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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 5, 1980

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To: Members of Academic Council*

From: James E. Sayer, Chair, Steering Committee

Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, May 5, 1980

Members of the Academic Council will meet at 3:10 p.m., Monday, May 5, 1980, in the rear section of the University Center Cafeteria.

I. Call to order.

II. Approval of minutes of April 7, 1980 meeting.

III. Report of the President.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee.


A. Curriculum
B. Faculty Affairs
C. Library
D. Student Affairs

VI. Old Business.

A. Approval of two Developmental Education courses SS 084 and SS 086. (See Attachment A).
B. Approval of proposed General Education Program. (Material was distributed at April 7 Council meeting.)
C. Approval of proposed changes in the Faculty Constitution and By-Laws. (Material distributed at April 7, Council meeting.)
D. Approval of proposed Charter for the Appeals Board. (Material distributed at April 7 Council meeting.)
E. Approval for Steering Committee to appoint a seven person ad hoc committee to investigate the matter of a faculty senate and make recommendations on this matter.

VII. New Business.

A. Proposal for reduction in drop/add fees.
B. Proposed revision to Program Review Guidelines.
C. Approval of Academic Council meeting dates for 1980-81. (See Attachment B)
D. Election of three members to Steering Committee for two year term. These are to be elected for Science and Engineering, Medicine and Nursing.
I. The meeting of May 5, 1980 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice-President Murray, at 3:20 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.


Absent: J. Barton, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin.

II. A motion was presented to have the minutes of April 7, 1980 Academic Council meeting approved as written. The motion was moved and seconded. There was unanimous approval for acceptance of the minutes.

III. Report of the President: None

IV. Report of the Steering Committee:

A. Mr. James Sayer, Chairman, reported some modifications to the Agenda for this meeting. He requested the following changes be made under "NEW BUSINESS":

1. Delete Item "A".
2. Add Faculty Retrenchment Policy as Item "E".
3. Add Class Ranking, Letter, dated April 30, 1980 as Item "F".

B. Mr. Sayer reported receiving a letter from Lorna Dawes, who co-chaired the University ad hoc Committee for the RTA Levy, extending her appreciation to the Council for its support of the successful RTA Levy.

C. Mr. Sayer reported that at the end of the meeting we would be seating the newly elected members to the Council and elect the new members to the Steering Committee for next year. Mr. Lilburn Hoehn will be taking over as Chairman, and he has scheduled a meeting for the new members of the Committee for Thursday, May 8, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. in the Small Conference Room of Allyn Hall.

V. Report of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. David Leach, Chairman, reported that the committee met with the Registrar to discuss the mechanics for changing "Incomplete" grades following one quarters duration. The Committee recommended, in order to simplify the procedures for the mechanics of changing those grades that the "I" be left on the record, but to include an asterisk or some clear indication on the report card, that the "I" will be equivalent to an "F". Mr. Leach verified with the council that this procedure would not need Academic Council approval.
The committee is working on a procedural handbook to revise, repackage and coordinate the existing documents to clarify the Curriculum Committee's function. The work should be completed and submitted to the Agenda Committee to be entered as "New Business" for the June 2, 1980 Academic Council Meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Karlis Racevskis, Chairman, reported on the Faculty Retrenchment Policy which was submitted earlier as Item "E" under "NEW BUSINESS" and attached to these minutes (See Attachment "A"). Mr. Racevskis reported receiving some useful suggestions during 2 open hearings following completion of the document and will introduce these suggestions to the Faculty Affairs Committee, scheduled to meet May 6, 1980. If any of the suggestions are adopted by the Faculty Affairs Committee, he will introduce them at the next Academic Council meeting, June 2, 1980.

C. Library Committee: Mr. James Sayer reported for Suzanne Narayan, Chairperson of the Library Committee, that the committee has completed its review of the Library Program Review Document at the April meeting. The document is ready to go to the Library Program Review Steering Committee. They are in the process of a transmittal letter which will include a number of recommendations based on the contents of the Program Review. The committee anticipates this report to be submitted in May.

D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Creighton Phelps, Chairman, reported on the Grade Appeals Policy, Attachment "A", Academic Council Minutes, April 7, 1980 and appears on Today's Agenda under "OLD BUSINESS" as Item "D".

Mr. Phelps reported there was some demand from the students seeking jobs or careers that there be Class Ranking. The committee submitted their recommendations on Class Ranking (See Attachment "B") and it was placed on today's Agenda under "NEW BUSINESS" as Item "F".

VI. Old Business:

A. A motion was made and seconded to approve two Developmental Education courses SS 084 and SS 086, Attachment "A", to the Agenda. A voice vote was taken and there was unanimous approval.

B. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed General Education Program, Attachment "D", Academic Council Minutes, April 7, 1980. At this point the floor was open to discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the General Education Program. Dean Iddings of the College of Education presented the amendment (See Attachment "D"). After much discussion a voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. Mr. James Daily presented a motion to amend the recommendations on General Education Inventory (See Attachment "E") and it was seconded. After some discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands. Yes - 9; No - 23. The motion failed.

Mr. Kanti Kotecha at this point moved to refer back to Ad Hoc Committee on General Education the entire General Education Program. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken after some discussion and the motion was defeated.
Mr. Herb Neve moved and it was seconded to amend the General Education Policy to add the paragraph noted on Attachment "C" from page two paragraph beginning with "Since the General Education...." and ending with .....respective programs involved." to be inserted to Part I, XI, which is found on page 4 of Attachment "D" to Academic Council Minutes of April 7, 1980. At this time President Kegerreis moved to propose an amendment to that amendment to read that "The Monitoring Sub Committee will be established as a part of the Curriculum Committee", and his motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the amendment to the amendment was approved. The discussion was closed on the amendment and a voice vote was taken. The amendment was unanimously approved.

The floor was again open for discussion on the original motion of the Proposed General Education Program. Leone Low moved to modify Page 15, B.3. to read "gain an understanding of the major quantitative approaches employed in psychological research" and her motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. J. Klein made a call for the question and it was seconded and then approved unanimously by voice vote.

The motion on the floor for the Proposed General Education Program with amendments was to be voted on. A roll-call vote was taken as follows:


Absent: J. Barton, M. Ritchie, A. Rodin.

Yes: 24 No: 8 Abstentions: 3

The motion was approved.

C. Mr. Sayer moved the adoption of the 23 proposed changes in the Faculty Constitution and By-Laws. (Material distributed at April 7, 1980 Academic Council Meeting). It was seconded and the floor was now open for discussion.

Mr. Lilburn Hoehn moved to amend Page two, Section 2 - Faculty Meetings: B., from fifty fully-affiliated members to one hundred fully-affiliated members. His motion was seconded and a voice vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Mr. Donald Pabst moved that the voting and non-voting membership of the Budget Review Committee be revised to include those persons respectively included in Attachment "F" dated May 5, 1980. The motion was seconded and discussion began. During the discussion Mr. Eldon Wetter moved to amend that amendment to add one more member from the off-campus operations, Piqua and Celina primarily. His motion was seconded and much discussion followed. A voice vote was taken to amend the amendment and was unanimously approved. After this and more discussion on Mr. Pabst's amendment, a voice vote was taken and the amendment as amended was unanimously approved.

Mr. S. J. Klein introduced the Dissenting and Minority Report. He moved to amend Article III, Section 10, D-e-3 should be changed to: "Examine pertinent aspects of the university budget." and it was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. Mr. Klein then moved to amend Article II, Section 1-A
(See Attachment "E") Academic Council Minutes April 7, 1980, Part III as listed, and it was seconded. After much discussion Mr. Hoehn proposed the question to be called for, and the question was approved by voice vote. A question on the amendment was called for. A voice vote was taken and the amendment failed. The floor was open for discussion once again.

Terry Burns, Student Government, moved to amend: Article III, Section 10: Standing Committees of the Academic Council (See Attachment "G"). Item b. and d. were presented separately as amendments and each were seconded. A voice vote was taken on each amendment and they were unanimously approved. Item e, of Attachment "G" was withdrawn.

At this time a roll-call rote was taken on the proposed changes in the Faculty Constitution and By-Laws as attached in the Academic Council Minutes, April 7, 1980 as amended and along with Mr. Rickert's letter (See Attachment "H") dated April 28, 1980. The vote was as follows:


No: S. Klein


Yes: 24 No: 1 Abstentions: 10

It was approved.

D. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed Charter for the Appeals Board. (Material distributed at April 7, 1980 Council meeting. Mr. Don Pabst moved to amend the Charter for the Appeals Board to delete all references to cases concerning grade appeals. A voice vote was taken and the amendment failed.

K. Kotecha moved and it was seconded to amend Section VI, Procedures to have the number of days in the following paragraphs be consistent. The following should be changed to read 14 Calendar Days:

A.2, A.3, B.2.b, B.2.c, and B.2.f.

Section VI, Procedures B.2.e. should read 28 calendar days.

A voice vote was taken and the amendment was approved.

After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the overall proposed Charter for the Appeals Board until the June 2, 1980 Academic Council meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

E. A motion was made and seconded for approval for the Steering Committee to appoint a seven person ad hoc committee to investigate the matter of a Faculty Senate and make recommendations on this matter. A substitute motion was made and seconded, "The Steering Committee shall appoint an ad hoc committee of seven members, representative of the various academic areas in the university, to review the status of academic governance at Wright State, including the
recent suggestion to investigate a Faculty Senate, and to make recommendations on improving the effectiveness of academic governance. For continuity the committee should include some members of the past Quadrennial Committee." A voice vote was taken and the amendment was approved to replace the original motion.

VII. New Business:

Mr. James Sayer moved to suspend the rules at this time to move to Item C under "NEW BUSINESS" and Item "D", also under "NEW BUSINESS", and it was seconded. A voice vote was taken and it was approved.

C. A motion was made and seconded for approval of Academic Council meeting dates for 1980-81. After some discussion, a voice vote was taken and the calendar was approved.

At this time the Academic Council seated their new members. (See Attachment "I") Also seated were the Deans: E. Nicholson, R. Iddings, R. Dolphin, R. Fox, and E. Cantelupe. L. Hoehn took his position as Vice-President of the Faculty, and a motion was entertained to commend Mr. James Sayer for a job well done as Vice-President of the Faculty representing faculty concerns during a very tumultuous year. The motion was seconded, and a voice vote was taken and was approved unanimously. The commendation will be put in a form of a resolution.

D. A motion was made and seconded to elect three members to the Steering Committee for two year terms. The nominees were: Prem Batra, Barbara Beeler, and Jean Sullivan. A voice vote was taken and it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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