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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, March 4, 1996

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Donna Schlagheck, Faculty President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, March 4, 1996, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 1996 (Attachment B)
- III. Report of the President: Harley Flack
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Donna Schlagheck
- V. Reports of Committees
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
 - B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Charles Funderburk
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum
 - D. Library: Rai Pujara
 - E. Student Affairs: Michael Williams
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: James Sayer
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Governance Recommendations and Report on Faculty Senate Survey (See Attachment C to 11/27/95 Academic Council Agenda)--Manley Perkel
Acknowledging the recommendations of the Governance Committee and its report on the Faculty Senate Survey, Academic Council charges the faculty president to submit a proposal for a new governance structure including a Faculty Senate.
 - B. Proposal for Non-Tenure Clinical Track for the College of Nursing and Health--FAC, Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair (Attachment A to 1/8/96 Academic Council Agenda)
 - C. Uniformity in General Education Requirements--Curriculum and Academic Policy--Charles Funderburk
The University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee recommends adoption of the following policy regarding general education requirements:
Beginning in Fall Quarter, 1997, all Wright State students must complete either the current general education requirements, or in the case of qualified transfers, the requirements of the transfer module.
 - D. Adoption of Rules in Accordance with Constitutional ByLaws: "The Academic Council shall adopt regulations governing the conduct of elections, the filling of vacancies, and the recall of representatives." Accordingly, the Faculty Affairs Committee proposes that Academic Council adopt the following rules for faculty:
 1. **Members of Academic Council who resign or are unable to serve will be replaced by the next highest vote getter from the previously held election. In the event that the next highest vote getter is unable or unwilling to serve, then a new election shall be held as soon as possible.**
 2. **Members of Academic Council must attend at least five meetings per year and may miss no more than three consecutive meetings. Any member of Academic Council who fails to attend at least five meetings per year or misses three consecutive meetings will be removed from Academic Council and replaced following the procedure outlined in Rule 1.**
 - E. Proposed Change to Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Promotions and Tenure--FAC, Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair (Attachment B to 1/8/96 Academic Council Agenda)
- VII. New Business
 - A. Proposed Academic Calendars, 1997-98 & 1998-99--Jennie Gallimore, Chair, Calendar & Elections Committee (Attachments A)
 - B. **The number of students on the Commencement Committee shall be increased to a total of three (3), excluding the Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees, which shall remain unchanged. The number of faculty shall be increased by two (2), to a total of six.**
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Report of Academic Council Representative to Athletic Council--Barbara Green
 - B. Office of Affirmative Action Programs 1995 Mediation Activity Report--Juanita Wehrle-Einhorn
 - C. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, April 1, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
March 4, 1996

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Donna Schlagheck at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.

Present: C. Barbour, R. Bhatt, T. Chavis, C. Chumlea, D. David, J. Dennison, R. Fichtenbaum, H. Flack, J. Fleischauer, R. Hetherington, A. Islam, M. Kapp, C. King, P. Kleine, E. Lipp, M. Low, W. McCormick, G. Mehrotra, R. Mercer, P. Moore, M. Perkel, T. Pinkerton, W. Rickert, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck, R. Siervogel, W. Slonaker, J. Thomas, L. Vandecreek, A. Wendt, L. Xu

Absent: A. Bellisari, B. Campbell, D. Courtney, D. DeStephen, M. Eddy, K. Goldenberg, S. Pederson, S. Poelzing, R. Pohlman, A. Shaw, D. Totten

II. The minutes of the February 5, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President: Harley Flack reporting:

1. There have been meetings with the Chancellor and the Governor regarding the authority for WSU to grant the Engineering PhD. There will be a public statement from the Chancellor's office, indicating that in the March meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents, a recommendation will go forward that Wright State be granted the authority to offer Engineering PhD in collaboration with University of Dayton, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University.
2. The NCA self-study document preparation is coming to a close. There will be a site visit May 6-8, 1996. Dr. Flack thanked everyone one involved, especially Dr. J. Thomas.
3. The visioning and strategic planning activities are continuing on schedule. There have been some discussions regarding chapters on enrollment, programs and faculty roles and responsibilities. Four centers of excellence have been proposed. Task forces are being formed to develop ideas for centers for: Information Technology, Aging, Disability Education and Services and International Education.
4. The Information Technology Planning Committee report and recommendations have been completed. Dr. Flack thanked Dean Perry Moore and the committee members.
5. Most units have completed their proposals for the FY97 budget increases and reductions. The University Budget Review Committee will be working with these proposals, moving forward toward a May 1996 budget workshop that the Board will be convening at the Student Union. Included in the deliberations will be the focal points within the budget for a 4-5% salary increase for faculty and staff, 4-5% increase in tuition fees for students and an allocation of 2-4% to support various strategic initiatives.
6. The Board of Regents is continuing its work in completing the doctoral reviews in the State of Ohio. We have been reviewed in the areas of psychology, computer sciences and biomedical sciences. There has been positive feedback on the psychology and biomedical sciences programs

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Donna Schlagheck reporting:

The Steering Committee has met twice since the last Academic Council meeting. The committee reviewed the responses from UBRC, Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs and the Commencement Committee regarding student representation on a variety of governance committees. The recommendation under new business VIIB on today's agenda is the affirmative response to the recommendations that have come from the Commencement Committee and will be brought before the Academic Council today as new business. This would be a modification of the Constitution and Bylaws, page 14, under Item #7.

The Steering Committee sent to Faculty Affairs, Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy, and Student Affairs a proposal to clarify the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty with regard to the accommodation of students with disabilities. Dr. Schlagheck asked the committees to review the proposal and respond jointly to Academic Council.

Dr. Schlagheck met with the faculty members of the Steering Committee last week to obtain the names of 21 faculty members to serve on the working committees of Strategic Planning Council with regard to the implementation of the Shirley model.

Dr. Schlagheck noted that no business was carried forward at the General Faculty meeting in February, due to a lack of quorum.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge reporting:
(See Attachment A)

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Charles Funderburk reporting:
(See Attachment B)

C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

At the last meeting, Faculty Affairs discussed a proposal to stop the tenure clock in the event that a tenure-track faculty member has an illness. That proposal has been put on the faculty list; a copy has been given to the provost and given to the deans for discussion. Dr. Fichtenbaum hopes that it will be discussed at the next Faculty Affairs Committee meeting and that a report will be drafted to bring forward to Academic Council.

Faculty Affairs has received the disability policy and it will be taken up at the next meeting.

D. Library: Rai Pujara reporting:
(See Attachment C)

E. Student Affairs: Michael Williams reporting:
No Report.

F. University Budget Review: James Sayer reporting:
(See Attachment D)

VI. Old Business:

A. Governance Recommendations and Report on Faculty Senate Survey (See Attachment E) -- Manley Perkel
Acknowledging the recommendations of the Governance Committee and its report on the Faculty Senate Survey, Academic Council charges the faculty president to submit a proposal for a new governance structure including a Faculty Senate.

The motion was moved, seconded and passed.

B. Proposal for Non-Tenure Clinical Track for the College of Nursing and Health -- FAC, Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair (Attachment A to 1/8/96 Academic Council Agenda)

The proposal passed.

C. Uniformity in General Education Requirements-Curriculum and Academic Policy -- Charles Funderburk:
The University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee recommends adoption of the following policy regarding general education requirements:

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The proposal passed.

D. Adoption of Rules in Accordance with Constitutional ByLaws: "The Academic Council shall adopt regulations governing the conduct of elections, the filling of vacancies, and the recall of representatives." Accordingly, the Faculty Affairs Committee proposes that Academic Council adopt the following rules for faculty:

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These proposals passed.

- E. Proposed Change to Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Promotions and Tenure--FAC, Rudy Fichtenbaum, Chair (Attachment B to 1/8/96 Academic Council Agenda)

The proposal passed.

VII. New Business:

- A. Proposed Academic Calendars, 1997-98 & 1998-99 --Barbara Hopkins, Calendar & Elections Committee (Attachment A to Agenda)

Moved and seconded to move to Old Business at April 1 meeting.

- B. The number of students on the Commencement Committee shall be increased to a total of three (3), excluding the Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees, which shall remain unchanged. The number of faculty shall be increased by two (2), to a total of six (6).

Moved and seconded to move to Old Business at April 1 meeting.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

- A. Report of Academic Council Representative to Athletic Council -- Barbara Green
(See Attachment F)

- B. Office of Affirmative Action Programs 1995 Mediation Activity Report -- Juanita Wehrle-Einhorn
(See Attachment G)

- C. Next Academic Council Meeting -- Monday, April 1, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.