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Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 3, 1997

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Faculty Senate

Agenda--11/3/97

3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 10/06/1997 (Attachment E)**
- 3. Report of the President/Provost**
- 4. Report of the Senate Executive Committee: James Sayer**
- 5. Reports of Committees**
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: James Amon**
 - B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav**
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Kuldip Rattan**
 - D. Library: Rebecca Koop**
 - E. Student Affairs: Jane Scott**
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Robert Sweeney**
- 6. Old Business**
 - A. Call for Nominations for Professor-at-Large for University Promotion and Tenure Committee (Attachment A) Nominees from the 10/6/97 Meeting:
John Blair, Joanne Dombrowski, Martin Maner
Additional nominations will be accepted at today's meeting**
 - B. "A Statement of Principles to Guide Academic Reform" (Attachment B)**
- 7. New Business**
 - A. Constitutional Amendment to add WAC Chair to Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee (Attachment C)**
 - B. Senate Resolution (Attachment D)**
- 8. Announcements**
 - A. Next Faculty Senate Meeting--December 1, 1997, 3:15 p.m. E156 Student Union**
- 9. Adjournment**

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 3, 1997

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

Present: Barr, D., Castellano, J., Czachor, J., Fleischauer, J., Forston, S., Goldfinger, M., Guo, S., Guthrie, J., Hartmann, C., Kapp, M., Kazimierczuk, M., Nehring, V., O'Brien, M., Oxindine, A., Rickert, W., Rutter, E., Sayer, J., Schlagheck, D., Siervogel, R., Slonaker, W., Sweeney, R., Vance, J., Voss, D., Wetter, E., Wheatly, M., Wolf, E.

Absent: Carney, C., Garrison, D., Self, E., Weiss, I.

II. The minutes of the October 6, 1997 meeting were approved as corrected (Attachment E to Agenda).

Dr. Melvyn Goldfinger presented a resolution regarding Wright State University President Harley Flack's illness (Attachment A). Approval of the resolution was moved, seconded and approved.

Dr. Charles Hartmann, Chair of Athletic Council, declined to comment to Faculty Senate on Marvin Rodgers' article in Sunday's Dayton Daily News. Dr. Hartmann noted that the Steering Committee of Athletic Council will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 7, 1997 and this matter will be on their agenda.

III. Report of the President/Provost: John Fleischauer reporting:

Dr. Fleischauer expressed appreciation for the resolution passed today regarding Dr. Flack's illness. He then gave an update on Dr. Flack's condition: he returned to campus this past Thursday (October 30, 1997) and called a special meeting of the president's cabinet. The President made a statement regarding his health and his leave of absence. Dr. Flack expressed gratitude for the expressions of concern that had already begun coming into the office. The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday (November 5, 1997) to determine what action to take. Dr. Fleischauer asked for the senators' support and understanding during this time. Dr. Fleischauer noted that any letters, cards, etc. could be sent through the President's office and they will be transported to Dr. Flack.

Dr. Fleischauer reported on the stabbing of two WSU students last week outside the library. The two students, Eric Borton and Thuy Mai, were badly injured in the stabbing. The assailant was known to Thuy Mai but it is not known whether there was a particular relationship between them. The students received an outpouring of concern from the campus community. Both students are recovering.

Dr. Fleischauer reported that he supports the Statement of Principles to Guide Academic Reform (Attachment B to Agenda).

IV. Report of the Senate Executive Committee: James Sayer reporting:

The next Senate Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18 to establish the December 1st agenda.

At the last meeting they discussed the formation of a collective bargaining unit for the faculty. The Executive Committee would like the Faculty Senate to host a series of fora to discuss the vote and all its implications.

Regarding any policies for advertising both within and without the Nutter Center, Dr. Sayer sent a memo to John Seil asking him to respond in writing to the following questions: (1) What are the current policies in effect in making decisions regarding signs both inside and outside the Nutter Center? Are there guidelines and/or procedures to be followed in allowing advertising to be placed on Nutter Center property?; (2) Similarly, what policies or guidelines exist for the booking of events at the Nutter Center?; (3) What policies or guidelines exist for the co-sponsorship of events or activities at the Nutter Center? Dr. Sayer reported that as soon as he received a response to those questions, he would share it with the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate.

The Executive Committee is in the process of forming a group to examine the General Education program and propose modifications, based on the observations and recommendations of the North Central site visitors. Dr. Sayer hopes to have this completed and approved by the Executive Committee to bring forward to the Faculty Senate by the end of November.

Dr. Sayer reminded everyone that the first General Faculty meeting will be Tuesday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m. The possibility of Lake Campus faculty attending the General Faculty meetings via audio and video technology is being researched.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning

No report

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:

See Attachment B

C. Faculty Affairs

Dr. Sayer mentioned that he had met with Dr. Rattan last week and reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee is facing a very heavy workload.

D. Library: Rebecca Koop reporting:

The Library Committee has not met yet. The first meeting is scheduled for next week. They will be reviewing the Library's unit action plan, discussing the preliminary use figures and discussing new features added this year in terms of additional online full text references, etc.

E. Student Affairs: Jane Scott reporting:

Student Affairs had their first meeting on October 24, 1997. The first issue was textbooks and the Bookstore. They decided that there were three broad problems: (1) too few books; (2) cost markups (3) Printing Services involvement in providing materials. Art Neff, Marcia Stewart and Joy Heishman have been invited to meeting on November 7 to discuss the system. The second issue was parking. Student Affairs was told that the problems should be eliminated when the new lot opens. Parking Services and representatives of the Campus Master Plan will be invited to a future meeting to explain how everyone is going to get back and forth on campus.

F. University Budget Review: Robert Sweeney reporting:

UBRC had a proposal to review budgets by activity costs. They looked at some unit advertising. Strategic Planning Council invited UBRC to review budget implications of the unit action plans. The salary issue has not yet been addressed. The next meeting will be November 20 at 2:00 p.m. in 219 Rike Hall.

G. Graduate Council: Marian Kazimierczuk reporting:

The Graduate Council elected Khurshid Ahmad as Secretary and Eileen Self as liaison to the Faculty Senate. Dean Thomas reviewed the Graduate Council structure of governance, briefed the Council on the history of the Graduate Tuition Fellowship Program and reported on The Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Professor Bernhardt reported on The Teacher Leader Program. Committee Reports were presented by Professor Hess (Policies Committee); Dr. Swanson (Student Affairs Committee); and Dr. Hangartner (Membership Committee). A Research Report was also presented by Dr. Sellers.

VI. Old Business:

A. Call for nominations for Professor-at-Large for University Promotion and Tenure Committee (Attachment A to Agenda) Nominees from the 10/6/97 Meeting:

John Blair, Joanne Dombrowski, Martin Maner

Additional nominations will be accepted at today's meeting.

Charles Ryan was nominated and seconded.

Joanne Dombrowski was elected.

B. "A Statement of Principles to Guide Academic Reform" (Attachment B to Agenda)

A proposal to amend the statement to read "support the spirit of the statement...." was moved, seconded and approved. Adoption of the amended statement was approved 12 to 6.

VII. New Business:

A. Constitutional Amendment to add WAC Chair to Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee (Attachment C to Agenda)

The amendment was moved and seconded.

B. Senate Resolution (Attachment D to Agenda)

The resolution was moved and seconded.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Next Faculty Senate Meeting -- December 1, 1997, 3:15 p.m. E156 Student Union

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.