Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 5, 1997

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty  
FROM: Rudy Fichtenbaum, Faculty President  
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on  
Monday, May 5, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 1997 (Attachment B)
III. Report of the President: Harley Flack
IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
V. Reports of Committees
   A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
   B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav
   C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp
   D. Library: David Goldstein
   E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello
   F. University Budget Review Committee: Donna Schlagheck

VI. Old Business
   A. Strategic Plan--Latest Draft will be distributed to members of Academic Council prior to meeting.
   B. Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav
      (Full sets of descriptive and background materials were mailed to members of Academic Council for the
      April 7 meeting and are also available for review in the Office of the University Faculty, 032 Rike)
      1. Proposals for Modification of WAC Program
         a. Petitions of removal of credit for grade also removes credit for W1
         b. Transfer and returning students who have completed GE courses but need one or more W1 credits
            be allowed to count other designated W1 GE courses or W1 courses in the major
      2. Proposals for Changes in Undergraduate Programs
         a. Department of Geological Sciences (reduced admission requirements)
         b. BS in CEG Program (reduced credit hour graduation requirement)
         c. BS in CS Program (reduced credit hour graduation requirement)
         d. CEHS Teacher Education Program (increased PPST score admission requirement)
      3. Proposals for the Creation of new Minor Programs
         a. Minor in Operations Management (24 hours, 2.0 GPA)
         b. Minor in Marketing (24 hours, 2.0 GPA)
      4. Proposal for Change in Transfer Credit Regulations
         a. Bring WSU into compliance with OBR Articulation and Transfer Policy--student transfers from Ohio
            public colleges and universities with the AA or AS degree will transfer all courses with a
            passing grade of "D" or above
      5. Honors Program Proposal
         a. Abolish "T" grade which is a "no credit" grade available on in Honors Courses
      6. Department of Music Proposal for Change of GE Substitution
         a. Allow music majors to substitute MUS 121, instead of both MUS 121 and MUS 122, in the General
            Education Program

VII. New Business
   A. Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav
      1. A New Track in Mathematics education "Bachelor of Science in Mathematics: Mathematics Education
         Concentration" (Attachment A)
   B. 1997-98 Academic Council Meeting Dates
      October 6, 1997          February 2, 1998
      November 3, 1997         March 2, 1998
      December 1, 1997         April 6, 1998
      June 1, 1998

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
   A. Semester Committee Report: Thomas Sudkamp
   B. Spring Quarter General Faculty Meeting: May 13, 1997, 3:30 p.m., 120 Med. Sci.
   C. Next Academic Council Meeting: June 2, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union
   D. Adjournment
I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Rudy Fichtenbaum at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.


Absent: Bartlett-Blair, D., David, D., Fraser, S., Goldenberg, K., Khan, I., Xu, L.

II. The minutes of the April 7, 1997 meeting were approved as written (Attachment B to Agenda).

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack reporting:
The governing documents of WSU were last amended on January 1, 1977. Dr. Flack is hopeful that the new Faculty Senate will come into existence this fall. Dr. Flack thanked all previous and current members of Academic Council for their dedicated services to WSU. Dr. Flack hopes to take a Faculty Senate document to the Board of Trustees on June 6, 1997. Dr. Flack thanked everyone for establishing a Faculty Senate, particularly Manley Perkel and Donna Schlagheck.

Dr. Flack reminded everyone of the Board of Trustees Budget Workshop to be held on Friday, May 16 and invited the members of the University Community to attend. The workshop will be held in the Student Union dining room from 8:30-11:00 a.m. The primary focus of the workshop will be the FY98 budget incorporating a 4% salary adjustment for faculty and staff while keeping tuition at the 3% level.

Academic Council is expected today to take action on the Strategic Plan. Dr. Flack looks forward to receiving a positive recommendation from the Academic Council and the University faculty regarding the plan. Dr. Flack thanked members of the Strategic Planning Council under the leadership of Dr. Fleishauer for preparing the plan.

Dr. Flack extended a personal invitation to everyone to join him in a reception for Dr. Brage Golding, the University's first president from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Formal Lounge of the Student Union. Founders Day will be held on September 30, 1997.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:
The Steering Committee discussed how to proceed with elections for next year. The elections for almost all of the constituencies for Academic Council have been concluded. Ballots will be sent out for the Faculty Senate for all seats. Conducting elections during the spring will allow the Senate, assuming that it is approved by the faculty, to begin work in the Fall 1997. The Steering Committee also discussed the status of the report on semesters. Tom Sudkamp will be reporting today for the committee appointed to review the issue. The Steering Committee also prepared the agenda for this meeting.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees
   A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge reporting:
      (See Attachment A)

   B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:
      (See Attachment B)
C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp reporting:
The Faculty Affairs Committee has met twice since the last meeting of Academic Council. The committee is currently working on a number of issues related to the promotion and tenure policies. Included in this list are review of the current policies for optional letters of recommendation for promotion and tenure to associate professor, clarifying some wording on the sections on service and updating the rebuttal policy to allow faculty members to insert letters of rebuttal after the university committee recommendations. The Faculty Affairs Committee is also working with the provost's office on updating the preparation of the promotion and tenure file document to reflect the changes that have been made since it was written six years ago. The committee hopes to have some items for Academic Council's consideration at the next meeting.

D. Library: David Goldstein reporting:
The Library Committee has met once since the last report to Academic Council. The committee discussed the availability and development of availability of full text online journals. The main concern has been promoting the cause of adequate funding for increases in costs of serials for the coming budgets.

E. Student Affairs
No report

F. University Budget Review: Donna Schlagheck reporting:
(See Attachment C)

VI. Old Business:
A. Strategic Plan--Latest Draft was distributed to members of Academic Council prior to meeting.
   Introductory remarks were made by Dr. Fleischauer. Amendments from Josh Couts (See Attachment D):
   (1) On page 9, add new item (j), per attachment
       Amendment was moved, seconded and passed.
   (2) On page 28, item #3, delete the second sentence and insert after the final sentence per attachment
       Amendment was moved, seconded and passed.

   [Dr. Flack introduced Dr. Brage Golding (first President of WSU) to members of Academic Council. Dr. Golding made brief remarks.]
   The Strategic Plan was approved as amended.

B. Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav
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1. Proposals for Modification of WAC Program
   a. Petitions of removal of credit for grade also removes credit for WI
      Approved - effective immediately
   b. Transfer and returning students who have completed GE courses but need one or more WI credits
      be allowed to count other designated WI GE courses or WI courses in the major
      Approved - effective immediately

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   a. Department of Geological Sciences (reduced admission requirements)
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      passing grade of "D" or above  
      Approved - implement for F97

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      The Semester and Quarter Committee which includes Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, Curriculum, UBRC  
      and SG representatives has given a written report summarizing all those committees' work and studies to  
      deans last Monday. The report is available on the web and mail has been sent to all faculty describing  
      the content of the report. The faculty will be surveyed at the end of the week. Dr. Schlagheck urged  
      everyone to return the survey. The committee will be reviewing the faculty recommendations, the  
      information provided by student affairs and will present the results of the work to Academic Council at the  
      June meeting.

      Dr. Schlagheck reminded Academic Council members that the Academic Letters Committee has sent out  
      a call for nominations for an academic letter. The deadline is May 9.

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IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.