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## Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, April 1, 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, April 1, 1996, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 1996 (Attachment C)
- III. Report of the President: Harley Flack
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
- 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. 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.**
- VII. New Business
  - A. The Grade "X" to be made available for use in Honors Courses--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee  
Background: On November 6, 1995, the Honors Committee (Richard Mercer, Chair) passed a resolution that the grade of "X" be added to the list of grades available for use in Honors courses. Currently the only grades available for use in Honors courses are A, B, C, and T. The registrar converts all grades of D, F, or X given in Honors courses to a grade of T. The T grade results in no credit and has no effect on a student's GPA. It is the opinion of the Honors Committee that the grade of "X" would be appropriate for students who do not complete an Honors course, as in all other courses, and should be made available for use by instructors of Honors courses.
  - B. Proposed Minor in Materials Science and Engineering--Charles Funderburk, Chair, University Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee (Attachment B)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
  - A. Call for Candidates for Faculty President
  - B. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, May 6, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 1, 1996

**I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President-Elect Rudy Fichtenbaum at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.**

*Present:* C. Barbour, R. Beasley, A. Bellisari, T. Chavis, C. Chumlea, D. Courtney, D. DeStephen, M. Eddy, R. Fichtenbaum, J. Fleischauer, K. Goldenberg, A. Islam, M. Kapp, C. King, P. Kleine, E. Lipp, M. Low, W. McCormick, G. Mehrotra, R. Mercer, P. Moore, S. Pederson, M. Perkel, T. Pinkerton, R. Pohlman, W. Rickert, A. Shaw, R. Siervogel, W. Slonaker, J. Thomas, D. Totten, L. Vandecreek, A. Wendt, L. Xu

*Absent:* R. Bhatt, B. Campbell, D. David, H. Flack, R. Hetherington, S. Poelzing, J. Sayer, D. Schlagheck

**II. The minutes of the March 4, 1996 meeting were approved as written.**

**III. Report of the President:** John Fleischauer reporting:

1. The new budget guidelines have been fully implemented. Preliminary budget proposals have been received, reflecting the various budget scenarios from the academic deans, directors and department heads throughout the university. These materials are expected to be distributed by the end of the week to the Budget Review Committee, the Deans' Council and the Cabinet for analysis to come forward with a budget proposal for the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will be having a budget workshop in May.
2. University-wide indicators of strength and external influences are being translated into more area-specific terms, so that departments can undergo some self-assessment related to indicators that will help with the next stages in planning. Those stages will include realigning the Mission Statement with the planning priorities which are being developed. Efforts will be made to establish long-term goals related to the Mission Statement and the strength and influence indicators identified. Reports will be returned to the committees for review and recommendation to the Strategic Planning Council and then to the President.
3. The establishment of a center for Information Technology has moved to the forefront. As a part of the Miami Valley Economic Development Coalition's study of the priorities for valley industry, three areas of emphasis were identified, including information technology. President Flack has gathered together representatives of the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the community to develop a steering committee to examine the potential for launching a Center for Information Technology. That group will be meeting on April 3rd on campus.
4. Other centers addressed in the planning and visioning process may include areas such as aging, disabilities, and internationalism.

**IV. Report of the Steering Committee:** Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

The Steering Committee met once since the last Academic Council meeting and at that meeting the agenda for this Academic Council meeting was prepared. The Committee also appointed faculty to serve on sub-committees for Strategic Planning.

**V. Reports of the Standing Committees**

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning  
(See Attachment A)

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Charles Funderburk reporting:  
No Report

C. Faculty Affairs: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee produced a new version of a proposed policy on stopping the tenure clock. After comments are received, the Committee hopes to bring it to the next Steering Committee Meeting, so that it can be put on Academic Council's agenda. A classroom accommodations for disability policy was discussed. The proposal had been send to Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs and Curriculum and Academic Policy

Committees. The Faculty Affairs Committee discussed it and found that there were several areas that were problematic. The recommendation to the Steering Committee was that the policy be revised with greater participation of faculty

Two nominations for the Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence were forwarded.

D. Library: Rai Pujara reporting:

No report

E. Student Affairs: Michael Williams reporting:

No report

F. University Budget Review: James Sayer reporting:

(See Attachment B)

## **VI. Old Business:**

A. Proposed Academic Calendars 1997-98 & 1998-99 -- Jennie Gallimore, Chair, Calendar & Elections Committee (Attachments A to Agenda)

After discussion, endorsement of version 1 of the proposed Academic Calendars 1997-98 and 1998-99 was moved, seconded and passed.

Endorsement of version 2 of the proposed Academic Calendars 1997-98 and 1998-99 was moved, seconded and defeated.

It was moved, seconded and passed to present version 2 to the faculty.

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.

The proposal passed.

## **VII. New Business:**

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It was moved and seconded to move to Old Business at the May 6 meeting.

B. Proposed Minor in Materials Science and Engineering -- (Attachment B to Agenda)

It was moved and seconded to move to Old Business at the May 6 meeting.

## **VIII. Announcements and Special Reports**

A. Call for Candidates for Faculty President

B. Next Academic Council Meeting -- Monday, May 6, E156 Student Union, 3:15 p.m.

## **IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.