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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2, 1978

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of October 2, 1978 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President Murray at 3:15 p.m. in Room 035 of the Medical School Building.

Present:

B. Barth, J. Beljan, B. Bentsen, T. Burns, J. Castellano, G. Constable, S. Cummings, P. Doherty, R. Dolphin, K. Eckerle, P. Horn, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, L. Low, V. McKinley, J. Murray, E. Nicholson, D. Pabst, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin, J. Sayer, R. Schumacher, P. Simcox, T. Staton, W. Stoesz, B. Tea, M. L. White

Absent:

R. Fox, I. Fritz, R. Glaser, K. Racevskis, C. Schmitz, H. Wachtell, E. Wetter

Mr. Murray welcomed all the new and remaining members to the proceedings of the Academic Council for the 1978-79 academic year, and looked forward to a full and productive year of activities.

- II. A Motion was presented that the Minutes of June 5, 1978 be approved as written. This Motion was seconded. All were in favor.
- III. Report of the President. The enrollment for the Fall Quarter 1978-79 is one percent below that of the previous year. The Fourteenth Day Final Report will be available in approximately two weeks. The Reorganization Plan for the University is proceeding on schedule; an announcement of these transfers or changes will be made at the November meeting of the Academic Council and to the Board of Trustees. A search will soon be conducted to fill the post of Vice President for Administration. Three additional appointments will also be sought, two on a local basis, and one probably on a national basis, for the new positions in the Office of the President. The academic programs of the University are in good shape. Two of the most prominent pending programs are the completion of the development of the doctoral degree in Biomedical Sciences, and at an earlier stage of development, a doctoral degree in another branch of the sciences. President Kegerreis had no further comments to report, but offered to answer any questions.

In response to the President's comments, Mr. Klein responded that he would like to read a personal statement, as follows: (See Attachment A)

With respect to the national search, Mr. Klein said he hoped this would not include anyone who is already on board. President Kegerreis clarified that if there were a candidate within the University community with the obvious qualifications, there would be no need for a national search.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. Castellano's report dealt with several topics, including a report submitted by Mr. Robert W. Adams, WSU delegate to the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee (Attachment B). The October 2 Agenda should reflect the addition of Item E under NEW BUSINESS titled Election of Professor at Large to the Promotion and Tenure Committee. A correction to this addition should state that the election will not be held on October 2 as stated due to the tradition that the previous year's committee meet in the Fall and therefore the changes in the Committee would not be constituted until the January meeting. This item will be deferred to OLD BUSINESS at the October 30 Academic Council meeting.

Referring to changes in the Ad Hoc Committee assignments, Mr. Sayer reported on the various transfers which have taken place since the June 5, 1978 report.

| | <u>Present Member</u> | <u>Replacing</u> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Admissions Committee | Robert Clark | Peter O'Boyle |
| Calendar Committee | Paula Christensen | Sue Fitzsimmons |
| Agenda Committee | Joanne Cross | Margaret Choudhary |
| Election Committee | Leon Cudkowicz | Ira Fritz |
| General Education Committee (Two additions) | | |
| | Al Smith | |
| | Cynthia King | |

- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
- A. Curriculum Committee: Mary Lou White reporting. The Committee passed several minor changes in courses which were presented to the group.
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee: No Report
 - C. Library Committee: Peter Bracher reporting. The Friends of the Library Committee were scheduled to meet on October 3 to approve a set of By Laws.
 - D. Student Affairs Committee: Steve Renas reporting. The Committee's first meeting of the year was October 2. One item to be considered is the conversion of the Ombudsman position to full time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Academic Council Member to the Athletic Council. Mr. Castellano requested a Suspension of the Rules in order to proceed with this election. The Motion was presented and Seconded to proceed with Suspension of the Rules. Mr. Gordon Constable was nominated, and a Motion was presented to close nominations. Mr. Constable was appointed by acclamation.

B. Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Undergraduate Program Review Committee

Mr. Castellano offered his thanks on behalf of the Steering Committee to Mr. James Brandeberry for the preparation of this report. Dr. Murray also offered his congratulations for this fine piece of work.

C. Proposed Changes in the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws and the Promotion and Tenure Document

Mr. Sayer authored these changes and requested that everyone look these over carefully in preparation for voting at the October 30 Academic Council meeting.

D. Membership of University Student Petitions Council. Mr. Castellano requested a Suspension of the Rules in order to proceed with this business. A Motion was presented to this effect and seconded. All were in favor of the Suspension. The Student Petitions Council for 1978-79 (see Attachment C) was approved as presented.

E. Election of Professor at Large to the Promotion and Tenure Committee

This item will be deferred to OLD BUSINESS at the October 30 Academic Council meeting. It is requested that the list of Professors be reviewed for changes or additions.

Steve Bentsen, the Student Caucus representative, made a motion that the proposed amendments to the Student Body Constitution which had been tabled at the June 5, 1978 meeting be brought up for discussion. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion. Mr. Constable questioned the proposition of letting 10 - 15 students deciding what constitutional changes should be made for the student body as a whole. Mr. Constable recommended that wording be added to the amendment stating that in no case shall the constitution and amendments be approved unless at least 100 students vote. This motion was seconded. A voice vote on this amendment failed to pass. A Roll Call vote on the original amendment follows:

Student Body Constitution Amendment Roll Call Vote:

Members voting YES:

B. Barth, J. Beljan, B. Bentsen, T. Burns, J. Castellano, S. Cummings,
P. Doherty, R. Dolphin, K. Eckerle, P. Horn, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis,
L. Low, V. McKinley, D. Pabst, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin, J. Sayer,
R. Schumacher, P. Simcox, T. Staton, W. Stoesz, B. Tea, M. L. White

Members voting NO:

G. Constable and E. Nicholson

Members ABSTAINING

S. Klein

The proposed amendments to the Student Body Constitution passed with 23 YES votes, and 2 NO votes.

VIII. A Motion to Adjourn the meeting was presented and seconded. The Academic Council meeting of October 2, 1978 was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.