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UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 1971

- I. A. The meeting was reinstated at 3:25 p.m. in Oelman Auditorium by the Vice-President of the Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec.
- B. Dr. Kmetec asked if the Faculty wished to have reports of the meeting broadcast on the Campus Radio while this meeting was in session.

The request was approved by the Faculty.

II. New Business:

A. Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Spiegel commented that the Board of Trustees took action at its last meeting concerning Sabbatical Leave. Attention was brought to the Board that a bill is before the Legislature which contains a statement that no State funds can be used to support Sabbatical Leave. The Chancellor of the Board of Regents will try to get this deferred for one year. The Board became aware that the Leave Policy it had passed at the March 19th meeting, included 2/3's pay for the entire year which was felt to be beyond the normal. He further commented the Board felt the Leave Policy should be imperative for the next biennium. President Golding and Dr. Spiegel prevailed on the Board to approve Dr. Skinner's leave with 1/2 pay for a full year's leave with the knowledge that there may be no policy at all. The Board also brought the other level of leave compensation into conformity. It reads as follows:

"Wright State University offers two plans to its faculty for Academic Leave with pay.

Plan 1 - supports the faculty member for one quarter at 3/4 or two quarters at 3/8 salary.

Plan 2 - supports the faculty member two quarters at 3/4 or three quarters at 1/2 salary."

Dr. Spiegel commented that he is willing to meet with the Faculty Affairs Committee and the appropriate Committee of the Board of Trustees with the purpose of expressing ideas on the policy.

B. Motions on the Grading System. (Continued from the May 24th meeting)

Dr. Kmetec stated his feeling that the Academic Council was remiss in their

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duty for not at least coming up with a recommendation for the General Faculty to consider.

Dr. Sachs moved that the amendment be further amended by insertion of the following statement after the words "grading system" in Part 1: "with the student having the option of taking No Credit instead of a D by so indicating his preference to his teacher on his final exam."

Amendment to the amendment failed.

Dr. Battino feels that ABCD/No Credit or ABC/No Credit has the same effect as the drop after finals. He also stated that the teaching quality is the real issue. Dr. Nussbaum asked about the impact of a restricted Admissions policy. What provisions for assigning probation or suspension is provided in the recommendation for students who accumulate no credit? Dr. Kmetec stated the implementation has yet to be worked out. When it is it will be presented to the Faculty for approval.

Original amendment to replace ABC/No Credit with ABCD/No Credit failed.

Main motion failed.

C. Dr. Fortman moved approval of the following statement:

"Whereas the university has been subjected to an uncertain financial situation it is the desire of the faculty that the administration should govern itself in the use of funds in such areas as the filling of new positions under the same guidelines as have been given to the faculty and the academic departments."

Motion passed.

III. Special Reports

A. Summary, Activities of Academic Council 1970-71
(See Attachment A)

1. The new Steering Committee has been elected and is composed of:

Allan Spetter
Byron Weng
Prem Batra
Cecile Cary
(Vacancy)

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B. Report of the Vice-President of the University Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec

Dr. Kmetec noted that Wright State University has not moved as vigorously forward this past year due to a lack of morale. Yet the Faculty does not participate in its own meetings.

What does it mean to be a Faculty member? To be a faculty member is a responsibility and requires taking responsible actions. At this point in time a mutual respect for Faculty and Administration is needed.

As Vice-President of the Faculty, he has been informed of University happenings only in the case of trouble. The bylaws are unclear as to the functions of the Vice-President of the Faculty and this should be corrected.

IV. Election of Vice-President of the Faculty and Chairman of the Faculty Agenda Committee for 1971-72.

The following were nominated:

E. Cox

M. Seiger

R. Battino

L. Hussman

E. Kmetec

Motion to close nominations passed.

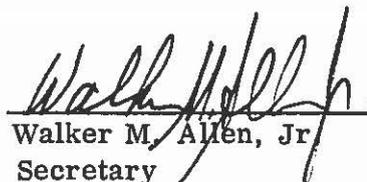
It was pointed out that members of the Academic Council are ineligible. Dr. Battino withdrew his name from nomination.

Dr. Maneri moved to reopen elections since Dr. Battino withdrew.

Motion failed.

Dr. Larry Hussman was elected the Vice-President of the Faculty and Chairman of the Faculty Agenda Committee.

V. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p. m.


Walker M. Allen, Jr.
Secretary

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Academic Council Report to Faculty, May 24, 1971

The Academic Council passed this year a number of policy documents prepared by its standing and ad hoc committees. Several of the more important are cited below.

The Council passed and the Board of Trustees adopted an academic leave policy prepared by the Faculty Affairs Committee. The Council also sent to the Board the Faculty Affairs Committee's due process instrument and it has been recognized by the Board.

Through its Curriculum Committee the Council approved numbers of new courses and programs including a B.A. in Urban Studies and a B.S. in Environmental Studies. The possible revision of the grading system at Wright State to be considered later in this meeting originated in the Curriculum Committee.

The Student Affairs Committee prepared and had approved by the Council student due process and conduct documents.

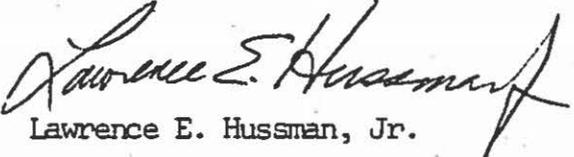
The Resources Committee and the Council approved the establishment of the University Division and, working with the Provost, formed an ad hoc committee on academic re-organization which has recently sent recommendations to the President.

The Governance Committee has laid the groundwork for a complete study of the Academic Council Constitution and By-Laws and the university governance generally during the coming year.

The Elections Committee studied and reallocated Council constituencies incorporating the changes in the recent Council election.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee chairmen and the members of Council for their cooperation with the Steering Committee during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Hussman, Jr.