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Campus Communication

date: October 19, 1977
to: Members of Academic Council
from: Jacob H. Dorn, Chairer, Steering Committee
subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, October 31, 1977

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, October 31, 1977, in the Cafeteria, Back Section, University Center.

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 1977 meeting.
- III. Report of the President.
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum Committee
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - C. Library Committee
 - D. Student Affairs Committee
 - E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee
- VI. Old Business:

Election for Professor-at-Large for the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (see list distributed at October 3 Academic Council meeting).
- VII. New Business:
 - (a) Committee Revisions and Appointments (see Attachment A, Agenda, Academic Council meeting October 31, 1977).
 - (b) Resolution concerning the retention and preservation of Committee and Academic Council records (see Attachment B, Agenda, Academic Council meeting October 31, 1977).
 - (c) Proposed Program in Biomedical Engineering (see Attachment C, Agenda, Academic Council meeting October 31, 1977).

Committee Revisions and Appointments

- I. Requiring Academic Council Approval:
 - (a) Appointment of Mr. Michael Cleary as Academic Council representative to the Athletic Council.
 - (b) Addition of Mr. Marc Low to the Controller's Advisory Committee as a replacement for Mr. G. Walters.
 - (c) Appointment of B. Barth as a student member of Curriculum Committee.
 - (d) Replacement of S. Bentsen by W. Young as student member of Library Committee. Appointment of S. Bentsen as student alternate.
 - (e) Addition of B. Barth as student member of Student Affairs Committee.

- II. For Information Purposes Only (not requiring Academic Council approval):
 - (a) Appointment of Ira Fritz to University Food Service Committee.
 - (b) Appointment of Robert Adams as faculty representative to Board of Regents Advisory Committee.
 - (c) Appointment of Tsing Yuan as a replacement for Joan Tortoriello on Faculty Dining Room Committee.
 - (d) Appointment of Chiyoko Furukawa (Nursing) and Rishi Kumar (Economics) as replacements for Marie Lobo (Nursing) and Dean Eiteman (Accountancy) on the University Honors Committee.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

October 31, 1977

Minutes

- I. The meeting of October 31, 1977 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice Provost Murray at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the University Center.

Present:

L. Arlian, B. Barth, J. Beljan, B. Bentsen, E. Cantelupe, J. Castellano, M. Cleary, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, R. Earl, J. George, K. Gillette, R. Glaser, R. Iddings, A. Kader, G. Kantor, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, E. Nicholson, P. Nolan, K. Racevskis, C. Schmitz, R. Schumacher, G. Sideras, A. Spiegel, S. Stringer, B. Tea and H. Wachtell

Absent:

P. Batra, H. Brown, G. Constable, R. Kegerreis, W. Stoesz, V. Sutch

- II. The new student representative from Western Ohio Branch Campus (WOBC), Ms. Carol Schmitz, was welcomed to the proceedings of the Academic Council. The Minutes of the October 3, 1977 meeting were approved by voice vote.
- III. Report of the President, Dr. Spiegel reporting.

An appropriation of \$11.5 million was approved in the capital budget. The monies originally allocated were increased by an additional \$2.6 million. These additional funds will allow for the relocation of the Computer Center to the new Business and Administration Building. The Technical Education Facility at WOBC will receive \$1.6 million for their expansion.

Ohio Board of Regents gave their approval of a Ph.D. degree program in Biomedical Sciences.

A new Dean of Professional Psychology will be appointed this week.

There is still some confusion concerning the Obscenity Guidelines. George Sideras posed the question of whether these Guidelines refer to classroom situations, and Dr. Spiegel reiterated that they do not. Mr. Sideras stressed his opinion that negotiations regarding this matter should not proceed until attorneys for the Student Caucus have had a chance to review this in more detail. Dr. Spiegel pointed out that the continual unavailability of the Student Caucus lawyers prompted the University to proceed with their own Guidelines.

Some discussion centered around the topic of free "A" parking stickers for certain administrators holding high positions. Dr. Spiegel said this would be provided as a "fringe benefit" to those administrators which would put them behind their desks instead of driving around looking for parking spaces. Mr. Sideras expressed the thought that it was more imperative for the student to be in his class rather than driving around looking for parking spaces, since it is for the student that the University exists.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Dorn reporting:

Mr. Dorn reported on the meeting of October 12 which concerned filling the various vacancies as recorded in Attachment A of the Agenda for today's meeting. Of the appointments to be made, Mr. Marc Low does not require Academic Council approval. Mr. Dorn requested that a Suspension of the Rule be granted so that action can be taken immediately towards filling these vacancies.

An Ad Hoc Committee of Guidelines for Academic Council Actions, chaired by Dr. Ray, has been formed. The Committee will be comprised of Mr. Joseph Castellano, Dr. John Murray and Mr. Louis Falkner.

The Steering Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Pat Nolan concerning the distribution of records for Academic Council (listed as Attachment B on the Agenda of October 31 meeting.)

The resignation of Professor Robert Haber from the Academic Council during the Winter Quarter has created a vacancy. An immediate replacement is needed for a representative to the Science and Engineering Department.

An item of deep concern to the Steering Committee is the proposed reduced, or free, decal rates.

The Curriculum Committee submitted a recommendation for the University to offer a B. S. in the Biomedical Engineering field.

Two topics to be discussed at the November 9 meeting of the Steering Committee are (1) what part should the Steering Committee play in the preparation of the budget and (2) a recommendation by Mr. Falkner to have wider distribution of the Agenda and Minutes of the Academic Council, possibly by publishing them in the University Times.

V. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee - Robert Earl reporting. Mr. Earl reported on the meeting of October 17. The main topic of discussion centered around the Biomedical Engineering program which has been submitted by the Science and Engineering Department. (The rationale of this proposal is outlined in Attachment C in the October 31, 1977 Agenda).
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee - In the absence of Mr. Thomas Tiernan, Mr. Dorn reported that the Committee will be publishing a more detailed account of their meeting, therefore, Mr. Dorn is presenting an abbreviated version. The Committee has appointed members of the Hearing Board for Due Process Mechanism Policy for the year, and has recommended persons to the Tenure Removal Board, which requires the official approval of President Kegerreis. An approval of the Guidelines for the Professional Leave Program were given. Only minor revisions were made, and a more detailed discussion of the Guidelines will be held at the next meeting of the Academic Council.
- C. Library Committee - Mary Lou White reported on the meeting of October 26 concerning the Faculty Loan Period. There was talk about changing the loan period, but in general everything seemed to be working out fine. A Committee was appointed for an approval plan regarding acquisition of books. Mr. Sideras made a comment on the problem of theft of pages from heavily used books, and asked if the Library Committee could look into this and related problems. Ms. White said this would be looked into, and be included as part of her report.
- D. Student Affairs Committee - Steve Renas reporting. The Committee has met twice this year. Topics of discussion concerned the Obscenity Guidelines and the "A" parking decals which may be provided free to certain high administrators.
- E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee -- No report presented.

VI. Old Business:

Nomination of candidates were held for the position of Professor at Large for the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. Those candidates nominated were

Marlene K. Bireley	Bryan Gregor
Lawrence J. Cross	Thomas J. Von Der Embse
John J. Treacy	Shigeru I. Honda

Motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed. A majority vote is needed to be elected, and in counting the ballots, it was determined that a run off vote was needed again between Professors Bireley, Cross, Gregor and Treacy. Of these candidates, the selection was narrowed to Professors Bireley and Gregor; final vote appointed Professor Bireley to the Committee.

VII. New Business:

- A. Referring to Attachment A of the Agenda for October 31, 1977 meeting, Committee Revisions and Appointments. As Mr. Dorn mentioned earlier, a Suspension of the Rule was requested in order to act immediately on the proposed appointments. A voice vote was given in favor of this suspension, and approval of these appointments (except for Mr. Marc Low, who does not require the approval of Academic Council) was given.
- B. Resolution concerning the Retention and Preservation of Committee and Academic Council Records (as recorded in Attachment B of the October 31, 1977 Agenda). This same topic will appear under Old Business in the next meeting of the Academic Council, but for the present a report will be presented by Mr. Pat Nolan. Purpose of the Resolution is to clarify what is currently practiced, which is the retention of records by individual Chairmen of Committees, which are then turned over to the Secretary of the Academic Council, as stated in the Charter as the person to retain such records. Attempt of this Resolution is to bring together as complete a set as possible of these records. At present some Chairmen are retaining their records, and not turning them over to

succeeding Chairmen, which is creating some problems. The Resolution further allows the Secretary of the Academic Council to deposit these records in the University Archives for retention. A comment was made regarding the Resolution that new wording should be incorporated which would include Standing, Special Committees, and Councils. Mr. Nolan agreed to this suggestion, and will see that it is inserted into the Resolution.

- C. Proposed new program in Biomedical Engineering. Mr. Earl reported on this earlier in the Meeting, but reiterated the significance of this Program, and the appropriateness of it at this particular time. It will fill a void in this particular area, and provide trained individuals able to design and maintain this particular type of equipment. This topic will be covered under Old Business in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

VIII. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m.