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UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 1970

I. A. The meeting was opened at 3:30 p.m. in the Oelman Auditorium by the Vice President of the Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec.

B. Minutes of the May 18, 1970 meeting were approved as presented.

II. Special Reports

A. Remarks, Provost Spiegel

Dr. Spiegel commented that it was his desire to let the faculty have some insights on who he is, what he stands for, and how he intends to operate. Oliver Cromwell's reference to the requirements of state's policy as a "cruel necessity" best fits his idea of educational administration and "the less of it the better." He sees his role as facilitator and not as an end in itself. The administration should be less noticeable since being less noticeable usually indicates that the job is being done well. We must be willing to see the university change, but not just in response to demands made upon it. We should know what we want and where we are going. He indicated that he does not have many answers, but is willing to listen. Academic leadership is needed. It must be responsible and accountable, but it cannot and should not be dismembered as some have suggested and others insisted.

B. Academic Council 1970-71 (See Attachment A)

C. Report, Dr. Emil Kmetec

1. The resolution passed last spring on campus unrest has been forwarded to other Ohio Universities by the Board of Trustees. Replies from other universities have been received.

2. As Vice President of the Faculty a questionnaire was completed in August for the Scranton Commission.

3. The Steering Committee was sent a communication from Mr. Moore of the Ohio Faculty Seante and correspondence from Dr. Treacy and
President Golding in relation to this. The Ohio Faculty Senate is an organization which will seek to organize and represent faculty on issues of higher education in Ohio. The Academic Council has been asked to consider this matter.

4. He appeared before the Legislative Commission on campus unrest.

5. He attempted to establish a faculty lecture series. This is now being handled by the Honors Committee.

III. Old Business

A. Dr. Thobaben reported on the progress of the dialog between the Faculty Affairs Committee and the University Community. Most of our energy has been spent on the "Due Process Mechanism" and the "Sabbatical Leave Mechanism". Dr. Adams has been appointed Chairman of a Faculty/Administration Relations subcommittee to explore means of dialog. A proposal will probably be submitted to the Academic Council in January.

IV. Commemoration of Mr. S.C. Allyn

A. President Golding announced that the Board of Trustees had adopted a resolution commemorating Mr. Allyn and moved that the faculty adopt it also.

"Whereas Stanley Charles Allyn served as a prime mover in the origination and establishment of Wright State University, and whereas Mr. Allyn was co-chairman of the combined University Building Fund committee, in which capacity he raised more than three millions dollars as seed money to start the Dayton campus of Miami University and the Ohio State University, later to become Wright State University. And whereas, during the formative years of this institution Mr. Allyn's wisdom and personal counseling were invaluable in establishing and directing the policies of the fledgling institution and whereas, Mr. Allyn's broad accomplishments as a civic and industrial leader have been well documented. Therefore be it resolved that this faculty acknowledges the positive contributions made through the life of this gentleman. And be it further resolved that this faculty extend warm and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Allyn, and be it further resolved that the secretary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Patricia Allyn."

Following a moment of silence the resolution was unanimously adopted.

B. Dr. Hussman moved to approve the following amendment to the "University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws."
"Article III Section II, Item (4) (1)

A Curriculum Committee shall study undergraduate curricula, consider requests for curricular changes, and recommend appropriate action to the Academic Council. Membership of the Committee shall consist of at least one representative from each of the Academic divisions and two students (and two student alternates) to be selected by the Student Representative Assembly."

Motion to amend the Bylaws passed.

C. Other new business

1. Dr. R. Silverman requested permission to present a motion to the faculty regarding salary.

Permission granted.

2. Dr. R. Silverman moved that the faculty recommends that the Wright State University administration adopt the recommendation on salary policy as stated in the November 18, 1970 Faculty Agenda Committee memorandum to the faculty. (See Attachment B)

Dr. Uphoff moved to amend by deleting the word "average" from the fourth line from the bottom of page

Motion to Amend adopted.

Dr. Apt, President of the local AAUP, indicated that the AAUP had endorsed the statement except for the last paragraph.

Dr. Maneri moved to vote ad seriatim on

1. The document without salary disclosure portion.
2. Salary disclosure portion.
Motion to divide adopted

Part one as amended passed.

Part two passed.

V. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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Secretary

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