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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

OCTOBER 30, 1978

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of October 30, 1978 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President Murray at 3:10 p.m. in Room 035 of the Medical School Building.

Present

B. Barth, J. Beljan, T. Burns, J. Castellano, G. Constable, S. Cummings, P. Doherty, K. Eckerle, R. Glaser, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, L. Low, V. McKinley, J. Murray, D. Pabst, K. Racevskis, M. Ritchie, J. Sayer, R. Schumacher, P. Simcox, T. Staton, E. Wetter, M. L. White

Absent

B. Bentsen, R. Dolphin, R. Fox, I. Fritz, P. Horn, E. Nicholson, A. Rodin, J. Rodriguez, W. Stoesz, B. Tea, H. Wachtell

- II. A Motion was presented that the Minutes of October 2, 1978 be approved as written. The Motion was seconded. All were in favor.

- III. Report of the President. The President's comments touched on the following three topics.

(1) Establishment of the Multiple Sclerosis Center at Wright State University which will involve diagnosis, treatment and research of this affliction. Dayton was chosen for the site due to its noted reputation in fund raising. The announcement was made by Governor Rhodes at the dedication of the Children's Medical Center Phase II.

(2) The President met before the Ohio Board of Regents to discuss the approval of Wright State's first doctoral program. A unanimous approval was granted in favor of this proposal.

(3) Serving in his capacity as President of the Ohio College Association, the President spoke on a topic which has the potential impact of dividing the publicly assisted Universities apart from the independent colleges and universities. This issue concerns tuition equalization. Private colleges believe that direct state assistance should be given to private colleges (to the institutions and not to the students) in order to bring closer together the tuition of private and public schools. There is no way at present for the publicly assisted universities to find a way to avoid opposing this campaign.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Prior to discussing his report, Mr. Castellano asked Mr. Lou Falkner to comment on the distribution of the Academic Council Minutes and Agenda. This clarification was sought in response to numerous comments and complaints by the faculty. Mr. Falkner said the distribution is the same now as it has been in the past, that is, a copy is sent to each member of the Academic Council, and to each faculty member via departmental distribution. Some department chairmen are known to "buck" the material within their department. A total of 750 copies are printed. Returning to the report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Castellano said two items will be added under NEW BUSINESS at today's meeting, and each will require a Suspension of the Rules at the time of their discussion.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
- A. Curriculum Committee: Roger Glaser reporting. The committee has met twice since the last Academic Council meeting and spent time on the routine review of new courses which had been proposed, and on modification of others. Approval was also given on three courses for variant or optional grading. This will be placed on the Agenda of the next Academic Council meeting for their approval. In its responsibility to review and judge those courses which carry General Education Requirements, the Committee challenged some courses because of their suitability towards those requirements. A meeting is planned in the near future with the Ad Hoc Committee to further discuss General Education Requirements.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: No Report
- C. Library Committee: Peter Bracher reporting. The committee met last week to discuss the proposal of converting the library material to microform. No definite action has been taken on this as yet.
- D. Student Affairs Committee: Steve Renas reporting. After lengthy discussions on the topic, the Committee feels that the Office of the Ombudsman should retain its current composition, that is, being represented by a student rather than by staff. They further believe that the work performed by the Ombudsman is not adequately compensated. A proposal has been made to change the student representation in the University Faculty Constitution and ByLaws from 3 to 5 members thereby allowing students to sit on Committees. Faculty will be represented by five members, and administrative one member.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Undergraduate Program Review Committee
- A Motion was presented by Leone Low to approve these recommendations. Mr. James Sayer seconded the Motion, which then opened for discussion. With no discussion forthcoming, a Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

Roll Call Vote of Ad Hoc Undergraduate Program Review Committee:

Members voting YES:

B. Barth, J. Beljan, T. Burns, J. Castellano, G. Constable,  
S. Cummings, P. Doherty, K. Eckerle, R. Glaser, B. Hutchings,  
R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, L. Low, V. McKinley, D. Pabst,  
K. Racevskis, M. Ritchie, J. Sayer, R. Schumacher, P. Simcox,  
T. Staton, E. Wetter, M. L. White

The recommendation passed with a vote of 23 - 0.

B. Proposed Changes in the University Faculty Constitution and  
By-Laws and the Promotion and Tenure Document

A Motion was presented by Mr. James Sayer to approve this Proposal.  
Mr. Don Pabst seconded this Motion, which was then opened for dis-  
cussion. There being no discussion, a Roll Call vote was taken on  
this topic as follows:

Members voting YES:

Same members voting as listed above.

The proposed changes passed with a vote of 23 - 0.

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

Mr. Sherwin Klein expressed his dissatisfaction with the election  
of a Professor at Large, and read a statement which he prepared  
to this effect (SEE ATTACHMENT A). In finalizing his comments,  
Mr. Klein made the Motion that his comments be passed on to the  
Faculty Affairs Committee for consideration. Mr. Doherty seconded  
this Motion. A Voice Vote indicated the majority were in favor of  
the Motion. Returning to the election, Mr. Castellano opened the  
Floor for nominations. The nominees were:

Bryan Gregor  
Carl Benner  
Herbert Brown

A Motion was presented to close the nominations. Motion passed.  
A count of the ballots appointed Mr. Bryan Gregor to the position  
of Professor At Large.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Castellano indicated earlier in the meeting that two items were to be added to the Agenda. Before proceeding, a Suspension of the Rules was requested; all were in favor. Mr. Castellano presented the Motion that Dr. Sandra B. Sexson replace Dr. Ahmed on the Student Affairs Committee. The Motion was seconded, and the appointment was approved.

The second item also required a Suspension of the Rules, which was seconded and approved. The Motion was made that Mr. William Rickert be installed as the Parliamentarian to replace Mr. William Davis who resigned from the University. The Motion was seconded, and Mr. Rickert was appointed to the position.

A Motion was presented by Mr. Klein that the meeting of November 27, 1978 be cancelled due to the lack of any impending NEW BUSINESS. His Motion was seconded. Discussion follows. Mr. Castellano pointed out that when the Steering Committee meets to prepare the Agenda for the November 27 meeting, an item under NEW BUSINESS may include the proposed changes in the membership of the Student Affairs Committee. If this NEW BUSINESS were delayed until the January meeting, a Suspension of the Rules may have to be approved for voting on at that time and then passed on to the Academic Council and the University Faculty since it involves a change in composition of a Standing Committee. These proposed changes are presently scheduled to appear as NEW BUSINESS in November, vote on it in January, with the University Faculty voting on it at their February meeting, and acted on by the Board of Trustees at their Spring meeting. Mr. Constable, speaking as a past member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, disagreed with the Motion to cancel the November 27 meeting due to the length of time involved in getting things passed. Mr. Sayer pointed out that the Constitution stipulates the Academic Council meet nine times a year, and if a meeting is cancelled, it must be made up. Mr. Klein suggested May for the make up meeting. A vote on the Motion to cancel the November 27, 1978 meeting with the stipulation that the meeting be made up later failed with a vote of 13 to 9.

VIII. A Motion to Adjourn the meeting was presented and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Academic Council will be Monday, November 27, 3:10 p.m. in Room 035 of the Medical School Building.

NOTE: Attachment B - University Admissions Committee Year-End Report 1977/78  
Attachment C - School of Graduate Studies 1977-78 Annual Report to the Academic Council