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# Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, February 2, 1981

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Date: January 16, 1981

To: Members of the Academic Council

From: *Elburn P. Hoehn*  
Elburn P. Hoehn, Chairer of the Steering Committee

Subject: Agenda, Academic Council Meeting, Monday, February 2, 1981

The Academic Council will meet at 3:10 P.M., Monday, February 2, 1981, in the rear section of the University Center Cafeteria.

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of January 5, 1981, Council meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Report of the Standing Committees:
  - A. Curriculum
  - B. Faculty Affairs
  - C. Library
  - D. Student Affairs
  - E. Budget Review
- VI. Old Business:
  - A. Motion to abolish the position of Professor-at-Large on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee - see minutes item VII of the January 5, 1981 meeting.
  - B. Approval of James Sayer as replacement Sergeant at arms for Academic Council
  - C. Approval of Marjorie Kinney as replacement member to General Education sub-committee.
- VII. New Business: None
- VIII. Adjournment

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- I. The meeting of February 2, 1981 was called order by Chairman Pro Tem Vice President John V. Murray at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: O. Amos, P. Batra, B. Beeler, J. Buening, E. Cantelupe, J. Daily, E. Fernandez, S. Ghosh, C. Hartmann, L. Hoehn, L. Howard, A. Hye, R. Iddings, R. Kegerreis, S. Klein, K. Kotecha, S. Link, M. Moloney, J. Murray, D. Pabst, M. Roach, G. Skinner, P. Smith, A. Spiegel, C. Swindler, H. Viets, B. Walker, R. Weisman, T. Wetmore

Absent: J. Barton, J. Castellano, C. Cline, R. Fox, K. Hennessey, J. Sullivan, E. Wales

- II. A motion was presented to have the minutes of the January 5, 1981 Academic Council meeting approved with the amendment to show M. Roach in attendance. The motion was moved and seconded. There was unanimous approval for acceptance of the minutes.

III. Report of the President:

The main item of concern at this time is the forthcoming budget for FY 1981-82. The best current estimate is that the 1981-82 budget will be predicated on a subsidy support which amounts to approximately 93 percent of the subsidy originally in the 1980-81 budget. No allowance has been made for inflation, salary increases, or increased enrollment. President Kegerreis said he will report any new developments as a result of the Governor's State-of-the-State message in which the budget will be presented for the forthcoming year.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee:

- A. Mr. L. Hoehn, Chairman, requested the following additions to the agenda under New Business:
1. Requests for approval of six courses
  2. Student Government motion regarding student newspaper representation at committee meetings
  3. Change of date of Memorial Day observance at Wright State University
- B. The Calendar/Elections Committee is presently in the process of sending a questionnaire to students and faculty regarding the semester vs. the quarter calendar.

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- C. Mr. Hoehn reported that a year ago an ad hoc committee was appointed to study the Early Retirement Plan. The ad hoc committee submitted a report and summary to the Steering Committee who in turn submitted the report to Mr. G. Kirk for feasibility study with the recommendations to go before the Board of Trustees. Mr. S. Klein, Chairman of the ad hoc committee, pointed out that the recommendations going before the Board of Trustees are quite different than those of the ad hoc committee. Discussion followed with the recommendation that the Steering Committee work more closely with the ad hoc committee chairman as well as with Mr. Kirk and that recommendations be examined carefully before going to the Board of Trustees.

V. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. S. Frederick requested action be taken on course modification and course inventory requests under New Business.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee:

1. Mr. C. Hartmann, Chairman, reported that at the Committee meeting of January 19, a request was received from a representative from the Daily Guardian to attend the meeting. The request was denied on the basis that a number of Committee members felt that the presence of a reporter would hinder the proceedings of the Committee in that it would inhibit free discussion of the agenda.
2. The Faculty Affairs Committee has met with members of the administration and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees regarding the Retrenchment Document which the Academic Council passed December 1. The President and the Committee of the Board of Trustees have raised several questions which require further study by the Faculty Affairs Committee which will report to the Council regarding any amendments and/or revisions to the document which might be useful.
3. Ongoing agenda items consist of:
  - a. Working with Student Affairs on a process dealing with grade appeals
  - b. Proposal under consideration on the establishment of a rank of senior instructor
  - c. Soon to engage in study of employee disability benefits for employees not currently covered under state benefits
  - d. Consideration of a cap on tenure

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- C. Library Committee: No Report
- D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. C. Phelps, Chairman, reported that the Committee has met in conjunction with the Faculty Affairs Committee and continues to work on the Grade Appeals Report.
- E. Budget Review Committee: Mr. J. Sayer, Chairman, reported that the Committee is receiving recommendations from three subcommittees dealing with salaries, relationship between instructional and non-instructional areas in this University, and revenues and retention. Representatives from the Committee will meet with Conference of Deans to discuss budget related matters.

VI. Old Business:

- A. A motion was made and seconded to abolish the position of Professor-at-Large on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. Discussion followed with some members feeling the Professor-at-Large made many contributions to the Promotion and Tenure Committee and nothing is lost by having this representation. The suggestion was made that the representative give a report to the Academic Council of proceedings of the Committee without violating the confidentiality of the proceedings. A motion was made and seconded to have an amendment to the motion to refer the entire issue of the Professor-at-Large representation and other matters in respect to the Promotion and Tenure Committee back to Faculty Affairs Committee for further study. Discussion followed. A vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment was defeated. A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to abolish the position of Professor-at-Large with the following results:

Members voting YES:

L. Hoehn, R. Iddings, S. Klein

Members voting NO:

O. Amos, P. Batra, B. Beeler, J. Buening, J. Daily, E. Fernandez, S. Ghosh, C. Hartmann, L. Howard, A. Hye, R. Kegerreis, K. Kotecha, S. Link, M. Moloney, J. Murray, D. Pabst, M. Roach, G. Skinner, A. Spiegel, C. Swindler, H. Viets, B. Walker, R. Weisman, T. Wetmore

Members ABSTAINING:

E. Cantelupe, P. Smith

The motion was defeated by a vote of 24 to 3.

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- B. Motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. J. Sayer as replacement Sergeant at Arms for Academic Council. The motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Motion was made and seconded to approve Marjorie Kinney as replacement member to General Education subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. New Business:

- A. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to suspend the rules so that action might be taken regarding the date of Memorial Day observance at Wright State University. A motion was made and seconded that Memorial Day holiday be moved from May 25 to May 29. Discussion followed with Mr. L. Falkner explaining that the Personnel Office notified him that the State Legislature signed a bill that Memorial Day holiday was to be observed on May 30, beginning with 1981. May 30 falls on Saturday so the day to be observed would be Friday, May 29. If the University took the option not to observe that day, the classified staff working that day would be paid double time and time off on another day of their choosing. It will also help the University academically since Monday evening class would be held ten times rather than nine times. Although the late notice was unavoidable at this time, in the future the University will be given wide notice of this in all forms of communication in advance. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. The motion was made, seconded, and approved to suspend the rules so that action may be taken on course modification and course inventory requests on ED 215, ED 217, ED 440, HPR 111, HPR 151, and M&I 423 (attachment A) in order that they may be included in the Undergraduate Catalog. A motion was made and seconded that the six course modifications be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. A recommendation by the Student Government was presented by Ms. B. Walker (attachment B) for consideration and would appear at the March meeting under Old Business. Mr. Bob Myers, Editor of the Daily Guardian, was recognized and spoke to the issue of student newspaper representation at committee meetings. Mr. Myers expressed concern of the snowball effect of student newspaper representation exclusion at various committee meetings. Mr. Myers stressed the importance that the students be kept aware of what is going on in the various committees and urged the Council to consider this issue. The question arose as to whether the Academic Council has the right to establish rules for the subcommittees. Mr. K. Kotecha confirmed that the Academic Council does have within its power to instruct its subcommittees how they should operate. This issue will appear as Old Business at the March meeting of the Academic Council.
- D. Dr. Murray welcomed the new student representative from WOBC, Shelly Link.

VIII. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Attachments