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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, June 7, 1993

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty

FROM: Edgar Rutter, Faculty President

SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, June 7, 1993, 3:10 p.m., 155 A, B, & C--University Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 1993 (Attachment D)
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Edgar Rutter
- V. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Stephen Frederick
 - B. Curriculum: Daniel Voss
 - C. Faculty Affairs: James Swaney
 - D. Library: Rai Pujara
 - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe/Nabil Hassan
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Mary Ellen Mazey
- VI. Reports of Councils and Special Task Forces
 - A. Report of the Task Force on Faculty Workloads: Gregory Bernhardt
 - B. Report of the Task Force on Sexual Harassment: Anita Curry-Jackson
 - C. Report of the Academic Council Representative to Athletic Council: Carl Benner
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Curriculum Committee: Daniel Voss
Motion approved by University Curriculum Committee 4/8/93:
Honors Courses will be graded A,B,C,D,F, rather than A,B,C,T, and the "T" grade will be discontinued. This will become effective Fall Quarter, 1994.
 - B. Strategic Plan: Robert Premus, Chair Planning Council
- VIII. New Business
 - A. *1993-94 Academic Council Meeting Dates (Attachment A)
 - B. *Resolution to Examine the Structure of University Governance: Marguerite MacDonald (Attachment B)
 - C. *Resolution to Censure Professor Martin Arbagi: (Attachment C)
 - D. *Passage of gavel to Dr. Marguerite MacDonald and Seating of New Council Members
 - E. *Election of New Members of Steering Committee (Handout at Meeting)
 - F. *Ratification of Committee Appointments for 1993-94 (Handout at Meeting)
- IX. Announcements
 - A. Next Academic Council Meeting - Monday, October 4, 1993, 3:10 p.m.
- X. Adjournment

*A suspension of the rules will be asked to allow a vote to be taken at today's meeting.

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 1993

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Edgar Rutter at 3:10 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.

Present: E. Berry, J. Brandeberry, R. Brode, L. Caron, A. Faghri, I. Fritz, N. Gressis, P. Griffin, W. Hutzel, G. Kantor, C. Kemmann, J. Lucot, M. MacDonald (Sergeant at Arms), M. Maze, D. Miller, P. Mulhollan, M. Perkel, R. Pohlman, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), E. Rutter, D. Schlagheck, E. Self, N. Shepelak, R. Siervogel, R. Siferd, C. Snyder, J. Swart, J. Thomas, D. Voss, R. Wagley, A. Walter, J. Weller

Absent: D. Curry, P. Dadras, F. Gies, P. Griffith, P. Human, R. Kumar, S. Lott, S. McConnell, G. Narayanswami, M. Olsen, A. Painter, J. Rafferty, H. Sprong

II. The minutes of May 3, 1993, were approved as written.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

The president stated that there were two items that he wished to report on. One was that the Board of Trustees received a number of recommended changes to the University Constitution and Bylaws. They made the decision to take all of these points into consideration at a meeting at the end of the summer.

The second point was the budget and where it stands in Columbus. It is hoped that it will come out of the committee on June 16 and be passed by both Houses on June 28.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Edgar Rutter reporting:
See attachment A.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, No report.

B. Curriculum, Dan Voss reporting:
See attachment B.

C. Faculty Affairs, No report.

D. Library, Rai Pujara reporting:
See attachment C.

E. Student Affairs, Lewis Shupe reporting:
See attachment D.

F. University Budget Review Committee, Mary Ellen Maze reporting:
See attachment E.

At this point in time, President Rutter gave special recognition and thanks for the work performed by Manley Perkel, Robert Weisman, Lewis Shupe, Carl Benner, and Deans Goldenberg and Thomas.

VI. Reports of Councils and Special Task Forces:

A. Report of the Task Force on General Education, Gregory Bernhardt reporting: See minutes of Spring Faculty Meeting, May 18, 1993.

- B. Report of the Task Force on Sexual Harassment. Anita Curry-Jackson reporting: Wright State University's Task Force on Sexual Harassment conducted a survey of faculty, staff and students to determine perceptions about sexual harassment at WSU. The survey was designed to heighten the awareness of the university and to provide the task force with information to help in planning. The task force was formed last January and served a two-fold purpose: to educate the university community about the problem and to review the process of reporting cases in order to make it more accessible. The anonymous survey sought information about how respondents define sexual harassment, and asked whether they had experienced it or had any knowledge of Wright State's policy on the issue.
- C. Report of the Academic Council Representative to Athletic Council. Carl Benner reporting: See attachment F. As part of this committee's report, Charles Hartmann noted that for the freshmen class of 1985, 31% of all students had received the degree, while 52% of the student athletes from the same year earned their degree. For the three-year average of 1983 through fall of 1984, 30% of all students received their degree while 46% of the student athletes received theirs.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Curriculum Committee, Daniel Voss presenting:

Honors Courses will be graded A,B,C,D,F rather than A,B,C,T, and the "T" grade will be discontinued.

After some discussion, the question was called and the motion was defeated.

- B. Strategic Plan, Robert Premus presenting:

After some discussion, a roll-call vote was taken with the plan passing unanimously.

VIII. New Business:

A motion was approved to suspend the rules for items A and B.

- A. 1993-94 Academic Council Meeting Dates (Attachment A, 6-7-93 AC Agenda) The motion was seconded and approved.
- B. Resolution to Examine the Structure of University Governance. Marguerite MacDonald presenting: (Attachment B, 6-7-93 AC Agenda) The motion was seconded and approved.
- C. Resolution to Censure Professor Martin Arbagi (Attachment C, 6-7-93 AC Agenda) Before proceeding, attachments G, H & I of these minutes were distributed to the members of the Academic Council. There was a call for the suspension of the rules which was seconded and approved.

Marguerite MacDonald explained why the Steering Committee was taking this present action. Lewis Shupe explained how the motion on ROTC last October was put together, and what has happened since last October. Dr. Arbagi explained his actions and accusation, and offered a partial apology. Mr. Markland then spoke about faculty accountability. He spoke about the situation from a student's viewpoint. Dr. Arbagi attempted to narrow what the issues were. Mr. Markland explained why he was taking this action rather than going to the courts. Mr. Rutter then explained the charge.

A vote was taken on the Steering Committee's resolution regarding Professor Arbagi (attachment H, pp 1-2). The result was 28 aye, 2 nay, and 1 abstention as follows: Aye: E. Berry, J. Brandeberry, R. Brode, L. Caron, A. Faghri, I. Fritz, G. Kantor, C. Kemmann, J. Lucot, M. Mazey, D. Miller, M. Perkel, R. Pohlman, D. Schlagheck, E. Self, N. Shepelak, R. Siervogel, R. Siferd, C. Snyder, J. Swart, J. Thomas, D. Voss, R. Wagley, J. Weller, W. Hutzel, E. Rutter, M. MacDonald, P. Mulhollan; Nay:

Abstained: A. Walter.

P G iff e

N. Gre s

A motion was made from the floor that the Academic Council, in the future, will investigate all instances of harassment and brutalization of any and all students by faculty. There was a second to the motion. There was some discussion in regard to this matter.

There was a motion and a second to refer this matter to the Faculty Affairs Committee, and that the committee report to academic Council by November 29, 1993. The rules were suspended in order to vote on this issue. The motion was approved to refer this issue to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

- D. Passage of Gavel to Dr. Marguerite MacDonald and Seating of New Council Members. The passage of the gavel to Dr. MacDonald and the seating of the new council members were accomplished.

At this point-in-time Dr. Rutter expressed his thanks to the council and noted that five of the former presidents of the faculty are retiring: Gary Barlow, Alphonso Smith, H. Ira Fritz, Elizabeth Harden, and Lawrence Hussman.

- E. Election of New Members of Steering Committee See attachment J. The rules were suspended for the election of new members of the Steering Committee. A motion was made and passed to approve the new members of the Steering Committee.
- F. Ratification of Committee Appointments for 1993-94. A motion was passed for the ratification of the 1993-94 AC committee appointments (see attachment J).

IX. Announcements The next Academic Council Meeting will be Monday, October 4, 1993, 3:10 pm.

X. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Attachments

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