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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, June 4, 1979

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Date: May 18, 1979
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: James E. Sayer, Chairer, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting Monday, June 4, 1979

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m. Monday, June 4 in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center Cafeteria.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 1979 meeting.
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Report of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum Committee
 - B. Faculty Affairs Committee
 - C. Library Committee
 - D. Student Affairs Committee
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Proposed Statement concerning Transfer Credit for Students from Colleges and Universities without Regional Accreditation (See Attachment C to the Agenda for April 2, 1979 meeting).
 - B. Recommendations from the Ad Hoc General Education Committee (See Attachment C to the Agenda for the May 7, 1979 meeting).
 - C. Proposed Changes in University Grading System (Distributed at the May 7, 1979 meeting)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Proposed Courses for Variant (Optional) Grading (See Attachment A)
 - B. Proposed Dual Major Combining Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies (See Attachment B).

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VII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- C. Guidelines for External Degree Credit
(See Attachment C)
- D. Combined Graduate and Undergraduate Review Document
(Distributed to Academic Council Members)
- E. Approval of Committee Appointments for 1979-1980
(To be distributed at Academic Council Meeting)

VIII. Adjournment

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

JUNE 4, 1979

MINUTES

- I. The meeting of June 4, 1979 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President Murray at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present:

T. Burns, E. Cantelupe, S. Cummings, K. Eckerle, H. Ertel, E. Fernandez, L. Hoehn, L. Howard, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, K. Koehler, D. Light, L. Low, J. Murray, R. Nehrenz, D. Pabst, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin, J. Sayer, G. Torres, E. Wales, T. Wetmore, E. Wetter, M. L. White, and L. Wiggenhorn

Absent:

J. Barton, J. Beljan, C. Burkhart, J. Daily, P. Doherty, R. Fox, I. Fritz, P. Horn, K. Kotecha, J. Wainscott

- II. A Motion was presented to have the Minutes of the May 7, 1979 Academic Council Meeting approved as written. The Motion was moved for adoption by Mr. Wetmore, and seconded by Mr. Klein. There was unanimous approval for acceptance of the Minutes.
- III. Report of the President: There was no report from the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. Sayer stated that an additional item of NEW BUSINESS will be added to the agenda which concerns the approval of the proposed changes in the Graduate Council By-Laws. This topic will appear as Item F under NEW BUSINESS.

Proposed changes in the General Education policy, along with guidelines for its implementation, were distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Herb Neve, chairer of the General Education Review Committee, was available for comments and questions. This topic was referenced as Attachment C to the Agenda for May 7, 1979.

The Steering Committee recommends the approval of two new Ad Hoc Committees, namely, the Faculty Development Committee, which will be chaired by Mr. L. Hoehn, and a special Ad Hoc Committee on Retirement, which will be chaired by Mr. S. Klein.

At the appropriate time on the Agenda, Mr. Sayer expressed his desire to request a complete Suspension of the Rules in order to act on all of the items listed under NEW BUSINESS.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. Glaser requested action by the Academic Council to Suspend the Rules so that a vote could be taken at this meeting on Items A and B which appear under NEW BUSINESS.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. Pabst presented the report on behalf of Mr. Tiernan, who was out of town. Mention was made by Mr. Pabst of the Retrenchment Policy. He further stated that a number of other topics which were not finished would be forwarded to the new Committee. The Fringe Benefit discussions were referred to the new Ad Hoc Subcommittee which Mr. Pabst is chairing.
- C. Library Committee: Mr. Bracher reported that the Committee has reviewed next year's operating budget with Mr. Thomas. A five percent cut may have a negative effect on the operations of the Library. The Committee did not undertake a review of the Approval Plan. However, Mr. Bracher felt that two matters in this area deserved special attention: (1) departments need to fine tune individual selections, and (2) the Approval Plan needs better monitoring.
- D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Renas reported that the Committee considered several topics this year, among them:

Recommended a change in membership in the Student Affairs Committee in order to provide more diverse student interest.

Steering Committee charged Student Affairs Committee with responsibility of studying possibility of creating a full time staff position in the Office of the Ombudsman. The Committee recommended that the position remain part time.

Creation of a formal relationship between the Student Affairs Committee and the Office of Student Affairs.

Two issues which will be forwarded to the new Committee concern (1) the suing of universities by students over grades which they felt were arbitrarily given, and (2) the parking issue remains a topic of concern.

Attachment A is the final report of the Student Affairs Committee.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Klein requested permission of the Chair to address the Council. Having been recognized by the Chair, Mr. Klein then presented the following Resolution:

"AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE YOU BROUGHT WISDOM AND INTEGRITY TO THESE OFFICES. IN SPITE OF OUR MANY DISAGREEMENTS YOU ALWAYS APPROACHED PROBLEMS AS IF CONFLICT WAS NOT THE NORMAL MODE FOR SOLVING THEM AND BROUGHT DIGNITY TO THE CONCEPT OF "HONEST DISAGREEMENT." THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS FACULTY."

Unanimous approval was given for this Resolution of Commendation to Professor Castellano for his service as Vice President of the Faculty.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Statement Concerning Transfer Credit for Students from Colleges and Universities Without Regional Accreditation

Due to the complexity of this issue, Mr. Sayer recommended that the proposal be referred to the Office of the Registrar and the Council of the Deans for further deliberations. Mr. Pabst seconded this Motion. All were in agreement.

B. Recommendations from the Ad Hoc General Education Committee

Mr. Sayer made a Motion for adoption of the recommendations from the General Education Review Committee. The Motion was seconded.

Mr. Klein commented that he could not digest such a large amount of material in such a short period of time, and thought more time should be allotted for the perusal of this document. Mr. Neve responded that the handout was essentially the same as that discussed at the May 7, 1979 meeting.

Mr. Klein was in total disagreement with the divisions which were being proposed in Mr. Neve's recommendations. Mr. Wetmore did not feel that discussions should be entered into on each individual's feelings.

A Roll Call vote on this issue was as follows:

Members voting YES :

T. Burns, E. Cantelupe, S. Cummings, K. Eckerle, H. Ertel, E. Fernandez, L. Hoehn, L. Howard, B. Hutchings, R. Kegerreis, K. Koehler, D. Light, L. Low, J. Murray, R. Nehrenz, D. Pabst, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin, J. Sayer, G. Torres, E. Wales, T. Wetmore, E. Wetter, M. L. White and L. Wiggernhorn

Members voting NO :

S. Klein

The Recommendations of the General Education Review Committee passed by a vote of 26 to 1.

At the direction of the Academic Council, the General Education Review Committee will continue in its research. This suggestion, presented by Mr. Sayer in the form of a Motion, was seconded and approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

C. Proposed Changes in University Grading System

Mr. Sayer presented a Motion for approval of the Grading System, which was seconded by K. Eckerle. Discussion follows. Mr. Glaser reported that Open Hearings were held on this topic, and that some input had been received from various colleges and departments. There was some concern about the type of grading system to go to.

On the administrative aspects, Mr. Falkner spoke against the Motion. He pointed out that when a transfer credit evaluation is performed, it is not known whether the grading system being used is 4 point or 6 point. In the long run we may be hurting our students because of the unfamiliarity with the system. Data Processing indicated a conversion could be made to the program, but the manpower costs could go as high as \$25,000.

Mr. Falkner indicated that many schools of the University, i.e., Medical School, Graduate Studies, Professional Psychology may not want such a grading system, and therefore there could be a number of grading systems if each school would choose their own. Mr. Murray pointed out that if this grading system is approved by the Academic Council and the General Faculty, then all schools must adopt it.

In responding to a question by Mr. Pabst of how a description of the grading system would appear in the catalog, Mr. Glaser stated that it would remain as presently written.

In the preceding discussions, L. Low felt that two major issues were being discussed, and she presented an Amendment which would split them into two distinct parts, (1) Do we endorse the concept of a finer grading system, and (2) If we endorse them, do we then adopt a specific one. The Amendment as stated was seconded.

A vote on this Amendment indicated 16 were in favor with 8 against. The Amendment passed.

Following further discussions, Mr. Wetmore presented an Amendment to the original Motion that a " Plus System " be instituted
The Motion was seconded by M. L. White.

Mr. Pabst said he was not comfortable with making changes to the grading system. He further stated that the " Plus System " tends to confuse rather than to define issues.

A Question was Called, and a voice vote indicated the Amendment failed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

D. Combined Graduate and Undergraduate Review Document

As a cost saving factor, this document was distributed only to the Academic Council members. Mr. Sayer made a Motion that the document, as distributed to the Council, be adopted. The Motion was seconded and approved.

E. Approval of Committee Appointments for 1979-1980

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mr. Sayer presented a Motion that the proposed composition of Standing Committees be approved, along with the appointment of Kathryn Eckerle to continue as Sergeant At Arms, and William Rickert to continue as Parliamentarian. The Motion was seconded and approved. (Attachment E)

F. Change in Graduate Council By Laws

Mr. Sayer read a letter from Dean Dolphin of the School of Graduate Studies in which he requested the approval of the Director of the Ph.D. Program in Biomedical Sciences to be a member of the Graduate Council. The request was approved, and seconded. All were in favor.

As a final remark under NEW BUSINESS, Mr. Klein read a statement he had prepared in which he felt that the Faculty Affairs Committee should be looking into, namely, Tenure, Due Process, Fixed Terms and Rotational Policies. It was suggested to Mr. Klein that his ideas be submitted in written form, which Mr. Sayer would then forward to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Mr. Klein was in agreement with the suggestion.

VIII. A Motion to Adjourn was presented by Mr. Pabst, which was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Academic Council will be Monday, October 1, 1979.

The location and time of the meeting will be the Cafeteria Extension in the University Center at 3:10 p.m.

YEAR END REPORTS ATTACHED

Attachment F	Report of the Research Council for Academic Year 1978-1979
Attachment G	Activities of SIS Committee 1978-1979
Attachment H	University Appeals Board 1978-1979 Report
Attachment I	Library Committee Year End Report 1978-1979
Attachment J	University Honors Committee Report 1978-1979
Attachment K	Annual Report of the University Curriculum Committee 1978-1979