Marguerite MacDonald reporting: (Attachment C)

VI. Old Business: none

VII. New Business:

A. Proposed Calendar for 1996-97, Manley Perkel, Chair, Calendar & Elections: (Attachment D)
The Calendar & Elections Committee was charged with "uniformizing" the calendar from year to year, with establishing an earlier cut-off for late registration (this may be forwarded to the Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee) and with providing a one week break between spring and summer quarters.

The following are highlights of the proposal:

1. The entire fall quarter will take place between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
2. Winter quarter will start the Monday following New Year's Day.
3. There will be a week break between spring and summer quarters.
4. Summer quarter would be eight weeks long with two four-week sessions.

The committee will recommend to the Steering Committee the formation of a broad-based "Semester Committee" to explore the possibility of conversion to a semester calendar. We recommend that this committee report its findings to Academic Council before the end of the 1995-96 academic year.

It was moved, seconded and passed to table the calendar until the February 1995 Academic Council meeting.

B. Course Modification Request Gen. Ed. EC 200
(See agenda for November 28 Academic Council meeting)

Mark Sirkin, Chair, Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee, presented a course modification request to change the course description for EC 200 (a General Education course). A motion was made and seconded for this to appear as Old Business at the January 9, 1995 Academic Council meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Next Academic Council Meeting: January 9, 1995, 3:10 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Attachments