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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES

November 7, 1988

- I. The meeting of November 7, 1988, was called to order by Alphonso Smith, Vice-President of the University Faculty, at 3:10 p.m., in 155 A, B, & C University Center.

Present: L. Arlian, J. Ballantine, S. Baucher, J. Blair, J. Brandeberry, K. Burnett, D. Carlson, P. DeClaire, M. Dunn, R. Fichtenbaum, J. Fortman, R. Fox, C. Funderburk, F. Gies, C. Hathaway, R. Hetherington, R. Hiskey, R. Kaczmarek, H. Khamis, D. Kirkhart, P. Lauf, M. MacDonald, C. Nathanson, A. Patel, T. Payne, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), J. Rudisill, J. Sayer, R. Siferd, M. Sirkin, A. Smith, R. Speers, G. Sturm.

Absent: R. Millman, P. Mulhollan, A. Parisi, M. Perkel

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the October 3, 1988, minutes with the following amendment:

Present: M. MacDonald, R. Speers

- III. Report of the President. In the absence of P. Mulhollan, C. Hathaway reported on the following:

- A. Student Evaluation of Instruction Form. The form has been printed, but not to complete satisfaction as it is now two pages long. By Spring Quarter 1989 the form will be reduced to one page.

A committee is now working to determine the best way to analyze and to provide the data from the forms to the individual faculty.

- B. Board of Trustees Retreat. For the information of the Academic Council, C. Hathaway reviewed the following agenda items from the Board of Trustees retreat with the administration on October 28, 1988:

OBR's Toward the Year 2000 (P. Mulhollan); Undergraduate Strategic Initiatives (L. Howard-Convener), A Progress Report on Writing Across the Curriculum & General Education (P. Moore), Assessment (R. Millman), Enrollment Management (L. Howard); Graduate Strategic Initiatives (D. Thomas-Convener), WSU's Research Initiatives & Opportunities, Research Challenge, A Policy for Review of New Graduate Programs (D. Thomas), Status Report on Computer Science/Engineering Ph.D. Program (J. Brandeberry); Student Affairs Initiatives (H. Nixon);

University Outreach Initiatives (W. Hutzal-Convener), Conferences & Continuing Education (W. Hutzal), Pre-College Programs (J. Lancaster), E.J. Brown School Project (F. Gies); 1988-89 Budget Allocations & the WSU Strategic Plan (C. Hathaway); and TURNPIKE - Enhancing WSU's Communications (K. Pollock & P. Mulhollan).

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Alphonso Smith reporting:

- A. Ohio Board of Regent's Master Plan - Toward the Year 2000. C. Hathaway has indicated that the administration of WSU would like WSU to be one of the first universities to support the OBR's master plan, Toward the Year 2000. The Steering Committee will present a statement of support, drafted by P. Mulhollan and C. Hathaway, to the Academic Council at the November 28 meeting.
- B. Tenure Removal Committee Members. M. Sirkin will address this in the Faculty Affairs report today.
- C. Promotion and Tenure Guidelines. The guidelines are being reviewed by the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- D. Proposed Academic Calendar 1990-91. The proposed calendar will be presented under new business and will be voted upon at the November 28 AC meeting.

V. Report of Standing and ad hoc Committees:

- A. Student Affairs, Fran Landers reporting:
 1. Academic Advising Survey. The Student Affairs Committee is working with L. Howard and the Enrollment Management Task Force on the Academic Advising Survey.
 2. Survey - Drop Date/Fees Policies. The Committee is currently engaged in surveying other Ohio colleges and universities concerning their drop date policies and drop fee policies.
 3. Library 24-Hour Study Space. Last year the Student Affairs Committee was under the impression that there would be a 24-hour study space available to the students once the renovations on the library were complete and there would be some room in the basement. Since this doesn't seem to be happening, the Committee is investigating to see where the 24-hour study space might be in the University plans. (C. Hathaway noted that he would also look into this for the Committee.)

- B. Building & Grounds Utilization - No report.
- C. Curriculum, Charles Funderburk reporting:
1. Course Inventory Requests: Added two and deleted one.
 2. Requests from the Registrar:
 - (1) Transfer Students with Associate Degrees. The Committee will be submitting a recommendation to the Academic Council.
 - (2) General Education Requirements for Students Seeking a Second Baccalaureate Degree. After deliberation, the Committee decided not to offer a recommendation for changing the policy in that area.
- D. Faculty Affairs, Mark Sirkin reporting for Manley Perkel:
1. Promotion & Tenure Document. The Committee is in the process of drafting a resolution for Academic Council.
 2. WSU Sexual Discrimination Policies. At the request of C. Hathaway, a draft is being prepared for Academic Council's affirming support for the existing policies that WSU has on sexual discrimination.
 3. Professional Development Leave Program. At the request of C. Hathaway, an ad hoc committee, consisting of L. Howard, one dean, and three faculty members, will review the Professional Development Leave Program.
 4. Tenure Removal Committee. In the near future, the Committee will select four people to serve on the Tenure Removal Committee. This selection process involves the FAC making a decision in consultation with P. Mulhollan.
- E. Library, Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:
1. Allocation for Library Funds. The Committee is trying to develop a new allocation formula for Library funds. A resolution will be brought to AC for approval.
 2. Library User Survey. All constituencies of the University community will be sampled with the survey.
 3. 24-Hour Study Space. The Library Committee supports the 24-hour study space for the students.

- F. University Budget Review, Jeanne Ballantine reporting:
1. Fringe Benefits. The Committee is reviewing the package that is currently in place and anticipating future potential changes. One concern of the Committee is the part of the 1986 Tax Law which would require universities and other organizations to provide fringe benefits to everyone who works eighteen or more hours a week at the institution. This would include graduate assistants and student employees.
 2. Winter Schedule of UBRC.
 - a. January 17, 1989: Review last year's budget.
 - b. January 31, 1989: Review early retirement.
 - c. February 21, 1989.
 - d. March 14, 1989.
 3. Nutter Center. Thomas Oddy, Director of the Ervin J. Nutter Center, reported what the facility will be and what it will do. He pointed out the types and number of events the facility will bring in; he also discussed bids.
 4. Division I AAA Football. Charles Hartmann reported on cost projections for football. (Subcommittees are looking into the costs, the benefits, and feasibility of football at WSU.)
- G. Athletic Council, Richard Williams reporting:
1. The Athletic Council has been primarily listening to various updates about the progress of the athletic programs.
 - a. The Council reviewed the academic performance of the student athletes during the Spring Quarter, 1988, and is satisfied with the progress they are making toward their degrees.
 - b. The athletic staff continues to investigate the question of conference affiliation.
 - c. The Nutter Center will probably not be available for athletic competition until the 1990-91 academic year because of delays in awarding of bids.

d. The football task force sent out 20,000 football survey instruments and has received approximately 3,000 responses to date. The results are not any different than expected by the task force. Generally speaking, the faculty are opposed to athletics, and in this case, football. Other constituency groups are more supportive with perhaps the most supporting being the alumni group. These are very broad generalizations. At this time the task force cannot come to any conclusion whether WSU supports the football program or not. These survey results will be included in the final report, along with the task force's recommendation, that is going to be submitted to President Mulhollan early in December

H. Quadrennial Review - No report.

VI. Old Business:

A. University Promotion & Tenure Professor-at-Large.

At the October 3, 1988 AC meeting, the nomination of Mary Beth Pringle was accepted.

Being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. Question was called.

Mary Beth Pringle was elected as the Academic Council representative to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

B. Approval of Newly Appointed University Committee Members.

The Steering Committee recommended the following persons be approved as members of University committees:

Artist Series Committee: Phyllis Risner (School of Nursing); Parking Services & Traffic Appeals Committee: Larry Chance (College of Education & Human Services).

Question called. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

C. Professional Development Leave Policy

M. Sirkin pointed out the proposed modifications to the policy. (See Attachment A, October 3, 1988, minutes for proposed amendments.)

Following a short discussion, question was called.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

VII. New Business:

Proposed 1990-91 Academic Council Calendar.

J. Swaney, Chair, Calendar & Elections Committee, presented the proposed 1990-91 Academic Council calendar (attachment A).

A motion was made and seconded to approve the calendar as presented. This will be voted upon at the November 28 AC meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports:

A. New AC Council Members. Alphonso Smith welcomed newly appointed Academic Council members: S. Baucher, P. Lauf, and T. Payne.

B. WSU Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Next year will be the twenty-fifth anniversary year of the founding of Wright State University. President Mulhollan has asked faculty governance to make appropriate plans to celebrate the University's silver anniversary. James Sayer, Faculty Vice President-Elect, has accepted the responsibility of planning this celebration and will be calling upon other faculty for assistance.

C. November 28 AC Meeting. The next Academic Council meeting, November 28, 1988, will be held in 041 University Center, 3:10 p.m.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Attachment