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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 2, 1985

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TO: Members of the Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Robert Dixon, Vice President of the University Faculty
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, December 2, 1985, at 3:10 p.m. Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of November 4, 1985 Meeting

III. Report of the President: Paige E. Mulhollan

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Robert Dixon

V. Report of the Standing Committees
   A. Student Affairs: Judith Davis
   B. Faculty Affairs: Jeanne Ballantine
   C. Curriculum: Peter Bracher
   D. Library: Larry Kurdek
   E. University Budget Review Committee: Elizabeth Harden

VI. Old Business
   A. University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws
   B. A Motion to Approve a Minor in Classical Humanities
   C. A Motion to move the January 6, 1986 Meeting of Academic Council to January 13, 1986

VII. New Business
   A. The Recommendation of the Calendar and Election Committee on the Semester System

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

IX. Adjournment

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I. The meeting of December 2, 1985 was called to order by Robert Dixon, Faculty Vice President, at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center.


Absent: C. Barbour, D. Carlson, B. Daniels, J. Fox, C. Gaw, J. Gayer, N. Hassan, J. Kane, T. Knapke, J. Lancaster, B. Mathies, S. Renas, J. Sealander

II. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the November 4, 1985 meeting as distributed.

III. Report of the President - Paige Mulhollan, President, reporting:

A. The President apologized for not attending the meetings earlier in the year. He indicated that he wished to participate with the faculty in the deliberations of the Council. His report included the following:

1. The United Way Campaign. The United Way has been a success with 955 faculty and staff participating in the drive. At present the university has collected just under $72,000. He thanked Betsy Frank, Co-Chair of the drive, and her committee in the work they have done. Ms. Frank has indicated that she will again serve as co-chair next year.

2. Selective Excellence Programs: Wright State University has participated in programs for excellence sponsored by the State.

   a. Academic Challenge - This challenge grant is approximately $430,000. Four deans and four faculty selected the programs that would participate in the academic challenge. They are:

   - Aerospace Medicine
   - Art Therapy
   - Biomedical Sciences
   - Computer Science
   - Financial Services
   - Geophysics
   - Theatre Arts

   There would also be two programs from Western Ohio Branch Campus. The sum of monies will be between $60,000 - $100,000.

   b. Program Excellence - This is a state-wide competition.

   c. Eminent Scholar Program - The university has submitted names for the Eminent Scholar Program.
d. Research Challenge - Wright State University's appropriation will be approximately 1.2 – 1.4 million dollars.

e. Productivity Challenge - Restricted to two-year campuses; WOBC will participate.

3. Facilities Requests and Appropriations - Bids are being accepted and will be opened on December 18 for the building at the Research Park. Bids are also being accepted and will be opened on December 18 for the expansion of the Library and the Computer Center.

4. Library Hours - The library hours are being increased for the winter and spring quarters from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Sunday. The faculty are encouraged to inform their students of the new hours.

5. 1986-1988 Biennium Regent Approvals:

   a. Creative Arts Center Expansion - 9.1 million dollars

   b. Fawcett Hall Renovation - 1.8 million dollars

   c. Utilities Upgrade and General Renovation on Campus - 2 million dollars

6. Semester/Quarter System - The President directed his thoughts on faculty governance and how it is working in the discussion of the possible change of the academic calendar. He felt that there was true collegiality here and that the administration would abide to whatever the faculty determines is best. He thanked all those on the various committees who participated in this task.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Robert Dixon, Chair, reporting:

   A. Willard Hutzel on Academic Council - Willard Hutzel was welcomed to the Academic Council. He is sitting in as the representative for the Provost position.

   B. Honorary Degrees - The Steering Committee is encouraging the faculty to give more input as to who will be nominated for honorary degrees.

   C. Buildings & Grounds Committee Amendment to Faculty Constitution & Bylaws - An amendment will be added to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws under New Business today. It is recommended that the Buildings & Grounds Committee be a standing faculty committee.

   D. Agenda Approval. The December 2 Academic Council agenda was approved.

V. Report of the Standing Committees

   A. Student Affairs, Judith Davis, Chair, reporting:

   Semester/Quarter System - The study conducted by the Student Affairs Committee indicated that the students wish to remain on the quarter system.
B. Faculty Affairs, Jeanne Ballantine, Chair, reporting:

1. Research Fraud Policy - The Faculty Affairs Committee should have a recommendation for a Research Fraud Policy by the next meeting.

2. New Procedure for Election of Faculty Officers - Under New Business today, a new procedure for the election of faculty officers will be presented.

3. Semester/Quarter System - The Faculty Affairs report on the early semester system was sent to the Calendar and Elections Committee.

C. Curriculum, Peter Bracher, Chair, reporting:

1. Semester/Quarter System - The Curriculum Committee's report on the calendar conversion was sent to the Calendar and Elections Committee.

2. High School Articulation Program - Work is continuing on the High School Articulation Program with most matters, other than Mathematics, being resolved.

3. General Education - Work continues on the General Education courses and the development of syllabi for these courses.

4. Subcommittee on Academic Regulations - A subcommittee on Academic Regulations has been formed with Mr. Robert Earl chairing this committee.

5. New English Courses - Under New Business today there will be a recommendation for three new English courses which have a pass/unsatisfactory grade.

D. Library, Larry Kurdek, Chair, reporting:

1. Faculty Survey of University Library Holdings - The survey has been completed by only a few faculty.

2. Missing Journal Articles Form - The committee agreed on the content of forms to be completed by University Library users to report missing journal articles or other missing library materials.

3. Assessment of University Library Holdings - The committee is determining how to assess the quality of the University Library holdings. Using information culled from Interlibrary Loan records, the committee identified Religion, Sociology/Anthropology, Psychology, and History as departments that would benefit most from a collection analysis.

4. On-Line System - Work on the on-line system is proceeding on schedule.

5. Increased Library Hours - Beginning winter quarter and continuing through the spring quarter, the University Library will be open on Monday to Saturday from 8-11 and on Sunday from 1-11.
E. University Budget Review Committee, Elizabeth Harden, Chair, reporting:

1. The Budget Review Committee filed a report with the Calendar and Elections Committee of cost estimates and/or financial implications for the conversion from the quarter to the semester system.

2. The committee met with the President to receive information concerning the convocation center.

3. Richard Edwards reviewed the 1985-86 Appropriations Bill with the committee and commented on WSU's fiscal soundness and stability.

F. Athletic Council, Joseph Hemsky, reporting:

1. The Athletic Council has started the paperwork for formal entry into Division I.

2. The committee is reviewing the Athletic Council's Constitution and Bylaws for possible revision, specifically for the possible grant-in-aid recipients.

VI. Old Business

A. University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws. Robert Dixon indicated that there would be some editorial changes. (December 2, 1985 Academic Council Agenda attachment.)

1. A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposal by adding the Building & Grounds Committee as a standing committee of the Academic Council (Attachment to the December 2 Academic Council Agenda).

   Discussion: It was pointed out that the committee would only deal with major policy issues (not merely with "moving walls"), i.e., consider major moves and space allocation.

   a. A motion was made and seconded to amend the amendment by striking the word "all" from the first sentence which reads in part, "on ALL issues relating to campus physical planning, etc.". (December 2, 1985 Academic Council Agenda attachment.)

   The amendment was approved by a voice vote.

   The amended amendment was approved by a voice vote.

   b. A motion was made to change the title of "Chair" of the University Faculty to "Dean" of the University Faculty. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Question called. A roll call vote was taken to adopt the amended proposal.

Voting YES: Barr, Beelick, Coffee, Denman, Dixon, Engle, Goulet, Halki, Hutzel, Iddings, Kurdek, Mann, McNamara, Moore, Nathanson, Perkel, Peterson, Shupe, Smith, Sullivan, Williams, Willin

Absent: Barbour, Carlson, Daniels, Fox, Gaw, Gayer, Hassan, Kane, Knapke, Lancaster, Mathies, Mulhollan, Renas, Sealander

Motion approved.
B. Minor in Classical Humanities
(Attachment D, November 4, 1985 Academic Council Minutes)

The motion to approve a Minor in Classical Humanities was passed, without discussion, by a voice vote.


The motion to reschedule the January 6, 1986 meeting of the Academic Council to January 13, 1986 was approved by a voice vote.

VII. New Business

A. Semester System Report of the Calendar and Election Committee
(Attachment A)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Calendar and Election Committee on the Semester System.

There was some discussion concerning the calendar change. This will appear as Old Business at the January 13, 1986 meeting.

B. English Courses Proposal - Curriculum Committee
(Attachment B)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the University Curriculum Committee's recommendation to approve the following new English courses; all three have pass/unsatisfactory grading.

- ENG 094 English as a Second Language: Speaking
- ENG 097 English as a Second Language: Basic Writing
- ENG 098 English as a Second Language: Advanced Writing

This will appear as Old Business at the January 13, 1986 meeting.

C. Election of the Faculty Officer
(Attachment C)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal to change the manner of balloting for election of the faculty officer. The proposal was made that nominations for the Vice-President of the Faculty be made by ballot prior to the Quarterly General Faculty Meeting. It should be noted that this procedure is not part of the bylaws.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.
Date of next meeting: January 13, 1986