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October 25, 1982

To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Charles J. Hartmann, Steering Committee Chairer and
 Vice-President of the University Faculty
Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting of Monday, November 1, 1982, at 3:10 p.m.

Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of the October 4, 1982 meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
 - E. Budget Review
- VI. Old Business:

Election of Professor-at-Large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (suspension of the rules to add Professor Lawrence Cross (LA) to the list of candidates)
- VII. New Business:

Motion by Curriculum Committee to change ART 302, "Junior Seminar," and CS 399, "Selected Topics," to optional grading
- VIII. Adjournment

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- I. The meeting of November 1, 1982 was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Provost John R. Beljan at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.

Present: H. Andrews, J. Beljan, C. Cary, J. Cross, J. Gabbert, C. Hartmann, J. Hemskey, B. Hutchings, J. Jacob, R. Kegerreis, C. King, E. Kmetec, T. Knapke, B. Mann, M. Mazey, M. Moloney, D. Orenstein, D. Organisciak, A. Parisi, J. Poppe, M. Rose, S. Sexson, C. Snyder, J. Talbott, E. Wetter, R. Williams

Absent: R. Dixon, T. Farrow, R. Fox, R. Gardier, J. Kandel, M. Kapp, B. Tea, D. Thomas

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as presented of the October 4, 1982 meeting.

- III. Report of the President, Robert J. Kegerreis, President, reporting:

A. United Way. At this time, the University is about 15% ahead of last year toward its 1982 goal.

B. The President urged members of the University community to vote on November 2.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. C. Hartmann, Chairman, reported that the Steering Committee has met twice (October 22 and 29) since the October Academic Council meeting. The following topics were discussed at these meetings:

A. Faculty Constitution and Bylaws. The committee is concerned with how the issues raised in the Rickert Committee Report on Faculty Constitution Reform may be advanced for discussion from other interested groups on campus. The direct placement of Faculty Constitutional Reform on the agenda of the General Faculty Meeting has been discussed.

B. Retirement Committee. The committee is continuing to work with representatives of the administration on a new Early Retirement Plan. Mr. A. Spiegel, Chairman of the committee, will make a report on the committee's progress at the Fall General Faculty Meeting.

C. Faculty Participation in the Research Park. The Steering Committee referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee the issue of faculty participation in the planning of the new Research Park. The Faculty Affairs Committee has asked the Agenda Committee to request the President to comment on this matter in his report to the faculty on November 16.

D. Election of a Professor-at-Large to the Promotion and Tenure Committee. Steering Committee noted that some individuals who were on professional leave during the 1981-82 school year were omitted from the list of eligible faculty.

E. Industrial Health Program. Steering Committee met with Jerrell Hagan, the University Safety Director, to discuss the effects on faculty of the University Health Safety Program. Of special interest was the process of voluntary medical examination of employees in hazardous areas. Steering has encouraged administration to publicize the program to employees in the affected areas.

F. Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. Steering received a report from faculty representatives to the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee concerning the committee's meetings of October 11 and October 25. Topics discussed at the meetings included:

1. The request for increased institutional contact between members of the Board and officers of the faculty.
2. The nature of faculty concern about the process by which honorary degree recipients are awarded. In this regard, Steering has received a letter from President Kegerreis concerning his interest in this subject.
3. The nature of faculty concern about public discussion of the NCAA Division I issue, prior to the full discussion on campus.

G. Intercollegiate Athletics. Steering Committee has invited the Director of Athletics, Mike Cusak, to the November 1 meeting to provide the council with a brief, over-all view of the direction of Athletics at Wright State University.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. R. Wagley reporting:

1. The General Education Proposal that was tabled last June is being reviewed by the committee.
2. ART 302 will be withdrawn for consideration under New Business. Course changes to optional grading for LCS 210 and CS 399 will be introduced under New Business.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. J. Talbott, Chairer, reporting:

The committee has considered many items during the past month which included liability insurance, faculty remuneration, parking, and the date that tenure becomes effective.

C. Library Committee, Ms. C. King, Chairer, reporting:

The committee is considering the problems that will be met with the conversion to an on-line system.

D. Student Affairs Committee, Ms. B. Denison, Chairer, reporting:

1. Grade Appeals adopted by the Academic Council went into effect on July 1, 1982 for all those colleges who had not adopted their own policy.
2. The committee is looking into further study on the retention of students.

E. Budget Review Committee, Mr. D. Pabst, Chairer, reporting:

1. The committee held four meetings in October.
2. The committee received notification that the ad hoc Budget Task Force has been dissolved by Provost Beljan and all its subcommittees will now report to the UBRC.
3. The committee is continuing its study of "direct deposit" of paychecks.
4. The committee reviewed the University's 1981-82 Financial Report.
5. The committee received the updated budget books for 1982-83.
6. The committee has begun a review of estimated fringe benefit costs for the year beginning July 1, 1982 and the impact on compensation for 1982-83.

VI. Old Business:

Professor-at-Large to Promotion and Tenure Committee. It was noted that there were eight names omitted from the list of eligible candidates for Professor-at-Large to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee. They are: Catherine Albanese, George

Crampton, Lawrence Cross, Sue Cummings, Harvey Hanson, Gary Pacernick, Warner Wilson, and Robert Premus. Five individuals were nominated for the position of Professor-at-Large: Thomas Whissen, John Treacy, Prem Batra, Carl Benner, and Charles Berry. After three run-off ballots, Thomas Whissen was elected.

VII. New Business:

- A. Course Modifications. Request to consider ART 302 was withdrawn. LCS 210, "Business Information Sources," and CS 399, "Selected Topics," were to be changed to P/U grading and ABCDF/PU grading respectively.
- B. NCAA Division I Status. Chairman J. Beljan introduced Michael Cusak, Director of Athletics, who addressed the issue of the University's consideration of becoming a Division I school. Mr. Cusak reported that there is such an investigation under way, but no decision has been made. Mr. Cusak introduced Stephen Frederick, Chairman of the ad hoc Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. Mr. Frederick reported that he and Mr. Cusak were trying to meet with all groups on campus about the Division I consideration. They were asking for input from all segments of the University community about their feelings in regard to this matter. Mr. E. Kmetec questioned why the University would consider going Division I. Mr. Cusak noted that the advantages of having the Division I basketball team are:
1. Prestige factor among athletics
 2. Potential for revenue
 3. Better chance for getting a convocation center

Question was asked if there was need for a sports arena. Mr. Cusak noted that in order to become a Division I basketball team, the school must average an attendance of 3500 per game for four consecutive years. He noted that the University, for the time being, was reviewing the facilities at the Dayton Convention Center. Question was raised concerning the cost of such a program and whether the committee would deal with the incremental costs. It was noted that there could be as much as \$130,000 income for appearing in just one NCAA play-off game. Mr. Frederick noted that cost studies have been done and would be distributed to anyone interested. It was noted that Wright State University, other than Central State University, is the only state school in Ohio that is not a Division I athletic program. Question was asked what were the negative aspects of the program, and it was noted that it might cost more money than the present program. Ms. J. Poppe asked if the cost of the program would mean that there is less money for other sports or would it mean additional monies from students. It was noted that this would have to be determined by the administration. In reviewing the funding of athletics at the other Ohio state-assisted universities, none of them did it exactly the same. Ms. J. Gabbert noted that in the past year the budget for Library acquisitions was cut and that budget priorities must be clearly defined. It was noted that the Athletic Department also had budget cuts and had eliminated two sports. Messrs. Cusak and Frederick reiterated that they would be happy to meet with any groups interested in learning more about considerations of going Division I.

- C. Chairman Beljan sought comments on how the procedures of the Academic Council could be streamlined. The question was whether the concept of "acceptance or rejection" of a motion should be the main theme of the council or should amendments be made by the council members. Discussion followed. Opinion was expressed that this group was too

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large to clearly work out amendments from the floor as is now done. It was felt that perhaps rules should be made as to how an amendment could be brought onto the floor. Perhaps all amendments should be filed in writing prior to the meeting with the committee making the motion. Others expressed the viewpoint that the committees should be giving progress reports so that when the matter does reach the floor for consideration, there are no surprises. Chairman Beljan indicated that there will be further consideration of these matters.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Date of next meeting: November 29, 1982.