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# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

October 6, 1975

## Minutes

- I. The first meeting of the year was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice Provost Murray at 3:15 P.M. in room 155 of the University Center.

### Present:

D. Badaczewski, C. Benner, A. Blue, E. Cannon, J. Castellano, W. Collie, B. Dreher, E. Duffy, S. Dyer, J. Fortman, I. Fritz, R. Frommeyer, G. Graham, R. Gray, K. Kotecha, E. Levine, A. MacKinney, J. Martin, T. Matczynski, A. Molierno, C. Montgomery, H. Neve, N. Nussbaum, G. Pacernick, H. Roehm, J. Sayer, G. Skinner, A. Spiegel, E. Stearns, J. Thatcher, G. Torres, T. Yoder, J. Zamonski

### Absent:

S. Barone, J. Beljan, R. Kegerreis

Mr. Murray welcomed everyone to the first Academic Council meeting of the academic year. He noted that he is looking forward to a very successful year this year and feels that last year was successful even though a lot of time was spent on promotion and tenure. However, the time spent on this document was well worth it.

Mr. Murray, on behalf of the Council, welcomed Mr. Art Molierno of Western Ohio Branch Campus as a new member of Academic Council. Dr. Motes was a member and is on leave, so WOBC held a special election. He also introduced the new Parliamentarian, Mr. Sayer, and thanked him for volunteering for this difficult task. He also introduced the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Roehm.

- II. Minutes of the June 2, 1975 meeting were approved by voice vote without correction.
- III. Report of the President, Mr. Spiegel reporting.

Mr. Spiegel stated that the first thing of interest is the enrollment picture, which is a bright one. The high points are:

1. The full-time freshmen enrollment is up 18.7 percent.
2. The full-time undergraduate enrollment is up 13 percent.
3. The **total** full-time enrollment is up 13.3 percent.
4. There is an 11 percent increase in student credit hours.

Mr. Spiegel related that this report is not final, but it is near being final as the 14th day report will go through October 7, 1975. Including the Branch Campus operations, there are 14,300 students at Wright State University; 13,130 at the Main Campus as compared to 11,900 last year. At present, that is a 9.6 percent increase over last year. Just how this will translate into increased income is not known. The University has collected the student fees, but is uncertain as to the subsidy over and above our original anticipated enrollment which was a 5 percent increase. We do know that the other State Universities increased their enrollment, with only one or two exceptions, which means there will probably not be a great deal available over what was originally budgeted for Wright State by the regents.

Mr. Spiegel asked if there were any questions about enrollment and stated that he is very happy about it, to say the least, as all of us should be. He was asked about the graduate figures and replied that the full-time graduate students is up 19.2 percent, the part-time up 10.7 percent and the overall up 12 percent. The total figures: 2238 part-time graduate students and 421 full-time graduate students. That is a total of 2659 as compared to 2374 last year.

Mr. Spiegel advised that you will be hearing, in the weeks to come, about a resolicitation on the disability insurance which he doesn't feel was correctly or adequately conveyed to the faculty. He can only say that it is extremely difficult to convey the details of a most complicated program. Rather than turning it down, without digesting it thoroughly, please make an effort to contact your Dean or Lionel Proulx or someone to explain it to you if you are interested. For almost all of us, the insurance is in our best interest, but this will be conveyed in a clearer memorandum. Those that declined the insurance earlier will be contacted to see whether or not they want more of an explanation given.

The question was asked, "Does that mean that the minimum required to sign up was not achieved"? Mr. Spiegel replied that it was not achieved by a great deal. Only about 54 percent of the faculty approved, and we need 75 percent. 170 did not respond. Mr. Spiegel said that there is a mistake in assumptions. He thinks the faculty members had been led to believe if they had been in STRS for over five years, it was not in their interest to be involved in this plan; but it is being shown by specific examples that it is very much in their benefit to be a participant. They would have to enter either PERS or STRS at the age of 30 or younger, and been involved for five years, before it would not be in their interest.

Mr. Spiegel stated it is his hope that the faculty feels that the parking situation has improved. Dr. Dreher and Dr. Spiegel are witnesses to the fact that fewer complaints were received. There are some problems still involved, but it is felt they can be solved easily.

#### IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mrs. Dreher reporting.

The Steering Committee has approved some changes in the membership of the Committee. Dr. Zamonski resigned the Library Committee and Mr. T. Wood is going to be named Chairer of that Committee with a new member, Mr. J. Thatcher representing the Social Sciences. Bruce Lyon, Dean of Students, was named an ex officio member of the Student Affairs Committee. Mr. John Martin acted as your pro tem representative to the Athletic Council Committee.

Under Old Business today, we are to elect a representative to Athletic Council to act for us during the rest of the school year. Also under Old Business, we asked for approval of calendar changes.

We have some changes in the list for Professor-at-Large. The new list that was distributed on the table is the one that is up-to-date.

The items of New Business to be added:

- (D) Approval of the Professional Development Degree for Engineers.
- (E) Approval of Dean Uphoff as a new member of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee to represent WOBC.
- (F) Approval of the changes in the Library Committee.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees.

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Whippen reporting.

At the present time we are working on reviews of the eighth week drop date and of the early grading procedures for graduating seniors. We are requesting input on these matters.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Nicholson reporting.

We have met once, and we are going to solicit agenda items from the faculty. We will send the Steering Committee a copy of that Agenda by next month.

C. Library Committee - no report.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Ms. Cannon reporting.

We will hold our first meeting Thursday of this week, and at that time will make appointments for representatives to the following committees: Petitions, Food Services, and Student Publications.

VI. Old Business:

A. The first item of old business is the approval of calendar changes, Attachment A. Mrs. Dreher proposed that the date for commencement be changed from June 13 to June 9, 1976.

A new holiday was approved by the State Legislature, a Martin Luther King Day, January 19, 1976. This could be celebrated at the time in lieu of President's Day which is February 16. The October 13 holiday is too eminent to be changed.

Mrs. Dreher placed a motion to celebrate Martin Luther King Day on January 19 in lieu of President's Day. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Mr. Murray noted that the University would be closed on January 19, 1976 rather than on February 16, 1976.

The motion was approved to observe Martin Luther King Day on January 19, 1976. The University will be open on February 16, 1976.

Mrs. Dreher placed a motion the Commencement be changed from June 13 to June 9 as described. Mr. Spiegel stated the Chairman of the Board of Trustees cannot be present for the scheduled commencement, and he is the Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Graham asked what kind of problems this would create with the Curriculum Committee as to the early grades for seniors. He noted that if graduation is moved up a week, it is going to mean more pressure on people.

Discussion ensued between a weekend commencement as opposed to an evening during the week. Also to having it on June 20 instead of June 13 to have more time during this busy month. Mr. Spiegel noted that we could not have any participation by our music department this late in the month.

The motion was passed by voice vote.

- B. Election of Academic Council Representative to the Athletic Council. Mr. John Martin was nominated as representative from Academic Council to Athletic Council. Nominations were closed. Congratulations to John Martin.

VII. New Business:

- A. Election of Professor-at-Large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. Mrs. Dreher placed a motion that the Council suspend the rules and act on the election of Professor-at-Large at this meeting.

The motion was seconded, and it was voted to suspend the rules.

It was noted the Chairmen are eligible but Associate and Assistant Deans are not.

The nominations were G. Barlow, R. Dixon, J. Dorn, J. Treacy.

The results of the first balloting:

G. Barlow	8
R. Dixon	6
J. Dorn	11
J. Treacy	6

On the run-off balloting between G. Barlow and J. Dorn, the results were:

G. Barlow	- 13 votes
J. Dorn	- 18 votes

Mr. Murray announced the election of Mr. Dorn as Professor-at-Large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

- B. Approval of statement on "The Computerization and Use of Faculty Records".

Mrs. Dreher placed a motion that Item B and Item C (Approval of statement on "Faculty Retrenchment Policy") be considered at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approval was given for these two items to appear as Old Business at the November meeting.

- C. Mrs. Dreher moved suspension of the rules to consider one of the items that the Steering Committee added: Approval of Dean Uphoff as a member of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. It was seconded, and the motion to suspend the rules was approved by voice vote.

Mrs. Dreher placed a motion that Mr. Uphoff be named as a member of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee for 1975-76. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

- D. Mrs. Dreher moved suspension of the rules for Item F (Approval of the Changes in the Library Committee) added to the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

The motion was seconded and the rules were suspended by voice vote.

Mrs. Dreher moved approval of the changes in the Library Committee. Specifically, the addition of a new member, J. Thatcher from Sociology, Anthropology and the naming of the Chairman, T. Wood from the existing membership.

The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

- E. Mrs. Dreher placed a motion that Item D under new business, Approval of the Professional Development Degree in Engineering, be considered at the November meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

- F. The question arose about the plans for the Promotion & Tenure Document for the upcoming faculty meeting and what can be done to get that document passed. Mrs. Dreher stated that she will entertain any suggestions and will send out a solicitation to the entire faculty for agenda items for the first faculty meeting. The date of that meeting is November 18, 1975, and the Agenda Committee will meet in a reasonable time before that and any suggestions that come from the faculty will be dealt with by that Agenda Committee.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.