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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 4, 1987

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Richard Williams, Vice President of the University Faculty 

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday,
May 4, 1987 at 3:10 p.m.
Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 1987 Meeting
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Richard Williams
- V. Report of the Standing Committees
 - A. Curriculum: Robert Wagley
 - B. Faculty Affairs: Gregory Bernhardt
 - C. Library: Adrian Rake
 - D. Student Affairs: Alan Cooper
 - E. University Budget Review Committee: Robert Dixon
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Resolution Concerning Affirmative Action--Gregory Bernhardt, Faculty Affairs Committee (A suspension of the rules may be asked for adoption.)
 - B. Academic Council Meeting Dates --1987-88 (Attachment A)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
- IX. Adjournment

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 4, 1987

- I. The meeting of May 4, 1987, was called to order by Richard Williams, Vice-President of the University Faculty, at 3:15 p.m. in the cafeteria extension of the University Center.

Present: J. Abidi, D. Beelick, J. Brandeberry, J. Daily, P. Engle, W. Goulet, C. Hathaway, R. Iddings, M. Kapp, J. Klinger, L. Kurdek, J. Lancaster, J. Martin, R.A. Pendergrass, M. Perkel, S. Praeger, M. Pryor, J. Runkle, M. Sammons, L. Shupe, D. Uetrecht, R. Williams

Absent: C. Altick, J. Ballantine, D. Carlson, L. Crum, B. DeMars, C. Denman, N. Hassan, D. Leach, B. Mann, K. McNamara, P. Mulhollan, D. Murphy, V. O'Brien, J. Sayer

- II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 6, 1987, minutes with the following corrections:

- It was reported under the Report of the President, A.3. Early Retirement, first paragraph, that the proposal for the STRS buyout was with a three- year window. This was changed to a one-year window at a later date.
- On page 4, second paragraph, the statement for the record: The word "with" in line 3 of the statement should be "for" and the word "who" in line 7 should be "or."

The minutes with the noted corrections were accepted as written.

- III. Report of the President, Charles Hathaway, reporting:

- At this time it is difficult to foretell how the legislature will act on the budget.
- The Ohio Board of Regents was looking at the possibility of supporting more housing for urban campuses for graduate students. The Regents were determining need of housing on the basis of the number of FTE (15 hours) graduate students; this has now been changed. The need will be determined by the number of graduate students who are carrying 12 hours or more. In reviewing our on-hand nearby off-campus housing, the university has probably already met its quota.
- A bill has been presented to the legislature that would permit universities to lease land to a developer for student housing.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Richard Williams reporting:

- The election for members of the Academic Council and for the Faculty Vice-President Elect are now going on.
- In the June meeting of the Academic Council a document on Intellectual Property will be presented.

- V. Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum, Robert Wagley reporting.

The committee had no formal report other than there will be an item introduced under New Business at this meeting.

B. Faculty Affairs, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

1. The committee has received some comments on the Early Retirement Plan in regard to the limit of the one-year window.
2. Mr. Bernhardt requested the document on Intellectual Property be sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee before presentation to the Academic Council.

Charles Hathaway had a comment concerning the one-year window. He noted that fiscal responsibility had to be taken in regard to the early retirement policy, and that if such responsibility was taken and was met, he hoped that any future policy would be more open-ended. At this point there can be no assurances that it will reopen next year. He also commented that if more than 5% of the faculty applied for retirement, the university could consider going to the trustees and perhaps obtain funding for the additional payments to STRS.

C. Library, Adrian Rake reporting:

1. The committee looked at the library budget as presented by Ritchie Thomas.
2. It was reported to the committee that with only one line available into the COLS system, individuals receive busy signals at many times. The university may wish to consider adding another telephone line into the computer system.
3. It was noted that in many proposals for new degree programs, no request for additional money for serials is made. This causes problems since the library does not have additional funds for serials. The departments have the option of spending monograph funds for serials.
4. The committee is looking into the possibility of switching the extended hours which the library has during the final exam week to the week before exams.
5. The committee has adjourned for the year unless further business is brought to its attention.

D. Student Affairs, Richard Williams reporting for Alan Cooper:

The committee continues to work on a university-wide faculty evaluation instrument. The instrument will be presented to the Academic Council next year by a joint committee from the Student Affairs Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee.

E. University Budget Review, Robert Dixon reporting:

1. The committee recommended approval of an 8.2% increase in instructional and general fees.
2. The committee is recommending a 6% increase in salary.
3. The committee feels that the university's enrollment projection and income for the coming year are too low. At this time the committee has not received any additional comments in regard to income.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

A. Resolution on Affirmation Action (See May 4, 1987 AC agenda attachment.)

There was some discussion as to whether the resolution should not have been more positive in its approach. It was noted that this is merely a reaffirmation of our present policy rather than a new policy.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to suspend the rules to consider a motion for the approval of the resolution on affirmative action.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the resolution.

B. A motion was made and seconded to consider the 1987-88 Academic Council meeting dates (See attachment A).

C. The Curriculum Committee introduced as new business 12 Air Force ROTC courses that have a P/U grading system and would have 0 credit hours.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next Academic Council meeting is scheduled for June 1, 1987, at 3:10 p.m., in the cafeteria extension of the University Center.

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Attachment