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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, March 5, 1979

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Date: February 14, 1979
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Joseph F. Castellano, Chairer, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting
Monday, March 5, 1979

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, March 5, 1979, in the Back Section of the University Center Cafeteria.

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 1979, 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
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Proposed Changes in Academic Council Constituency Representation (See Attachment A to the Agenda for the February 5, 1979, Academic Council Meeting).
 - B. Recommendations to Academic Council to Approve Courses Proposed for Variant Grading (See Attachment B to the Agenda for the February 5, 1979, Academic Council Meeting).
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Recommendations concerning the Budget Review Committee (to be distributed at the Meeting).
 - B. Proposed Changes in the Athletic Constitution (See Attachments A & B).
- VIII. Adjournment.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

March 5, 1979

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of March 5, 1979 was called to order by Faculty Vice President Castellano at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present:

J. Beljan, C. Burkhart, T. Burns, J. Castellano, G. Constable, S. Cummings, P. Doherty, R. Dolphin, K. Eckerle, R. Glaser, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, L. Lord, L. Low, D. Pabst, M. Ritchie, J. Sayer, P. Simcox, T. Staton, W. Stoesz, B. Tea, H. Wachtell, E. Wetter

Absent:

B. Barth, J. Barton, B. Bentsen, R. Fox, I. Fritz, P. Horn, J. Murray, E. Nicholson, K. Racevskis, A. Rodin, R. Schumacher, M. L. White

- II. A Motion was presented to have the Minutes of the February 5, 1979 Academic Council accepted. No changes or additions were forthcoming, and the Motion was seconded. The Minutes of February 5, 1979 were unanimously approved.
- III. Report of the President - The President had no report. Mr. Klein asked to read a statement, but was asked if he would defer it to NEW BUSINESS. Mr. Klein agreed.
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. Castellano reported that his discussion had to do with Item A under NEW BUSINESS, and he would defer his comments until that time.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. Glaser reported that the Committee met twice since the last Academic Council meeting. These discussions centered around the policy of challenging and changing the grades on official transcripts. Discussions were also held on " I " or Incomplete grades, how they are abused, and how they can be properly removed from the transcript. Efforts are being made to establish a policy concerning transfer credit from students who come from colleges and universities without regional accreditation, and how this will affect our own accreditation. Use of the " Plus" and "Minus" grading system was also discussed.

Mr. Castellano confirmed that documentation was received from the Student Affairs Committee, via the Curriculum Committee regarding the drop date policy. The Steering Committee has reviewed the process which was undertaken by the Curriculum Committee last year and has decided not to recommend that the study be reopened.

- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. Pabst expressed the apologies of Mr. Tiernan in his absence at this meeting. The Faculty Affairs Committee was pleased with the approval of the STRS proposal which was announced at the Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting. Other fringe benefit proposals under consideration by the Committee consist of Disability and Dental. Completion of the review of the Retrenchment Document is expected by late in the Spring Quarter.

Reports of the Standing Committees (Continued)

B. Faculty Affairs Committee (Continued)

Mr. Klein stated that he is disappointed with the continual absence of Tom Tiernan. In addition, Mr. Klein made a Motion concerning Faculty Affairs, but was asked to present it again under NEW BUSINESS which he agreed to do.

- C. Library Committee: In reporting on this Committee, Mr. Bracher stated there is concern with the amount of food being brought into the Library. The Committee hopes to establish guidelines on this policy in the near future. In cooperation with Technical Services, the Library Committee is initiating an information gathering project to survey faculty opinion in order to determine what periodicals should or should not be converted to microfilm. Completion of the project is expected by the end of the Spring Quarter. Regarding expressions of concern over the inadequacy of the library budget, the Committee reviewed the present budget and the proposed budget for the next year, and decided to support the proposed budget which in effect is no more than a maintenance budget.

In responding to a question on the microfilming of periodicals, Mr. Bracher said the physical volumes would either be sold or given away. Mr. Kegerreis added that another option would be to use microfilm only for back issues of publications which are no longer readily available in print.

- D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Renas reported that the Committee is presently considering two issues: (1) placing students on the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and (2) possibility of formalizing relationship between the Student Affairs Committee and student affairs in general, specifically with Mrs. Koch's office.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Changes in Academic Council Constituency Representation

A Motion to accept the proposed change was presented by the Chair, which was moved and seconded. With no discussion forthcoming, a Question was called on the proposal, which indicated unanimous approval. The Motion passed.

B. Recommendations to Academic Council to Approve Courses Proposed for Variant Grading

Mr. Pabst made a Motion to entertain discussion on this topic, and Mr. Klein seconded. There being no discussion, a Question was called, which indicated all were in favor of the recommendation. The Motion passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendations concerning the Budget Review Committee

An attempt has been made by the Steering Committee and the Budget Review Committee to provide input and guidance with respect to the disposition of the Budget Review Committee. The Steering Committee has been charged with the responsibility of reporting to the Academic Council no later than the end of the Winter Quarter whether the current Budget Review Committee should remain in existence, or how the committee should be modified. The Steering Committee and Budget Review Committee met on February 28 and agreed to the Motion as stated in the handout which was distributed at the March 5, 1979 meeting (Attachment A).

B. Proposed Changes in the Athletic Constitution

In presenting a two-part amendment, Mr. Constable stated that the Committee wishes to (1) provide that a student athlete who becomes academically eligible in the early part of the year will remain academically eligible for the remainder of the year. (This is based on an academic year). (2) provide that the athlete remain eligible if he has the following cumulative GPA :

under 37 hours	1.600
37 hours to 72 hours inclusive	1.800
73 hours and above	2.000

C. Proposal to Change Committee Name

Mr. Klein presented a Motion to change the Faculty Affairs Committee to the Faculty Relationships Committee. In explaining this Motion, Mr. Klein argued that "relationships" is more consistent with modern descriptive terminology. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Low.

D. Proposal for Establishment of Special Committee

Mr. Klein presented a Motion that a blue ribboned committee be established to examine and recommend within 30 days procedures for strengthening the protection of the rights and best interests of individual faculty members and the university that we all serve.

The corrections and changes asked for include:

(a) Rotating committee assignments to minimize patronage and insure the random assignment of all points of view. A preponderance of senior faculty on each committee is recommended.

(b) Modification of Due Process procedures to encourage and strengthen mediation. Allow unlimited challenges for cause in grievance hearings to minimize the chances of anyone claiming "foul" after the decision is made.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Proposal for Establishment of Special Committee (Continued)

(c) Restructure the Faculty Affairs Committee to include: rotational assignments, exclusion of no administrators, compulsory attendance and reporting to Academic Council and faculty, scheduled meetings with administration representatives, open hearings on all non-confidential issues.

(d) Re-examination of procedures for promotion, tenure, appointments and reappointments. A program to educate the faculty regarding responsibilities associated with tenure. It is currently treated as a sinecure rather than a procedure for protecting first amendment rights in the classroom and economic security. In making promotion, tenure, appointment and re-appointment recommendations, the committee's only responsibility is to the university community and strengthening it as an academic enterprise. This, in my opinion, has not been the case.

(e) Examination of fixed terms for Chairmen, Deans, and Academic Vice Presidents. Examination of wider roles for senior faculty in conducting the academic affairs of the university. A re-examination of tenure for those out of the classroom or not engaged in scholarly activity for periods over two years.

(f) To explore any other weaknesses which may impair the academic process with recommendations for correction if necessary.

(g) The creation of an Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, perhaps through a faculty Senate, to deal with issues so related.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Constable, and as it was NEW BUSINESS, required a Suspension of the Rules in order to entertain a vote on it. Mr. Ritchie questioned Mr. Klein if he would consider introducing this Motion as NEW BUSINESS at the April meeting, but declined the recommendation citing the urgency of the matter. A vote on the Suspension of the Rules was rejected, and Mr. Klein deferred to the recommendation of placing the Motion on the agenda of the April meeting as NEW BUSINESS.

E. Proposal Concerning University Budget and Policies

Mr. Ritchie presented a Motion to have his memo (distributed prior to meeting) introduced as NEW BUSINESS at the April meeting. (See Attachment B) In the interim, the memo may be perused for errors and discussion. One error which Mr. Ritchie pointed out appears on page 3; the number is right but the plot is wrong.

VIII. A Motion was presented for Adjournment, and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 2 at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.