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## Fall Faculty Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 13, 1973

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# Wright State University

# Campus Communication

Date: November 9, 1973

To: Faculty

From: Agenda Committee: P. Bacon, Business; R. Crauder, Liberal Arts;  
P. Taylor, Science and Engineering; J. Treacy, Vice-Chairman,

Subject: Academic Council; J. Uphoff, Education; I. Fritz, Chairman

Agenda      Fall Faculty Meeting      November 13, 1973

- I.      3:30 PM. Call to Order
- II.     Approve Minutes of Spring Faculty Meeting
- III.    Old Business
- IV.    New Business
  - A.    Amend Art. III Section 10(c)(b) of Faculty Constitution and  
By Laws by deleting the phrase ". . .and one of the members  
will be Chairman of the Standing Committee.

~~VII.~~ Reports:

- A.    President Kegerreis
- B.    Steering Committee

~~VIII.~~ Adjourn

FALL GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

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Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the University Faculty, Ira Fritz, at 3:45 P.M., in Oelman Auditorium.

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A quorum for transacting business (as specified under Article II, Section 4 (C), of the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws) was not present; therefore the meeting was conducted with the omission of Agenda Items III and IV.

It was pointed out by Mr. Fritz that under Article II of the Constitution, the faculty is obligated to have a meeting during each of the first three quarters of the academic year; the tentative date for the next meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 1974. The Agenda Committee will endeavor to obtain Academic Council's approval to cancel classes on that date as a means of obtaining a quorum for that meeting.

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- II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 1973, meeting.

The motion carried by voice vote.

V. Reports:

A. President Kegerreis.

An expression of sincere thanks for support and cooperation was offered to all members of the University community by President Kegerreis.

A status report of the University brought out that a modest increase in enrollment at the Main campus has resulted in an all-time high; there has been a drop in enrollment at both Piqua and Celina, but not a critical one. The net result of this is the ability to restore some of the withheld program funds incorporated in the preliminary budget. Specifically, the Library Acquisition Budget has been restored to somewhere near normal level. This has also been made possible by the supplementary appropriations of the Legislature. Dr. Speigel will handle meeting a number of needs in relation

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to bringing new buildings up to an acceptable standard. Barring disastrous winter and spring quarters or other unusual problems, the current year, in terms of budget, should be relatively uncrifical. The biennial system of budgeting in Ohio poses the possibility of problems in the year 1974-1975 since formulas used by the Legislature and the Chancellor seldom sufficiently allow for prevalent cost increases that may occur. This year every attempt will be made to acquire a fund to act as a cushion in order to carry forth programs next year without interruption.

A current look at the Legislature and Board of Regents reveals a state which makes it difficult to predict their response to any situation, but President Kegerreis feels that the University must move forward, cautiously and deliberately, on programs to meet constituency needs, socially and educationally.

The national trend toward centralization of authority was noted, particularly as it relates to higher education. It historically has been held that the more local autonomy at a state university, the better. Pressure toward centralizing power will undoubtedly continue; it was further pointed out that accumulation of centralized power would necessarily result in a lessening of power here. President Kegerreis enlisted the help of all in challenging this trend and reporting to him any evidence of this so that a community approach to the problem - as well as an individual approach - could be adopted.

The energy crisis is another problem that will have to be faced by the University. Every effort will be made to keep enough fuel on hand to keep operating, with petitions already in process for fuel for new buildings.

Medical school progress is continuing on a point-to-point basis; that is, progressing one stage at a time, and the assumption is that the medical school will come to realization on schedule. The search committee is continuing with the "filtering" of the more than one hundred candidates for the position of Dean of that school; it is felt the selection of a Dean could be made before spring quarter, if not by the first of the new year, and it was brought out that a number of the candidates appeared to be unusually well qualified.

The President commented on the mounting complexity of the position of the presidency, with the almost overwhelming paperwork limiting to a minute portion the time permitted for long-range planning and educational philosophizing. In coping with this kind of restriction, he solicited the continued support and cooperation of all, and would welcome both critical and supportive comments.

B. Steering Committee, Mr. Fritz reporting.

Referring to a matter brought up at the spring meeting and of interest to faculty members, the matter of keys for faculty members is under consideration by the Safety Committee. A very careful study of the matter is being made because of the seriousness of a situation that could develop, brought to mind by the death of a University of Dayton faculty member in his office, when apparently there was no one aware of his being there. It is hoped that some system will have been devised for presentation to the winter or spring meeting of the faculty.

The Council of Deans meets on Thursday mornings; Mr. John Treacy and Mr. Fritz are faculty representatives to those meetings and have extra copies of the minutes. Anyone interested in items discussed may see either Mr. Treacy or Mr. Fritz, who would be glad to review the material. Also, if any faculty member has an item or items which he feels should be brought before the Council, please see either of the faculty representatives. There has been no difficulty in getting issues on the agenda for consideration.

The Steering Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month, at 3:00 P.M., and if faculty members have any items they would like brought before the Council or elsewhere for consideration, submitting them to the Steering Committee is the beginning step.

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VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.