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## Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, June 3, 1985

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THERE WILL BE A FACULTY RECEPTION FOR DR. FERRARI IN THE UPPER HEARTH LOUNGE (2:00 P.M., JUNE 3) PRIOR TO THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

TO: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty  
FROM: Robert Dixon, Vice President of the University Faculty *Robert Dixon*  
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, June 3, 1985,  
at 3:10 p.m. Place: Rear Section of the University  
Center Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 1985 Meeting
- III. Report of the President: Robert J. Kegerreis
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Robert Dixon
- V. Report of the Standing Committees
  - A. Budget Review: Jim Jacob
  - B. Curriculum: Peter Bracher
  - C. Faculty Affairs: Stephen Renas
  - D. Library: Terry McKee
  - E. Student Affairs: Judith Davis
- VI. Announcements and Special Reports
  - A. Athletic Council: Joseph Hemsy
  - B. Buildings and Grounds: Dick Williams
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Faculty Professional Leave Policy Supplement--Stephen Renas, Chairer University Faculty Affairs Committee and Jim Jacob, Chairer University Budget Review Committee
  - B. University Curriculum Committee Policies and Procedures Statement, Certificates--Peter Bracher, Chairer University Curriculum Committee

VIII. New Business

- A. Presentation of New Programs, Two new programs for the Department of Communications--Peter Bracher
- B. Minor Program Proposals-Religion, Geography, Communications, French, German, Spanish--Peter Bracher
- C. Seating of New Council Members
- D. Election of New Members of Steering Committee
- E. Ratification of Committee Appointments for 1985-86

IX. Adjournment

Attachments for the various items of business, as well as annual committee reports, will be distributed at the meeting. Any questions (prior to the meeting) concerning specific items may be directed to the Faculty Office (X-2039).

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 3, 1985

- I. The meeting of June 3, 1985 was called to order by Michael Ferrari, Chair, at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.
- Present: C. Barbour, D. Barr, A. Bassett, K. Beers, D. Carlson, B. Denison, R. Dixon, M. Ferrari, J. Fox, A. Islam, B. Kintner, T. Knapke, C. Maneri, P. Moore, C. Phelps, J. Sealander, A. Smith, J. Smith, J. Sullivan, C. Taylor, D. Thomas
- Absent: S. Bowen, W. Brown, J. Castellano, D. Cullman, J. Eastep, J. Gayer, J. Halki, J. Kane, R. Kegerreis, J. Lancaster, B. Mathies, S. Peterson, S. Renas, R. Schosser
- II. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the May 6, 1985 meeting as distributed.
- III. Report of the President. There was no report as R. Kegerreis was attending a meeting in Cleveland, OH.
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Creighton Phelps reporting:
- A. A Steering Committee meeting was held on May 14 with the outgoing Steering Committee and on May 28 with the Steering Committee-elect (to be approved today).
1. Most of the business of these two meetings was centered around the selection of members of committees for the next year.
  2. Today's Academic Council agenda was approved.
  3. Steering Committee members will act as marshals at graduation on Saturday, June 8, 1985.
- Discussion: Aminul Islam challenged the procedure for appointing committee members--all committee members should have been elected after the Academic Council gives sanction to the new Steering Committee members. It was noted that no violations have occurred since no decisions have been made by any committee members.
- V. Report of the Standing Committees
- A. University Budget Review Committee, James Jacob reporting:  
(Annual Report - Attachment A)
1. The UBRC approved the revised version of the Faculty Professional Leave Policy Supplement that was returned to the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Budget Review Committee as a result of the deliberations of the Academic Council at its May meeting. The committee took the Academic Council's directions into account; specifically, toward the creation of a university-wide competition to replace the college-wide quota. This is embodied in the text of the document which is scheduled for discussion under Old Business, Item A, today.

2. The UBRC continued an on-going set of discussions regarding the role of the UBRC in various aspects in the university budget; the outgoing committee plans to have a joint meeting with the incoming committee in order to share some suggestions that should help in their work as they take office July 1.

B. University Curriculum Committee, Peter Bracher reporting:  
(Annual Report - Attachment B)

1. The University Curriculum Committee's work is summarized in the annual report. Mr. Bracher called particular attention to item #10, the memo sent to the Provost urging the reconsideration of the university class schedule. Informally, the matter has been discussed by the deans and the committee cannot expect, at this time, that there is likely to be any serious consideration of that request for various reasons.
2. The Curriculum Committee will be withdrawing the request under New Business today of the two majors in the Department of Communications. The committee decided that there are some problems of clarification and a lack of coordination with other departments and colleges that need some attention before it is brought before the Council. It is expected to be placed on the Academic Council agenda at the October or November meeting.

C. University Faculty Affairs Committee, Clyde Barbour reporting:  
(Annual Report - Attachment C)

1. The joint subcommittee of the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Budget Review Committee met to consider modifications to the Faculty Professional Leave Policy Supplement.
2. The committee met to consider a salary inequity grievance. The subcommittee was approved to proceed with an investigation and to make recommendations to the Provost.

D. University Library Committee, Terry McKee reporting:  
(Annual Report - Attachment D)

Mr. McKee gave a slide presentation showing the library expansion which is underway. The building is scheduled for groundbreaking in the winter with completion in the Fall 1987; it is on schedule; the plans have been submitted to the State; the architect is working on the architectural plans.

E. University Student Affairs Committee, Judith Davis reporting:  
(Annual Report - Attachment E)

There has been one meeting since the last Academic Council. The committee's main discussion was to pass on to next year's Student Affairs Committee the implementation of the Faculty Evaluation Program.

VI. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Athletic Council, Joseph Hemskey reporting:

1. The Athletic Council passed a proposal that the Wright State University Athletic Program seek reclassification as NCAA Division I in the fall of 1987 with the understanding that the rest of the university community be involved in the final decision-making process. Practically everyone was involved and the results are that WSU is intending to go to Division I in the fall of 1987. As an initial step, a full-time soccer coach has been hired.
2. The Athletic Council studied detailed reports from the Athletic Department regarding the academic performance of WSU athletes in recent quarters. Two interesting facts (picked out of many): 1) Athletes who graduate tend to major in Business and Science & Engineering, and 2) Athletes have a higher percentage of graduation than the student population as a whole: 31% for the university, 51% for the athletes.
3. At the June meeting, the Athletic Council will attempt to solve an on-going problem of the grant-in-aid approval process.
4. The Professional Staff Advisory Committee has requested to have representation on the Athletic Council; this was approved, but it was noted that an amendment to the constitution is necessary.

B. Buildings and Grounds, Dick Williams reporting:  
(Annual Report - Attachment F)

The committee met this month and made some recommendations to the Board of Trustees about capital projects for the 1986-87 biennium. These recommendations are contained in the annual report (reference Attachment F, Page 3); most of these priorities are in agreement with the Planning Council's recommendations.

VII. Old Business

A. Faculty Professional Leave Policy Supplement, James Jacob reporting:  
(Attachment L)

The joint subcommittee discussed with Paul Merriam changes in the document raised over the question of the method of allocation of the leaves. These changes are reflected on Page 3 of Attachment L (Implementaion), Items 2 and 3.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended Faculty Professional Leave Policy Supplement. Motion passed with a voice vote.

B. Undergraduate Certificate Programs, Peter Bracher reporting:

This is a clarification of the action taken at the May Academic Council meeting.

The Academic Council determined at the May meeting that this should be a policy applying to undergraduate programs only; there was also a question about the hours limits. These matters have been clarified and the statement has been revised. Mr. Bracher called particular attention to Attachment M, Paragraph 3 where there has been one significant change--an upper limit on the number of hours in an undergraduate certificate program (twenty-three hours). Footnote #3 is explanatory.

VIII. New Business

- A. Presentation of New Programs, Two new programs for the Department of Communications were withdrawn by Peter Bracher; they will be placed on the Academic Council agenda in October or November.

- B. Minor Program Proposals, Peter Bracher reporting:  
(Attachment N)

The Modern Languages Program has been in existence for several years while other programs have been approved at various times over the last couple of years; all of these have been held pending clarification of policies and procedures on minors and the approval of minor programs. At its May meeting the Academic Council approved such a policy.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minor Program Proposals-Religion, Geography, Communications, French, German, and Spanish. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

- C. Seating of New Council Members. Michael Ferrari introduced the new members as they were seated. (Attachment O)

Faculty members elected for 1985-87:

Constituency A - Lewis Shupe  
Constituency B - Nabil Hassan  
Constituency C - Donald Beelick  
Carol Nathanson  
Constituency D - Barbara Mann  
Larry Kurdek  
Manley Perkel  
Constituency E - Philip Engle  
Constituency F - Kathleen McNamara

Student Government Representatives for 1985-86:

Sherri Willin  
Clark Denman  
Rob Tracy  
Cathy Gaw  
Jennifer Fox

(The sixth student on Academic Council will not be known until a special election is held in the fall to elect the Science & Engineering representative.)

- D. Election of New Members of Steering Committee  
(Reference Attachment O, newly elected Academic Council representatives are represented with an asterisk.)

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote to elect the new members of the Steering Committee (Attachment O).

E. Ratification of Committee Appointments for 1985-86.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote to suspend the rules for the purpose of the ratification of university committee appointments for 1985-86.

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the university committee appointments for 1985-86 (Attachment P).

Discussion: Aminul Islam challenged the procedure for appointing committee members--all committee members should have been elected after the Academic Council gave sanction to the new Steering Committee members.

R. Dixon noted that the Steering Committee has worked under a very tight time schedule this year; he proposed that the Calendar and Elections Committee seriously consider the time frame under which the committee must work in the spring in order to meet the intent of the way the Academic Council wants to operate; it must be done this way. Perhaps in the future the Steering Committee could be formed early enough so that they and the committee members would not be brought to the Council for approval at the same time.

Following discussion the motion was approved by a voice vote.

IX. Michael Ferrari commented that it had been a distinct pleasure for him to work with the Academic Council for the past two years; he wished all the very best in the years ahead.

X. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Date of next meeting: October 7, 1985.

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Attachments:

- A - Budget Review Committee Annual Report
- B - Curriculum Committee Annual Report
- C - Faculty Affairs Committee Annual Report
- D - Library Committee Annual Report
- E - Student Affairs Committee Annual Report
- F - Building & Grounds Committee Annual Report
- G - Calendar and Elections Committee Annual Report
- H - Parking Services Committee Annual Report
- I - Appeals Board Annual Report
- J - School of Graduate Studies Annual Report
- K - Academic Computing Committee Annual Report
- L - Recommended Supplement to the University's  
Faculty Leave Program
- M - Undergraduate Certificate Program
- N - Minor Program Proposals
- O - Newly Elected Academic Council Representatives
- P - 1985-86 University Committees