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UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 1971

- I. A. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President of the Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec at 3:35 p.m.
- B. Minutes of the November 23, 1970 meeting were approved as presented.

II. Special Reports

A. Legislative and Financial Report by Dr. Brage Golding

- 1. Wright State University budget requests for 16.1 million excluding auxiliary enterprises. Of the 16 million 1 1/2 million are capital requests. If we get what the Executive budget recommends we estimate our income would be approximately \$14.1 million.

- a. Effective Summer Quarter the subsidy calculations are proposed:

General Studies	540.	/ FTE
Baccalaureate General	1150.	
Baccalaureate Professional	1620.	
Masters	1950.	

- b. Proposed new student fees limits by the Ohio Board of Regents are:

Instructional	200.
General	50.

- c. The following are proposed budgets for Wright State:

	71/72	72/73
Regents Budget	10,790,000	12,029,000
Executive Budget	8,023,000	8,023,000
House Budget	8,854,000	9,716,000

- 2. An enrollment subsidy freeze would actually create a decrease due to rising cost, for example Workmen's Comp., Classified employee pay increase, new building operation and maintenance.

3. A special provision has been introduced which raises the legislative appropriations for Cleveland State and Wright State Universities.
4. In a letter received from the Chancellor he stated that "Legislators want open enrollment, low fees and low subsidy".
5. The Board of Trustees will meet between July 1 and July 16 to set the budget for Wright State University.
6. In looking at the Instructional and General budget of the University at this point of growth, 80% of the budget is salaries.
7. It has been necessary to put a freeze on the Library Science Masters Program and the Nursing Baccalaureate Program.
8. A provision from our State Constitution states, "Not less than 50% of the income and inheritance taxes that may be collected by the state shall be returned to the county, school districts, city, village or township in which said income or inheritance tax originates or to any of the same as may be provided by law." This is creating problems in establishing taxes.

Until a tax decision is made, the legislative appropriation for higher education and other state offices will not be known, but we have reason to be optimistic.

- B. Reflections and directions after 1 year - Reorganization - Provost A. Spiegel
1. The plan that is adopted should not be permanent, additional changes were urged by the Committee.
 2. The four Academic Divisions; Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Science & Engineering become Colleges.
 3. To make it easier to plan and implement interdisciplinary program between Division or Colleges or Department within the College can be carried out by making appropriation into the Provost's budget.

- C. Dr. Uphoff objected to the Agenda order which has reports first.

Dr. Piediscalzi moved to change the Agenda to take up New Business next.

Motion passed.

IV. New Business

- A. Commemoration of Professor Robert J. Firestone

Dr. Kmetec read the Commemoration

"Whereas Robert Firestone served as Assistant Professor of Quantative Business Analysis at Wright State University from September 1, 1970 until his death on November 29, 1970 and whereas, Professor Firestone distinguished himself to the University through diligent pursuit reflected credit upon himself as well as the University, whereas his colleagues at Wright State University can regard Professor Firestone with great warmth because of his sincere regard for students and co-workers, now there fore be it resolved that the University Faculty express its sense of loss at the passing of this gentlemen and be it resolved that the members of this Faculty express sincere condolences to Mrs. Luther Rowland, mother of Professor Firestone and be it further resolved that the secretary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Luther Rowland.

Following a moment of silence the resolution was unanimously adopted.

- B. Faculty approval of Graduating Students, 1971

Dr. Seiger moved to approve list of eligible graduating students.

Motion passed.

- C. Motions of the Grading System, Dr. M. Low reporting:
(Attachment A & B of Agenda)

Dr. Low moved to adopt the following proposed Grading System:

1. We propose that the A/B/C/No Credit grading system be established by the Registrar as the official undergraduate system at Wright State, subject to approval of an implementation procedure by the

University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Council.

2. Contingent upon the approval of the implementation of the previous motion, we propose that all courses graded by pass/fail or pass/unsatisfactory be graded on a Pass/No Credit basis.

Discussion:

Dr. Low stated the implementation is to be worked out over the next year.

Student Body President, D. Campbell was asked to give the results of a survey on the grading system. There were over 1,000 ballots with 72% in favor and 28% against.

Dean Conley moved to allow student participation on this issue.

Motion passed.

Student Hensley questioned validity of A/B/C/No Credit since students do not understand the impact since implementation is not specified.

D. Eiteman moved to amend A/B/C/No Credit to be A/B/C/D/No Credit.

Discussion:

Dr. Low stated the Curriculum Committee hoped to eliminate the concept of C as an average grade.

Mr. W. Evans commented that at the last regular meeting of the Undergraduate Programs Committee in Business Administration the Proposal of the A/B/C/No Credit was discussed. The Committee made the following recommendation that: The Proposed A/B/C/No Credit Grading System raises serious questions in several areas, including academic standards, administration of the system, and inconsistencies which may hamper a student's educational efforts. The Undergraduate Programs Committee recommends that the proposed system be studied more thoroughly and that results of this study be made available to the Committee and faculty before submitting the matter to vote. An A/B/C/No Credit grading system does not provide for that student who is content to receive a D grade in a course that is not part of his major. For instance, a student who is required a certain number of hours under general education may be content to receive a D in a course. The student might

feel that no matter how many times he took the course that he could not obtain a C and would not care to obtain a C. At the present time a D is a passing grade and can be applied toward a degree, and we would be penalizing this student under the new grading system. As far as the F grade is concerned, that grade that now represents failure can be repeated by a student, the course hours and points being removed after a successful completion. Mr. Evans indicated that he did not believe an F grade represents punishment as the report seems to indicate. An F grade represents a failure to complete the requirements of the course. With an A/B/C/No Credit grading system, we may begin to see the grade of B as an average grade rather than C being the average grade. Our present drop procedure is a very liberal drop procedure, and it is worthy to study the results of this drop system over the next couple of year before we move into a radically different grading system. Under this drop system a student may request a progress report from the instructor and determine from that progress report whether he is progressing satisfactorily and can make that choice on his own as to whether he remains in that course.

Concerning the point that an A/B/C/No Credit system will enable students to take course work outside his major, we already have a system called the Audit System that enables a student to register for and sit in a course without fear of failure.

Mr. Spetter called for a quorum count.

Dr. Batra moved to recess until next week.

Motion passed.