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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, June 2, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 5, 1997 (Attachment C)
- 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. 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 to May 5, 1997 Academic Council Agenda)
 - B. 1997-98 Academic Council Meeting Dates (These dates will be void if Faculty Senate is approved by the Board of Trustees)

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December 1, 1997	April 6, 1998
January 12, 1998	May 4, 1998
	June 1, 1998
- VII. New Business
 - A.* Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav
 1. Department of Computer Science & Engineering Proposal for Certificate Program in Object-Oriented Programming (Attachment A)
 2. General Education Course Modifications (Changes in Titles): Thomas Sav
 - a. ENG 101 Processes of Writing
 - b. ENG 102 Effective Written Discourse
 - c. BIO 105 Introductory Biology: Food
 - d. BIO 106 Introductory Biology: Biodiversity
 - e. BIO 107 Introductory Biology: Disease
 - B.** Changes to the University Promotion and Tenure Document: Thomas Sudkamp (Attachment B)
 - C. Passage of gavel to Dr. James Sayer and Seating of New Council Members
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Semester Committee Report: Thomas Sudkamp
 - B. Report from Graduate Council: Khurshid Ahmad
 - C. Report from Athletic Council: Frank Carmone
 - D. Adjournment

*Request for a suspension of the rules so that a vote may be taken at today's meeting

**Request for a motion to forward these items to Faculty Senate

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
June 2, 1997

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Rudy Fichtenbaum at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.

Present: Bartlett-Blair, D., Barto, E., Fichtenbaum, R., Fitzgerald E., Fleischauer, J., Fraser, S., Frederick, S., Gilpin, R., Goldenberg, K., Kapp, M., Mirkin, L., Nehring, V., Perkel, M., Poelzing, S., Rickert, W., Sayer, J., Schlagheck, D., Siervogel, R., Slater, T., Sudkamp, T., Swart, J., Vance, J., Vandecreek, L., Voss, D.

Absent: Coutts, J., David, D., DeStephen, D., Dustin, J., Guo, S., Hetherington, R., Khan, I., Kleine, P., Pederson, S., Pinkerton, T., Sanders, N., Shaw, A., Srinivasan, R., Thomas, J., Wetter, E., Xu, L., Yen, V.

II. The minutes of the May 5, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President: John Fleischauer reporting:

At the June 6 Board of Trustees meeting, President Flack will be proposing a number of important issues that have been through Academic Council. They are:

1. Approval of the Strategic Plan
2. Faculty Senate Proposal
3. Proposal for Conditional Admissions Policy
4. Proposal for Medical Condition Policy
5. FY98 Budget/tuition increase/salary compensation - Dr. Fleischauer stated that WSU is looking forward to some increases in enrollment. He stated that the state budget should be better than originally thought, as the House is not expected to concur with the Senate bill.

There will be a report later today from the ad hoc committee on semesters vs. quarters. Dr. Fleischauer spoke in favor of calendar conversion to semesters.

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

At the last meeting of the Steering Committee, the agenda was prepared for today. The committee is recommending that Academic Council suspend the rules for the items that are curriculum changes and move to Old Business to vote on today rather than passing those items forward to the Faculty Senate. The committee felt that the business coming forward from the Faculty Affairs Committee that has to do with making some changes in the Promotion and Tenure document should be passed onto the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Fichtenbaum thanked all members of the Academic Council, especially Jim Sayer and Donna Schlagheck for their work this past year.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge reporting:

The recycling concerns that were raised last month have been shared with Melissa McCleery.

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:

(See Attachment A)

C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee met twice since the last Academic Council meeting. Most of the time was spent on the Promotion and Tenure issues, three of which are in New Business on this agenda. Some of the others will be passed along to the Faculty Affairs Committee for next year.

D. Library:
No report

E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello reporting:
The Student Affairs Committee met once since the last Academic Council meeting and the primary issue was the question of semesters vs. quarters. A report was prepared for the ad hoc committee on semesters vs. quarters that dealt with student issues on that topic.

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

VI. Old Business:

A. Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee:

1. A New Track in Mathematics Education "Bachelor Of Science in Mathematics: Mathematics Education Concentration" (Attachment A to May 5, 1997 Academic Council Agenda)
Motion was approved

B. 1997-98 Academic Council Meeting Dates (These dates will be void if Faculty Senate is approved by the Board of Trustees)

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Motion was approved.

VII. New Business:

A. Items of Business from Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav

Motion was moved, seconded and approved to suspend rules to vote on Items 1 & 2 today

1. Department of Computer Science & Engineering Proposal for Certificate Program in Object-Oriented Programming (Attachment A to Agenda)
Motion was moved, seconded and approved

2. General Education Course Modifications (Changes in Titles): Thomas Sav

- ENG 101 Processes of Writing
- ENG 102 Effective Written Discourse
- BIO 105 Introductory Biology: Food
- BIO 106 Introductory Biology: Biodiversity
- BIO 107 Introductory Biology: Disease

The modifications will be effective for Fall 97. All changes were moved, seconded and approved.

B. Changes to the University Promotion and Tenure Document: Thomas Sudkamp (Attachment B to Agenda)

Motion to adopt was moved, seconded and approved to forward to Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

C. Passage of gavel to James Sayer and Seating of New Council Members (Gregory Bushong and Melvyn Goldfinger attending).

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Semester Committee Report: Thomas Sudkamp

Thomas Sudkamp thanked the committee members for their work. The committee looked at the issues

involved in a potential conversion from quarters to semesters and informed the faculty of those issues and then got the faculty feedback and their opinions. A survey was sent to all full-time faculty asking whether they thought WSU should begin a conversion to semesters or remain on quarters. The results are:

Results by deadline: 171 for semesters, 137 against semesters

Results after deadline: 179 for semesters, 150 against semesters

55% of faculty supported conversion to semesters

Student representatives (Euvondia Barto and Susan Carafiello) got student feedback on the issue (informal survey of students) - 135 against semesters, 28 for semesters, 2 undecided

The committee decided not to make a committee recommendation but to forward the voice of the faculty. The committee has officially disbanded.

B. Report from Graduate Council: Donald Swanson

The Graduate Council plans to report monthly to the Faculty Senate. The Graduate Council met on May 12, acting upon recommendations of the Council's three standing committees (Policy, Membership and Student Affairs). The Policy Committee brought forward three new graduate certificate programs. Certificates in Software Engineering and Software Management were proposed by the Computer Science and Engineering Department. These each require a completion of four courses, totaling 16 credit hours. In addition, the committee recommended an achievement program for older adults, proposed by the Graduate School, requiring 21 credits of elective courses. All were approved by the Council. The Policy Committee also reminded the Council of the U.S. Council of Graduate Schools Resolution, establishing April 15 as the earliest date a graduate applicant can be required to respond to an offer of admission or financial aid. The Graduate Council continued their long-standing endorsement of this resolution. The Policy Committee recommended that an ad hoc committee be established to explore guidelines for electronic submission of thesis and dissertations. The Membership Committee proposed full graduate faculty membership for Ann Runyan and Robert Sumser, both of the College of Liberal Arts. These nominations were approved by the Council. The Student Affairs Committee reported on new graduate fellowship programs. The committee reviewed and approved college plans for the selection and award of 150 graduate tuition fellowships. These are divided among the six colleges and SOPP in accordance with the number of full-time graduate students. The committee also presented a new Graduate Council's Scholar's Program for fellowship. This replaces the School of Graduate Studies fellowship program. This new program was unanimously endorsed by the Council. It is planned to phase in this program over the next two years, beginning the fall of 1997. The Council requested that Dean Thomas recommend to the Faculty President that the Council representatives be included on the proposed 1997-98 Faculty Senate ad hoc committee on councils. The next Graduate Council meeting will be scheduled during October, 1997.

**C. Report from Athletic Council: Frank Carmone
(See Attachment C)**

D. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.