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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
February 5, 1996

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Donna Schlagheck at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.

Present: C. Barbour, A. Bellisari, R. Bhatt, C. Chumlea, D. David, J. Dennison, D. DeStephen, J. Fenimore, R. Fichtenbaum, H. Flack, K. Goldenberg, R. Hetherington, L. Howard, M. Kapp, C. King, P. Kleine, E. Lipp, M. Low, W. McCormick, G. Mehrotra, R. Mercer, P. Moore, S. Pederson, M. Perkel, T. Pinkerton, S. Poelzing, R. Pohlman, W. Rickert, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, A. Shaw, R. Siervogel, W. Slonaker, L. Vandecreek, A. Wendt

Absent: B. Campbell, T. Chavis, D. Courtney, M. Eddy, J. Fleischauer, A. Islam, J. Thomas, L. Xu

II. The minutes of the November 27, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack reporting:

1. Dr. Flack reported on the status report of the doctorate of engineering program that has been before the Board of Regents for some time. The proposal will be considered by the full Board in mid-March. Lobbying efforts are underway. Dr. Flack stated that, as a metropolitan university, WSU is very much linked with the regional area with regard to economic development issues. Part of that economic agenda for the region is the support of DAGSI with regard to the three areas that have been identified as the major economic development opportunities for our region: automotive, informational services, and aerospace industries and facilities. In order for DAGSI to be truly effective, WSU needs to be an equal player at the table with the University of Dayton and the Air Force Institute of Technology.
2. The doctoral review programs in psychology, biomedical sciences and computer sciences are under way. So far, WSU has received extremely high marks in the State of Ohio for the psychology program. Regarding the BMS program, WSU has received some informal tentative review and the hope is that WSU will be given an endorsement to go forward and continue the program in biomedical sciences. With regard to the computer science program, the program was considered to require some additional resource investment to support program improvement. WSU will go forward with suggestions for improvement.
3. WSU is concluding the self-study report for the NCA visit scheduled for May 6-8. Dr. Flack encouraged everyone to continue to provide feedback, so that the report can be completed on schedule.
4. With regard to the visioning and planning activities, WSU has drafts of the first two chapters, one on enrollment and one on program mix and size activities.
5. The Strategic Planning activity continues on schedule. The institutional goals inventory and the environmental scans have been completed. There has been good progress on development of indicators by which the assessment of strengths and weaknesses of all the programs will be measured.
6. WSU is in the process of following up on some recommendations on the computer science program and a planning group will be put together to write a proposal for the development of a Center for Information Technology. This will be similar to the U.D. Center For Composite Materials Research. Dr. Flack has asked Dr. Oscar Garcia to help provide some leadership in the planning of this center. The proposal for this center would be considered by the visioning and strategic planning groups.
7. A Center for Disabilities Education and Research may be established at Wright State. This center would build on the strengths of the Office of Disability Services but would expand the activities and become a regional, if not state, center for disabilities education and services.
8. There will be another group to look at the development of a Center for Geriatrics. This would pull together the strengths in our School of Medicine, our College of Nursing and Health and other units throughout the campus, including sociology, anthropology, etc. to work toward the development of a proposal that could also be considered in the strategic plan and visioning processes.

9. The Board of Trustees has agreed to move forward with the campus master plan. There were a couple of important suggestions and recommendations that came from the students, particularly those in engineering regarding parking for students in engineering and other places on campus. Those will be incorporated into the planning process.
10. Dr. Flack reported on changes in the governance, including the addition of two classified and two unclassified staff delegates to the Academic Council. Also the human resources committee that had been recommended has formed.
11. The Strategic Planning Council has replaced the Planning Council. Dr. Flack noted that the provost will make periodic reports to Academic Council on the work of the Strategic Planning Council.
12. A Campus Climate Coordinating Team has been established to provide oversight to the implementation of recommendations contained in the campus climate report submitted to Dr. Flack last summer and an executive summary that was given to him in November, 1995. Dr. Flack supports the recommendation which states that the Faculty Affairs Committee should maintain a standing sub-committee on harassment and discrimination. He responded to those recommendations by indicating his strong support for the creation of a faculty senate or a faculty council.
13. Dr. Flack reported on the proposal that the Dayton Bombers may possibly come to the Nutter Center. The Board of Trustees will consider this information in a special meeting to be held on February 9. Concerns are that the Nutter Center will have to be retro-fitted with ice. WSU's position is that the only way that could go forward would be if it did not involve any university money in the financing of retro-fitting.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Donna Schlagheck reporting:

Dr. Schlagheck reported that per student government's request, she has steered their suggestion for some changes on the staffing of the number of students on Faculty Affairs, UBRC, Commencement and Student Affairs to those committees. She has received reports from two of those committees so far and when her report is complete, she will bring it to Academic Council. All of the changes recently approved to the PT&R document, including open documents, the right of rebuttal and multiple measures of teaching have all been approved by the Board of Trustees.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge reporting: (Attachment A)
See Attached.

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Charles Funderburk reporting: (Attachment B)
The committee has added seven courses to the inventory, dropped four courses and passed thirteen course modifications. The committee is reviewing the General Education Task Force Committee recommendations, so there may be a few more specific proposals for Academic Council later. Dr. Funderburk reported that the committee is in the process of recommending members for the Writing Across The Curriculum Oversight Committee.

C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:
Faculty Affairs has been dealing with the process of tenure removal which has occupied a tremendous amount of time. There has also been discussion of a proposal from AAUP dealing with stopping the tenure clock on maternity leaves. Dr. Fichtenbaum reported that the committee has before the Academic Council as old business some proposed rules for Academic Council, an attendance policy and a procedure for replacing members of Council. Also, under new business, there is a proposal to make a change in the wording of the section in the promotion and tenure document that deals with tenure removal. The Faculty Affairs Committee has also discussed some concern about the growth of administrative bureaucracy at the University.

D. Library: Rai Pujara reporting:
No report.

E. Student Affairs: Ann Wendt reporting for Michael Williams:

The committee met, but did not have a quorum, so they could not have an official meeting. The committee addressed the issue of two additional students to be placed on the various committees. They also discussed the proposal before the committee to amend the bylaws of the Student Media Constitution to add as a voting member of that committee the business manager for the three subsidized media. All of the items were tabled and another meeting is scheduled for February 7.

F. University Budget Review: James Sayer reporting: (Attachment C)

See attached.

VI. Old Business:

A. Proposed Changes to General Education Requirements (Tabled)--UUCAP (See Attachment B to 11/27/95 Academic Council Agenda and Attachment D to minutes)

A motion was moved, voted on and passed to untable the two General Education Requirements changes regarding splitting the science sequence and/or the diversity course. The chair split the question into two parts: (1) de-coupling science, effective fall 1996 and (2) adding a pluralism course. After discussion, the proposal from the Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee to de-couple the science sequence passed. After discussion, the proposal for a pluralism in American society course to be added as an option included among the regional studies and comparative studies courses required in General Education passed.

At this point in the meeting, President Schlagheck requested a motion to continue old business items B, C, and D forward until the next meeting of Academic Council on March 4. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

B. Governance Recommendations and Report on Faculty Senate Survey (See Attachment C to 11/27/95 Academic Council Agenda)--Manley Perkel

C. Uniformity in General Education Requirements-Curriculum and Academic Policy --Charles Funderburk.

The University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee recommends adoption of the following policy regarding general education requirements:

Beginning in Fall Quarter, 1997, all Wright State students must complete either the current general education requirements, or in the case of qualified transfers, the requirements of the transfer module.

D. Adoption of Rules in Accordance with Constitutional ByLaws: "The Academic Council shall adopt regulations governing the conduct of elections, the filling of vacancies, and the recall of representatives." Accordingly, the Faculty Affairs Committee proposes that Academic Council adopt the following rules:

- 1. Members of Academic Council who resign or are unable to serve will be replaced by the next highest vote getter from the previously-held election. In the event that the next highest vote getter is unable or unwilling to serve, then a new election shall be held as soon as possible.**
- 2. Members of Academic Council must attend at least five meetings per year and may miss no more than three consecutive meetings. Any member of Academic Council who fails to attend at least five meetings per year or misses three consecutive meetings will be removed from Academic Council and replaced following the procedure outlined in Rule 1.**

VII. New Business:

A. Proposal for Non-Tenure Clinical Track for the College of Nursing and Health--FAC, Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair (Attachment A to Agenda)

The motion was moved and seconded for this proposal to appear as old business at the March 4 Academic Council meeting.

- B. Proposed Change to Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Promotions and Tenure--FAC, Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair (Attachment B to Agenda)

The motion was moved and seconded for this proposal to appear as old business at the March 4 Academic Council meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

- A. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, March 4, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.