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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Alphonso L. Smith, Faculty Vice President 

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 1989, 3:30 p.m., 155 A, B, & C--University Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 1989
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Alphonso Smith
- V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
 - A. Student Affairs: Fran Landers
 - B. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Carl Maneri
 - C. Curriculum: Charles Funderburk
 - D. Faculty Affairs: Manley Perkel
 - E. Library: Rudy Fichtenbaum
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Jeanne Ballantine
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Policy on Transfer Credits: Charles Funderburk--Curriculum Committee (Attachments A & B)
 - B. Change of CS 499 from ABCDF to ABCDF/PU: Charles Funderburk--Curriculum Committee
 - C. Resolution on Sexual Harassment: Manley Perkel--Faculty Affairs Committee
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Winter Quarter General Faculty Meeting--3:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 1989, Medical School Auditorium
 - B. Academic Council, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 1989, 155 A, B, & C, University Center
- IX. Adjournment

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES

February 7, 1989

- I. In the absence of Alphonso Smith, Vice President of the University Faculty, the meeting of February 7, 1989, was called to order by Jeanne Ballantine, Past Vice-President of the University Faculty, at 3:30 p.m., in 155 A, B, & C University Center.

Present: L. Arlian, J. Ballantine, S. Bembry, J. Blair, J. Brandeberry, K. Burnett, M. Dunn, R. Fichtenbaum, J. Fortman, R. Fox, C. Funderburk, C. Hathaway, R. Hetherington, R. Kaczmarek, M. Kapp, H. Khamis, D. Kirkhart, P. Lauf, R. Millman, M. MacDonald, P. Mulhollan, C. Nathanson, T. Payne, M. Perkel, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), J. Sayer, M. Sirkin

Absent: S. Baucher, D. Carlson, P. Declaire, F. Gies, R. Hiskey, J. Rudisill, R. Siferd, A. Smith, R. Speers, G. Sturm

- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the January minutes with the correction that J. Rudisill was present rather than absent at the January 10 Academic Council meeting.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

On behalf of Vice President Hathaway and himself, President Mulhollan apologized for their inability to attend the January Academic Council meeting. He explained that increasing numbers of national organizations choose to hold their meetings for administrators between January 1 and January 15 to accommodate institutions on the semester system. Therefore, it is likely that in the future C. Hathaway and he will continue to be absent from anything that requires their presence on campus between those dates.

- A. Nutter Center. President Mulhollan distributed folders of information on the Ervin J. Nutter Center to all members of the council. He specifically pointed out an insert from Performance magazine, "The Ervin J. Nutter Center Has an Image to Project."

A local contractor, The Shook Building Group (a division of Shook Incorporated), is the winning bidder for the center. They will be on the site March 1, will be pouring concrete by March 15, and should have no problem meeting the completion date of September 30, 1990.

- B. General Budgetary Position for the State of Ohio as it Affects Higher Education. In January the governor proposed a 1% increase in the state income tax to be earmarked for primary, secondary and higher education to be distributed by an Educational Trust Fund Board. The proposal would go to the voters as a constitutional amendment, creating a fund which is designated each operating budget year for higher education in accordance with legislative mandates, but distributed by this new board. It would produce about 1.6 to 1.8 billion dollars per biennium with approximately one-third (\$500 to \$600 million per biennium) designated for higher education.

The approved Ohio Board of Regents' request to the state was for an additional \$700 million for the biennium. If this proposal should pass, and if the Educational Trust Fund Board distributed the full amount of the funds created by the tax, the appropriation for higher education during the coming biennium could be about \$500 million more than currently and only \$200 million less than the full request of the Regents.

There are several unanswered questions concerning this tax proposal. The language creating the new board, the language of the measure on which the people vote, and the appropriation itself has to go through the legislature. All of these assumptions are susceptible to change.

The governor's original view was that the proposal go to the people in April or May. His goal was to complete the process with an outcome regarding the tax increase that was known by July 1 so that the new taxes, presumably, could be collected beginning July 1.

Reactions to this have not been uniformly positive. The Speaker of the House of Representatives will not support a referendum to the people earlier than November, and a sizable number of constituencies from various areas oppose the governor's proposal for various reasons.

The alternative is that the Constitution of Ohio requires the governor to submit a balanced budget (without contingents) to the legislature. The budget he presented is clearly balanced at the expense of higher education. Unless there is a tax increase, the impact is going to be very serious. It is doubtful that information concerning the budget will be known before late in April.

P. Mulhollan stated that unless Wright State University slips backward in its programs, it is going to have to get a larger share of existing state revenues from the legislature, or new revenues, or extremely high tuition increases, or some combination of these things.

President Mulhollan appealed to the faculty and students to make their voices heard on behalf of fair appropriations to higher education in the current process.

IV. Steering Report. No report.

V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

A. Student Affairs, Fran Landers reporting:

1. Academic Advising. The information gleaned from the advising surveys is about the same information that was received by the Enrollment Taskforce. After looking at the student issues, the Student Affairs Committee will evaluate the need to look into advising formally as opposed to the survey.
2. Closed Class. The subcommittee met with Wayne Peterson to raise some issues concerning the kind of data available now and to possibly put in place some kind of a tracking system for next year to further evaluate the closed class issue.

3. Drop Dates. The drop date issue continues to be a concern of the Student Affairs Committee.
4. Library After Hours Study Space. The committee met with Robert Fenning who suggested parameters and guidelines for the Student Affairs Committee to discuss and aid him in getting something in place on this issue.

B. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, Carl Maneri reporting:

1. Nutter Center. The Nutter Center is on track. Mr. Maneri noted that the project has been designed by possibly the best architectural experts in the world of sports and other kinds of entertainment facilities.
2. University Library Addition. The library addition is now complete.
3. Creative Arts Center. Construction for the Creative Arts Center will begin in March with anticipated completion in 18 months.
4. Engineering Building. A local architect, Levin Porter Associates, Inc., has been selected and is working closely with the College of Engineering and Computer Science. A site southeast of the physical education building has been selected.
5. Future Building for Consideration. The next building construction for consideration will be a campus services building. As with the Nutter Center, this will cause space in the academic buildings to be freed, so there's an anticipated considerable increase in academic space availability over the next few years when all of the constructions are completed.

C. Curriculum, Charles Funderburk reporting:

The University Curriculum Committee has met twice since the last Academic Council meeting, January 18 and February 1.

1. The committee approved 10 Inventory Requests and 9 Course Modification Requests.
2. A minor in psychology was proposed with discussion by the committee being generally favorable. Approval of this proposal has been delayed pending completion of the required resource review.

D. Faculty Affairs, Manley Perkel reporting:

1. At the January 23 Faculty Affairs Committee meeting Juanita Wehrle-Einhorn, Director of Affirmative Action Programs, addressed areas of concern on policies 4001.18, Affirmative Action Complaint Procedure, and 4001.21, Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment, found in The Wright Way Policies and Procedures manual.

A subcommittee will look carefully into these two documents and make recommendations to the FAC concerning:

- dissemination of the policy to all faculty as a means of making everyone aware, especially new faculty, that WSU has a policy and what the policy states.
 - faculty input in the event of a complaint against a faculty member at the prehearing stages of the policy's implementation.
2. At the February 6 meeting the FAC discussed issues relating to a salary inequity case currently under investigation and the Promotion and Tenure (P&T) document. A draft of the P&T document will be presented to the faculty within four to six weeks.

Discussion: A lengthy discussion ensued with concern of the policy on sexual harassment and the amended resolution proposed by the Steering Committee. (Attachment A)

E. Library, Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

1. Allocation Budget. The Library Committee has a recommendation for a budget procedure for allocating monies to the library: The process is to start with departmental representatives meeting with their library liaison to discuss the needs of their department concerning graduate, undergraduate and faculty. The library liason will work with the library administration to put together a budget which reflects the input from each department, taking into account the collection as a whole. That proposed budget would then be presented to the University Library Committee and the Council of Deans. After input from both groups it would then be finalized and sent forward in the form of a proposed budget with different allocations to the administration.
2. Complaints - Serials. Many complaints have been received about the new set-up for the serials which is that they are closed. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting. Mr. Fichtenbaum pointed out that the current periodicals are open for browsing to faculty. They are open to graduate students with a note from a faculty member stating the material is needed for class, and this could even be made available to undergraduates. Previous complaints were that periodicals were being stolen because these materials were open and accessible to everyone.

F. University Budget Review Committee , Jeanne Ballantine reporting

1. At the January 17 meeting Thomas Roddy presented information on the University budget.

2. On January 31 the meeting was devoted to information services on campus. Kenneth Pollock presented information for discussion of the proposed computer turnpike system on campus and the charge-back system.
3. At the February 21 meeting the Salary Subcommittee, chaired by James Sayer, will be reporting. Also, President Mulhollan will present a budget report.
4. The final UBRC meeting of this quarter will be March 14 when a report will be received from the Early Retirement Subcommittee, chaired by Richard Williams.

VI. Old Business

- A. Policy on Transfer Credits (Attachments A & B, February 7, 1989 Academic Council Agenda)

Charles Funderburk reviewed the attachments referred to above. A motion was made, and seconded to approve Attachment A, Recommended Changes of the Recommended Policy on Transfer Credits.

Discussion: Following a lengthy discussion, the motion was postponed until the March 7 Academic Council meeting.

- B. Change of CS 499 from ABCDF to ABCDF/PU

Charles Funderburk reviewed the suggested change. A motion was made, seconded and approved to change CS 499 from ABCDF to ABCDF/PU.

- C. Resolution on Sexual Harassment

Manley Perkel reviewed the amended resolution proposed by the Steering Committee (Attachment A). A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended resolution.

Following a lengthy discussion, question was called and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Announcements:

- A. Winter Quarter General Faculty Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 1989, in the Medical School Auditorium.
- B. Academic Council, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 1989, 155 A, B, & C, University Center.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.