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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 2, 1977

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Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, May 2, 1977, in Rooms 155 A, B, and C, Main Floor, University Center.

I. Call to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 1977, meeting.

III. Report of the President.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

   A. Curriculum Committee  
   B. Faculty Affairs Committee  
   C. Library Committee  
   D. Student Affairs Committee  
   E. Undergraduate Petitions Committee

VI. Old Business:

   A. Approval of "Concluding Recommendations for Modification of the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws" from Quadrennial Review Committee. (See Attachment A to the Agenda of April 4, 1977)

VII. New Business:

A. Approval of University Admissions Committee Recommendation on Policy for Transfer of Credit of Nondegree Students. (See Attachment A)

B. Approval of Standing Committees for 1977-1978. (Lists to be distributed later)

C. Approval of Curriculum Committee "Resolution on Cooperative Education." (See Attachment B)

D. Approval of Proposed Calendar for Academic Council Meetings for 1977-1978. (To be distributed later)

VIII. Adjournment
I. The May meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice Provost Murray at 3:15 p.m. in Room 155 of the University Center.

Present:


Absent:


II. The minutes of the April 4, 1977, meeting were approved by voice vote.

III. Report of the President, Mr. Murray reporting.

Mr. Murray reported for the President on the budget. On May 3, 1977, the House will vote on the bill that reflects what the House Finance Committee has suggested with respect to the Governor's budget. In the House Finance Committee's budget, in contrast to the Governor's budget, Wright State will suffer a $168,000 decrease in the next year of the biennium in the budget and for the second year of the biennium, Wright State would have one million dollars less in the budget. Due to the efforts of Mr. Kegerreis and Mr. Atwater, who discovered mechanical errors in the budget, funds have been restored to the biennium budget. Even with the restoration of these funds, the budget does not look good. If one compares the budget proposed with the current budget, it provides us with a 5.2% increase over this year's actual receipts.

A constraint of fee increases have been discussed by the legislature. The University is now assessing an instructional fee of $225 for 14.5 to 18.5 hours, and there has been some discussion that the maximum amount of fee increase would be to $230; that would mean the University could only raise fees $5.00 a quarter. Although this is now speculation, with the budget requests that the University has for the 1977-78 year, the University will still have a budget deficit of approximately two million dollars in budget requests versus projected income.

The University will have to reduce its expenditures or increase its income or a combination of both. After all of the budgets have been turned in, the budget office will prepare a budget calculation of where the University stands with the budget requests and the projected income and at that time, the budget review committee will meet with the administration to discuss the alternatives.

Mr. Murray assured the Council that a fee increase for the summer quarter would not be imposed this year, stating it was too late, but that a fee increase would be entertained for the fall quarter.
IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Graham reporting.

Mr. Graham reported that inadvertently an item of Old Business was omitted from the agenda. Item C is the addition of a student representative to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Mr. Graham informed the members that an additional item of New Business should be added to the agenda of the day. Item E is the approval of the Professional Leave Program for Faculty Improvement at Wright State University. An amendment was distributed at this meeting to this Item.

Mr. Graham indicated that he had received a report from Robert Adams, who is the representative to the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee. This report is Attachment A in the minutes.

Serving as Vice President of the Faculty at his last Academic Council meeting, Mr. Graham extended his thanks to the Steering Committee members and to the members and chairmen of the other committees.


A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Neve reporting.

Mr. Neve reported that the Committee would present a yearly report at the next meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Constable reporting.

Mr. Constable reported that the Committee has revised the retirement emeritus policy.

Mr. Constable reported that the conflict of interest policy has been sent to Mr. Kegerreis.

He, also, indicated that the Committee has completed their survey of faculty and administrators on Desirability of Administrator Review (Attachment B).

Mr. Constable reported the Committee endorses the approval of the Professional Leave Program for Faculty Improvement and urges the implementation of this program as quickly as possible.

C. Library Committee, Ms. White reporting.

Ms. White reported the Committee would be making an informal evaluation of the Approval Plan.

Ms. White, also, reported the Committee had a discussion on the length of loan period for faculty members. Presently, the books are on loan for one quarter with the stipulation that the faculty member will return the book upon request or make it available for use to others in the University community. Ms. White indicated that a small directive would probably be issued to the faculty reminding them of this policy.
D. Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Sayer reporting.

Mr. Sayer called to attention Item C of Old Business, which is a recommendation from the Student Affairs Committee which calls for the placement of a student representative on the Faculty Affairs Committee. The Committee urges the approval of this change in the construction of the Faculty Affairs Committee to improve the input process for the benefit of that Committee and for the benefit of the Wright State community.

E. University Undergraduate Petitions Committee, no report.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Murray indicated that Item B of Old Business, the appointment of the Steering Committee 1977-78, should follow Item E of New Business. The reason being, by the Constitution and By-Laws, the Council must seat at this meeting the new members, and therefore, the new members should vote for the members of the Steering Committee.

Item A-Approval of the "Concluding Recommendations for the Modification of the University Faculty Constitution and By-Laws" from the Quadrennial Review Committee.

Each motion will be voted on separately.

The motions was made and seconded for the approval of Motion 20.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Graham, speaking for the Steering Committee, moved to have Motion 20 tabled and to have Academic Council establish an ad hoc committee to examine all operations concerning the curricular matters and recommend overall organization of the handling of curricul including a potential rewording of the statements on the Curriculum Committee in the Constitution and By-Laws.

The motion to table Motion 20 was approved.

The motion was made and seconded to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of examining all operations concerning the curricular matters and recommend overall organization of the handling of curricula including potential rewording of the statements on the Curriculum Committee in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Discussion followed.

The motion to establish an ad hoc committee was approved.

The motion to approve Motion 21 was made and seconded.

Discussion followed.

An amendment was made to include the word divisions wherever schools and colleges appear and include paragraph three of the old description and that will now appear as subparagraph b. (concerning alternate representatives) and in that paragraph the word committee should be changed to council. The amendment was seconded.

The amendment was approved.
Roll call vote followed:

Those in favor of approval:


None opposed.

The motion was approve by a vote of 26 to 0.

There was a motion and second to approve Motion 22.

There was no discussion.

Roll Call Vote followed:


None opposed.

The motion was approved by a vote of 26 to 0.

Item C-Appointment of a student representative to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

There was a motion to table the appointment and send to Faculty Affairs for their review.

The motion was seconded.

The motion to table was approved.

VII. A motion for the suspension of the rules was made for the immediate action on the Professional Leave Program for Faculty Improvement at Wright State University and the amendment. The motion was seconded.

The motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the Professional Leave Program for Faculty Improvement at Wright State University and the amendment (Attachment C).

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote followed:

Those in favor of approval:

None opposed.

The motion was approved by a vote of 26 to 0.

The new members of the Academic Council were introduced and seated.


The new deans are Robert Dolphin and Edward Nicholson.

The new Vice President of the Faculty is Jacob Dorn. The Vice President Elect will be elected at the General Faculty Meeting on May 10, 1977.

Since the new student representatives will not be selected until May 4, the representatives will be seated at a later date.

Due to the absence of the student representatives, the meeting was recessed at 4:35 p.m. and will reconvene at 3:10 p.m., Monday, May 9, 1977.

VIII. The meeting was reconvened at 3:23 p.m., May 9, 1977, for the purpose of electing the members of the Steering Committee.

Present:


Absent:


IX. Mr. Murray asked for nominations for the Steering Committee. The following Council members were nominated, the nominations were seconded, and the members were elected without opposition to the Steering Committee:

- Michael Cleary - College of Business and Administration
- Barbara Tea - College of Education
- Harvey Wachtell - College of Liberal Arts
- David Nicholson - School of Medicine
- Julia George - School of Nursing
- George Sideras - Student Caucus
- Robert Haber - College of Science and Engineering

X. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.