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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

October 3, 1977

Minutes

- I. The October meeting 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, E. Cantelupe, J. Castellano, M. Cleary, G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, R. Earl, J. George, K. Gillette, R. Glaser, R. Haber, R. Iddings, A. Kader, G. Kantor, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, R. Schumacher, G. Sideras, A. Spiegel, W. Stoesz, S. Stringer, V. Sutch, B. Tea and H. Wachtell

Absent:

P. Batra, J. Beljan, B. Bentsen, H. Brown, M. Holtman, R. Kegerreis, E. Nicholson, P. Nolan

- II. The minutes of the June 6, 1977 meeting were approved by voice vote. However, one minor correction to the Minutes was indicated. The date appearing on the Minutes is June 1. The Minutes will be changed to reflect the correct date of June 6, 1977.
- III. Report of the President, Dr. Spiegel reporting.

Dr. Spiegel reported on several topics, one of which was **that** the Professional School of Psychology is being funded by the state. A Deans Search Committee has been appointed.

Regarding the recent Memorandum which was circulated in the past week concerning Obscenity Guidelines, Dr. Spiegel indicated some questions had arisen as to whether these guidelines covered classroom or instructional work. He said they were not intended to be all encompassing. The act of violence is not considered to be a part of the Obscenity Guidelines. However, this ruling can be contradicted by the Federal District Court System.

Dr. Spiegel reported that the University's present fiscal position is better than had been hoped for earlier in the year. More monies were left over from the fiscal year 1976-77 than anticipated. Also, it appears that the income for this year will be higher than projected. It is hoped that capital items can now be approved, particularly for Science and Engineering. Next year a definite attempt will be made to improve salary increases as compared to this year.

In discussing the enrollment figures, Dr. Spiegel reported that compared to last year an increase of 4.1 to 5.7 percent has been projected.

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

Mr. Dorn reported that the Steering Committee has met only once since June. They identified one item of old business. A topic of discussion under New Business was the elections for the Professor At Large position. At the next meeting of the Academic Council on Monday, October 31, nominations and elections will be conducted for the Professor At Large position on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

George Sideras reported that the resignation of Beth Graham has created a vacancy which has not yet been filled.

V. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee - Robert Earl reporting. Curriculum Committee met for the first time in organizational meeting on Monday, September 26. One item under consideration is the review of a proposal for an undergraduate program in Biomedical Engineering that has been developed by the College of Science and Engineering.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee - Thomas O. Tiernan reported that this committee has not yet met for this year. Their first meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 1977.
- C. Library Committee - Mary Lou White reported on three carry-over items, namely, the evaluation of the acquisitions proposal, Friends of the Library Committee, and the length of the faculty loan period. Another item she discussed was a current serials reading room.
- D. Student Affairs Committee - No report was presented.
- E. University Undergraduate Petitions Committee - Dr. Hubschman reported that each member was presented with a Roster (Attachment B) prior to the Call to Order of today's meeting. However, in order for this Committee to act on this Roster, Dr. Hubschman requested the rule be suspended. All members present were in favor of suspending the rule. The University Undergraduate Petitions Committee was approved.

VI. Old Business:

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

A motion was made to correct the inconsistent wording on this document. Text in question appears in Paragraph B of EMERITUS STATUS. Wording should be changed in the sentence "If the university committee votes final approval, it shall send the nomination to the provost and the president for their acceptance and implementation." The amendment will change the words "for their acceptance and implementation" to "for consideration and recommendation of the Board of Trustees for final approval." This new wording is consistent with previous wording in the document.

The motion was made and seconded for the amendment to this document.

A roll call vote followed:

Those in favor:

L. Arlian, B. Barth, E. Cantelupe, J. Castellano, M. Cleary,
G. Constable, R. Dolphin, J. Dorn, R. Earl, J. George,
K. Gillette, R. Glaser, R. Haber, R. Iddings, A. Kader,
G. Kantor, D. Matual, D. Nicholson, K. Racevskis,
R. Schumacher, G. Sideras, A. Spiegel, W. Stoesz,
S. Stringer, V. Sutch, B. Tea, H. Wachtell

There were none opposed.

The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 27 to 0.

VII. New Business:

Election of Professor At Large for the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. (Attachment A)

Nominations and elections will be conducted for this position at the next meeting of the Academic Council on Monday, October 31, 1977.

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