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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FACULTY MEETING

May 13, 1970

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p. m. in Oelman Auditorium by the Vice President of the Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec.
- II. Dr. Kmetec made it clear that this was a special meeting to discuss campus security and the regular Faculty meeting would be held on Monday, May 18, 1970.
- III. Dr. Golding was introduced.
 - A. Dr. Golding explained the provisions made to deal with the present bomb threat situation. His comments were titled "Security on Campus". (See Attachment A)
 - B. Dr. Kmetec invited comments from the audience.
 1. Dr. Sherwin Klein strongly urged to keep open the University.
 2. Dr. Marvin Seiger asked if there had actually been any evidence of a bomb. Dr. Golding stated that, so far, no evidence had been found.
 3. The faculty present voted unanimously to keep the University open as long as possible.
 4. Dr. John Treacy questioned safe evacuation measures for handicapped students and staff.
 5. Dr. Donald Pabst questioned the reliability of emergency equipment. Dr. Golding explained that measures were being taken to insure as much safety as possible, but it is impossible to guarantee 100% safety.
 6. Dr. Harvey Hanson noted the similarity of the bell sounds between the alarm systems in the buildings and the alarm systems in the elevators.
 7. Dr. Golding stated that he had received the suggestion to open the University to students whose universities have been closed. He felt that this might be hazardous.
 8. Dr. James Uphoff wanted to know if all visitors were to be excluded from our campus.

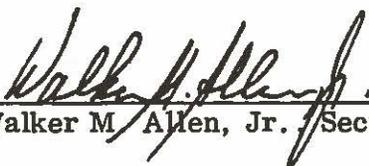
Dr. Golding remarked that this measure would be unwise, although strangers have been noticed on campus.
 9. Dr. Rubin Battino suggested a special Academic Council meeting be called to discuss campus security measures. The voluntary stay or go nine bell system presents some serious legal ramifications regarding students under 21 years of age - are they able to make sound judgements?

Dr. Golding commented that the legality of this issue is being checked. If the closing of the University is necessary, then an Academic Council meeting is necessary. He suggested that the Faculty Affairs Committee meet as a group for suggestions.
 10. Dr. Sherwin Klein moved to set up a dialogue between the Faculty Affairs Committee and the University Community. Seconded by Dr. Robert Clark. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Kmetec instructed the Secretary to issue a memo to the Steering Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee in reference to Dr. Klein's motion.

C. There were no other comments.

IV. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p. m.


Walker M. Allen, Jr. Secretary

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BOMB THREAT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Everyone, including faculty MUST leave the buildings on request from student and staff marshals (green armbands)
2. Return after an all clear is voluntary - we are working on a calculated risk basis and it should be clearly understood.
3. Do not use elevators to leave the buildings - they will be reserved for the handicapped.
4. The instructions regarding bomb threats to your classes, including in the instructions the announced changes in the bell alarm system, are listed in attachment B.
5. In the future we will ring an all clear which will be one continuous ring lasting for 60 seconds. This means we have searched as best we can and found nothing and believe it is safe to return at your own risk. Return is voluntary.
6. A marshal system has been developed using volunteer students, faculty and staff. It is now set up so that certain key marshals will summon others from class in case they are needed. It will be appreciated if you will allow students summoned from class by a marshal to leave quickly and quietly since it means they are needed.
7. It has been requested that no faculty member academically penalize any student volunteer who participates in these exercises. It is better to suffer a little inconvenience in grading and smoothly running classes than to close down the University completely and face the very difficult academic financial, and legal questions of re-opening it at a later date which some of the other universities are now facing.

BOMB THREAT ALARM SYSTEM

1. Whenever a bomb threat is received, a decision will be made as to the seriousness of the threat based upon the apparent circumstances. The class bells will be rung as alarm bells in three sets of three rings (a total of nine rings spaced in three groups of three). This signal will mean that an alert is on and that it is optional with each individual, but not mandatory, that he evacuate the building while a routine search is being made. A repeated set of rings of the same nature immediately following will mean that there is reason to believe that the threat may be more serious and everyone must clear the buildings at once while a search is made.
2. A group of volunteer students, staff, and faculty, now designated, will meet at the Security Office to learn the true nature of the alarm just before the alarm is given and will then fan out to the various buildings to inform the other volunteer marshals who will then take their stations on the various floors of the buildings and in the tunnels. These marshals should be obeyed and will be available to answer questions and, hopefully, dispel false rumors.
3. We will attempt to make an announcement outside over the public address system as to the nature of the emergency and its duration. It would be wise to stay at least 50 feet away from the buildings.
4. After the search is made, assuming nothing is found, the all clear signal will be given which consists of a continuous ring of the bells for sixty seconds. This means that we believe the buildings to be safe.
5. The University Center, Library, and Art building will be informed by telephone of an alert and, in the first two buildings named, the information will be broadcast over the public address systems.