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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

June 1, 1977

Minutes

- I. The June meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice Provost Murray at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the University Center.

Present:

B. Barth, J. Beljan, S. Bentsen, E. Cantelupe, G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, R. Earl, J. George, K. Gillette, R. Glaser, M. Holtman, R. Iddings, A. Kader, G. Kantor, R. Kegerreis, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, E. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, R. Schumacher, G. Sideras, A. Speigel, W. Stoesz, S. Stringer, V. Sutch, B. Tea, and H. Wachtell.

Absent:

L. Arlian, P. Batra, H. Brown, J. Castellano, M. Cleary, R. Haber, P. Nolan, and W. Young.

- II. The minutes of the May 2, 1977, meeting were approved by voice vote.
- III. Report of the President, Mr. Kegerreis reporting.

Mr. Kegerreis indicated that the Steering Committee had requested him to report on two specific matters, and he had added a third.

First, Mr. Kegerreis reported that the budget of the University is in a tentative form and ready for consideration by the Board of Trustees at their June meeting, even though the subsidies from the State of Ohio will not be known until early July. Mr. Kegerreis indicated that the House cut 30 million dollars from the biennium budget. It appears that the instructional subsidy for next year will only increase ~~four~~ to five percent as compared to this past year.

Second, the Steering Committee asked Mr. Kegerreis to report on the survey the University has made on the early semester system as an alternative to the present quarter system at the University. He indicated that only Miami University had made a successful conversion to the semester system from the quarter system and it is rumored that the University of Akron may, also, switch to the semester system, but, no other universities in the State are contemplating changing from the quarter system to any other system.

One thing that had been missing in order for the University to address the subject comprehensively was a survey of student attitudes. Approximately five months ago, a student survey was completed. A total of 1500 surveys were returned, which is a 19% rate of return. With this rate of return, the survey could be considered authoritative and valid. Of the student surveyed, 51% favored retention of the quarter system and opposed a change to the early semester system. 19% were neutral, but did not advocate a change to the early semester system, which results in 70% of the student body who are not in favor of a change to the early semester system. Mr. Kegerreis reported that 11% of the students indicated that they would not enroll for classes if the University changed to the semester system. In view

of the statistical data gathered, the administration presented the matter to the Steering Committee recently, and the Steering Committee agreed with the administration team that it was conclusive that there was no possible basis on which they could recommend a change to the early semester system at this time.

Third, Mr. Kegerreis reported on the status of the Doctor of Psychology degree which may be offered at Wright State. The proposal originated outside the University in a professional association and surfaced almost a year ago. The proposal was presented nearly a year ago as an idea at the Inter-University Council of Presidents and most of the presidents at the meeting, including Mr. Kegerreis, opposed the idea of an independent school of psychology. At that time, the notion was understood to be that the Ohio Association of Clinical Psychologists wanted a free-standing, separate state-assisted school of psychology with its own board of trustees, president and so forth in a separate location. An objection was that it seemed to be unduly expensive to have a complete, separate structure for just a single school although two medical schools are in that framework at the moment.

After support of the Department of Psychology in Science and Engineering and the Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine and further investigation, Mr. Kegerreis was willing to support the idea of Wright State University being the site of the school of psychology. The proposal is now under consideration with the legislature.

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

Mr. Dorn reported that the Steering Committee had comprised the membership of all standing and ad hoc committees for 1977-78. One change that is to be made on the Student Affairs Committee is to replace A. Thomas with M. Ahmed. Mr. Murray had requested J. Sayer to serve another year as parliamentarian and Mr. Dorn had requested P. Nolan to serve as sargeant-at-arms for the coming academic year. Both accepted.

Mr. Dorn, also, reported that the Steering Committee made their recommendation on the early semester system, which was not to change.

The Committee had discussed the frequent practice of asking for suspension of the rules for the purpose of acting on an item of new business and decided that too often matters have been pushed through in a single meeting under suspension of the rules. The Committee is going to try to avoid this in the coming year. The Committee felt the original purpose for introducing items as new business one month and then acting on them as old business the next month was not being fulfilled. The Steering Committee next year will seek to have chairers of committees present at the meeting to make a preliminary presentation of the proposal or recommendation even though the Academic Council was not asked to vote on the proposal until the following meeting.

Under Item A of New Business on today's agenda is the Curriculum Committee's request with respect to courses NUR 114 and ART 485, and the Committee will ask for suspension of the rules for it.

Mr. Dorn had asked the chairers of the standing committees, as well as several chairers of ad hoc committees and the graduate council, to make yearly reports to the Council at this meeting. Several of these will be given orally, as well as the distribution of the yearly reports with the minutes of this meeting.

V. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee - see Attachment A.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee - see Attachment B.
- C. Library Committee - see Attachment C.
- D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Sayer reporting.

Mr. Sayer indicated that at the final meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, they reappointed A. Spetter as chairer of the Media Committee for the coming year and secondly, regarding that item, Mr. Spetter is, also, listed to be a member of the Student Affairs Committee, which could create a conflict of interest.

Third, Mr. Sayer read a statement from the Student Affairs Committee, "The Committee wishes to express significant concern about the relative lack of involvement of the Committee in matters of pertinence to student conduct and welfare. Two primary examples stand out: (1) The Committee was not approached in terms of the study made dealing with the possible shift to the early semester system. Eventual Committee involvement occurred only because of unilateral action taken by the Committee. (2) The Committee's input was not sought when the Constitution was reviewed and revised. Again, Committee involvement occurred only after-the-fact and only upon unilateral action of the Committee.

Therefore, the Committee hopes, that, in the future, the Student Affairs Committee will be more efficiently and effectively utilized by the University community and the Academic Council."

Mr. Sayer, also, reminded the Council that one proposed item of business, which was presented to the Council, was tabled and sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee hopes for quick action on this proposal. (See Attachment D)

- E. University Undergraduate Petitions Committee - see Attachment E.

Other verbal reports were given by the Bookstore Committee and Graduate Council (see Attachments L and Q).

VI. Old Business:

Item A - Approval of University Admissions Committee Recommendation on Policy for Transfer of Credit of Nondegree Students (see Attachment F).

Mr. Renas, Chairer of the Admissions Committee, explained the new policy proposal.

The motion was made and seconded for the approval of the Admissions Committee recommendation.

A roll call vote followed.

Those in favor: J. Beljan, E. Cantelupe, G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, J. George, R. Glaser, M. Holtman, R. Iddings, A. Kader, G. Kantor, D. Nicholson, E. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, W. Stoesz, V. Sutch and H. Wachtell.

There were none opposed.

The motion was approved by a vote of 17 to 0.

Item B - Approval of the Standing Committees for 1977-78 (see Attachment G).

The motion was made and seconded for approval.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Item C - Approval of Curriculum Committee "Resolution on Cooperative Education"
(see Attachment H).

The motion was made and seconded for approval.

Discussion followed. In the discussion, it was pointed out that all departments, if they were to offer cooperative education courses, must send the course to the Curriculum Committee for approval in the same manner as any other course.

There was an amendment and second stating, "Cooperative education would be properly coordinated with existing internships."

The amendment was approved by voice vote.

A roll call vote followed:

Those in favor: J. Beljan, E. Cantelupe, G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, J. George, R. Glaser, M. Holtman, R. Iddings, A. Kader, G. Kantor, E. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, W. Stoesz, V. Sutch, and H. Wachtell.

There were none opposed.

The amended motion was approved by a vote of 16 to 0.

Item D - Approval of Proposed Calendar for Academic Council Meetings for 1977-78
(see Attachment I).

The motion was made and seconded for approval.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

VII. New Business:

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules for immediate action on Item A.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Item A - Approval of Curriculum Committee Course Recommendation (see Attachment J).

The motion was made and seconded for approval.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Item B - Approval of Faculty Affairs Committee Proposal on Retirement and Emeritus Status.

Mr. Constable explained the proposal to the Council. This proposal will be acted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Dorn moved to suspend the rules in order to adopt a resolution of thanks to all of the past year's officers of the Council and committees.

The motion to suspend the rules was approved.

Mr. Dorn moved that the Academic Council pass a resolution of thanks to all of the members of the standing committees of the past year, and to the officers of the Council for their fine work.

The resolution was approved by voice vote.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Additional Reports:

- Attachment K - University Admissions Committee Annual Report
- Attachment L - Bookstore Committee Annual Report
- Attachment M - Academic Calendar Committee Annual Report
- Attachment N - University Honors Committee Annual Report
- Attachment O - Elections Committee Annual Report
- Attachment P - Athletic Council Annual Report
- Attachment Q - Graduate Council Annual Report