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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 26, 1990

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Rudy Fichtenbaum, Faculty Vice President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, November 26, 1990, 3:10 p.m., 155 A, B, & C--University Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 1990
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
- V. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
 - A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning: James Runkle
 - B. Curriculum: Susan Praeger
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Gregory Bernhardt
 - D. Library: Gordon Welty
 - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: James Sayer
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Wright State University Final Exam Policy for Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters: Gregory Bernhardt, Chair, University Faculty Affairs Committee
It is the policy of Wright State University that no comprehensive exam may be given during the last week of classes. If a final exam is scheduled, it must be given during the time period designated by the Registrar. Any deviation from this policy requires written agreement from the appropriate department chair or dean.
 - B. Academic Calendars--1991-92 Revised, 1992-93 Proposed: James Larsen, Chair, Calendar & Elections Committee--for Calendars see November 5 Minutes
 - C. Curriculum Committee Actions: Susan Praeger, Chair
 1. Change in policy on graduating with honors (page 48) Undergraduate Catalog:
Change From: To be eligible for academic honors at graduation, students must have earned at least **90** graded (A, B, C, D) credit hours at Wright State.
To: To be eligible for academic honors at graduation, students must have earned at least **45** graded (A,B, C, D) credit hours at Wright State.
 2. Approval of Course Additions--See November 5 Minutes, New Business
 3. Approval of Course Modifications--See November 5 Minutes, New Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Next Academic Council: Monday, January 7, 1991, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 26, 1990

- I. The meeting of November 26, 1990, was called to order by University Faculty Vice President Rudy Fichtenbaum at 3:10 p.m., in 155A, B, and C University Center.

Present: G. Bernhardt, L. Crum, R. Fichtenbaum, B. Fowler, R. Fox, G. Gayle, F. Gies, B. Hale, W. Hanks, E. Harden, N. Hassan, C. Hathaway, R. Hetherington, B. Hull, M. MacDonald (Sergeant-at-Arms), R. Markert, P. Moore, P. Mulhollan, D. Reynolds, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), T. Ringhand, J. Rossmiller, E. Rutter, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, P. Seybold, R. Siervogel, J. Stekli, J. Vance, A. Wendt, R. Williams

Absent: A. Barclay, D. Brown, W. Carmichael, D. Fitch, R. Gordon, W. Goulet, S. Gupta, M. Kapp, M. Melko, M. Peltier, K. Sheplak, G. Spalding, J. Steinberg, J. Thomas

- II. The minutes of November 5, 1990, were approved with the following addition to President Mulhollan's report:

Page two, following the discussion, add:

None of the foregoing restraints apply to accounts funded by external funds by grants and contracts.

- III. A motion was approved to add the following item to the agenda under new business of this meeting:

UBRC Financial Study of the Nutter Center

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

This being the third faculty meeting in November, (Academic Council 11-5 and General Faculty 11-13), the president did not have a formal report. However, on November 19-21 he attended the annual meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), and found that Wright State's problems, with respect to expected revenue shortfall, are even more widely distributed than he had thought they were. Some institutions are facing draconian things; for example, Virginia is very likely going to be forced to implement a permanent base adjustment of a 1 1/2% salary reduction, effective January 1.

The president stated that while most reports, coming from practically everywhere in the country, are prospective at this point, basically they agree that the state of the economy is going to get worse before it gets better.

V. Report of the Steering Committee, Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

Apart from preparing the agenda for this meeting, the committee's major topics of discussion at the last meeting were three policies sent to them by the president:

1. Demonstrations and Marches
2. Speaker's Corner
3. Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Conduct

The president implemented the policies on an interim basis pending action by Academic Council. The policies were reviewed by the Steering Committee, then were referred to the Student Affairs and Faculty Affairs committees. Their recommendations will be presented to the Academic Council. (Copies of said policies are available at the Faculty Office.)

VI. Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, James Runkle reporting:

The committee has met once and decided to talk with campus administrators about various building projects and reasons for some particular problems that have been brought to the attention of the committee.

1. Campus Beautification. The Campus Beautification Task Force has two main goals:
 - a. Develop a sense of campus identity--paying particular attention to the Colonel Glenn entrances.
 - b. Improve the general campus access.
2. Board of Trustees Building & Grounds Committee. The committee is exploring the possibility of new off-campus housing on private property around the campus.

Discussion: It was suggested that the committee look into the possibility of a better walk access between the main campus and the Nutter Center. It was reported that a walkway along Colonel Glenn is currently in progress.

B. Curriculum, Susan Praeger reporting:

1. In addition to the routine business of considering one course deletion and eight course modifications, the UCC continues to discuss issues related to "good standing" terminology and "writing across the curriculum."
2. Items under old business today:
 - a. Change in policy to require 45 graded hours at Wright State in order to be eligible to graduate with honors.
 - b. Approval of course additions and modifications (11-5-90 AC minutes, New Business).

C. Faculty Affairs, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

1. **Senior Instructor Rank.** The Faculty Affairs Committee had a two-hour hearing in which they solicited input from deans, directors, chairs, and faculty concerning the possible creation of a new rank below the professorial rank that would carry with it the opportunity for tenure or for continuing employment. The consensus of those attending seemed to be that while there is a desire to see some employees have the opportunity for continuing employment on the main campus, they wouldn't necessarily like to see those individuals have tenure extended to them. However, this situation is very different on the Lake Campus where they believe they have a unique situation that necessitates them being able to extend tenure to individuals in certain programs on that campus.

The FAC will take all of the above viewpoints into consideration and prepare a proposal for the Academic Council in the winter quarter.

2. **Academic Dishonesty Policy.** The meeting of Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs, to review the academic dishonesty policy, has been rescheduled to November 30.

D. Library, Gordon Welty reporting:

Library Acquisitions Budget Cut. The library acquisitions budget cut is estimated to be approximately \$460,000. According to the University librarian, the approval plan will be continued through December when the cut in the acquisitions will still amount to \$300,000. This concern is not only that of the University Library Committee's, but also that of the faculty and students. Mr. Welty shared some comments with the Academic Council which the committee received. (Attachment A)

E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:

1. **Academic Dishonesty Policy.** The Student Affairs Committee will be meeting this Friday with the Faculty Affairs Committee to discuss the Academic Dishonesty Policy.
2. **Diversity Week.** On behalf of the Student Affairs Committee, L. Shupe expressed appreciation to the faculty and students who supported Diversity Week. The committee is going to continue to foster the philosophy for diversity throughout the remainder of the year.
3. **Extended Library Hours.** With more students living on and near campus, the committee received repeated requests for more safe spaces to study in the evenings with access to the library. Consequently, the Student Affairs Committee's request for extended library study hours was granted. During fall final examinations week the library will be open until 2 a.m. The Student Affairs Committee will be meeting this week with the Library Committee to discuss the promotion for winter and spring quarters relative to extended study hours.
4. **Student Affairs Retreat.** The November 8-9 retreat was very successful. The two main topics were diversity (dealing with racism, sexual harassment, and attitudes toward disabled students) and retention of students (specifically related to special services, campus management, and student involvement).

At the beginning of Winter Quarter, 1991, the Student Affairs Committee will present a philosophical statement relative to diversity to the Steering Committee. This statement has been unanimously indorsed by all of the directors of the Division of Student Affairs.

F. University Budget Review Committee, James Sayer reporting:

Mr. Sayer had nothing to add beyond his report which he presented to the general faculty on November 13. However, he mentioned that since all faculty and staff have now received the necessary materials pertinent to the revised benefits coverage (to become effective January 1), he advised everyone to complete and return the enrollment sheet to the Employee Benefits Office so there will be no gap in coverage effective the first of the year.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Wright State University Final Exam Policy for Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters. (11-5-90 AC Minutes - New Business)**

The following amendments to the policy were approved:

It is the policy of Wright State University that no comprehensive final exam may be given during the last week of classes. If a comprehensive final exam is scheduled, it must be given during the time period designated by the Registrar. Any deviation from this policy requires written agreement from the appropriate department chair or dean.

Implementation date: Fall Quarter, 1991.

The amended motion was approved.

This policy will be on the agenda at the Winter General Faculty Meeting, February 12, 1991.

- B. Academic Calendars--1991-92 Revised, 1992-93 Proposed. (11-5-90 AC Minutes, Attachments A and B.)**

Discussion: The 1991-92 calendar was revised to reflect the change in the drop date. The 1992-93 is the standard calendar.

The 1991-92 revised and the 1992-93 proposed calendars were approved as presented at the 11-5-90 AC meeting.

- C. Graduating with Honors Policy. Susan Praeger, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee presented the following substitute motion for a change in policy on graduating with honors:**

Academic honors are based on meeting the minimum honors grade point average requirement for work attempted at Wright State University and for all college work attempted as of the end of the term in which a student graduates--that is, by the day on which term grades are due. In the calculation of cumulative grade point averages for honors, only the first grade earned for a course will be counted. To be eligible for academic honors at graduation, students must have earned at least 45 graded (A,B,C,D) credit hours at Wright State.

The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The motion was approved.

This item of business will be on the Winter Quarter General Faculty Meeting Agenda, February 12, 1991.

D. Approval of Course Additions and Course Modifications.

The following course additions and modifications were approved:

Course Additions: CS 206, EGR 335, HFE 456, 473, & 474, MUS 106, MTH 416.

Course Modifications: PHY 240, PSY 432, PSY 498

VIII. New Business:

UBRC Financial Study of the Nutter Center. A motion was made and seconded that the UBRC is given the charge of studying the finances of the Nutter Center with the intent of judging its impact upon academic programs and to report to the faculty at the Winter 1991 general meeting of the faculty.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend the rules.

Discussion: The time factor is of utmost importance in order to provide an actual analysis; it would more feasible to make a report in the fall of 1991. The UBRC'S existing charge gives the committee permission to look into any financial item of business it deems necessary; therefore, making this motion redundant.

James Sayer, Chair, UBRC, agreed to undertake this charge as a responsibility of the UBRC to do what it can to meet the desired reporting date of the Winter Quarter General Faculty Meeting.

The motion was withdrawn.

IX. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Next Academic Council: Monday, January 7, 1991, 3:10 p.m.

B. Commencement: The first commencement in the Nutter Center will be on Saturday, December 1, 1990.

X. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Attachments

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