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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, January 13, 1997

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Rudy Fichtenbaum, Faculty President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, January 13, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 1996 (Attachment A)
- 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: Thomas Sav
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp
 - D. Library: David Goldstein
 - E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Donna Schlagheck
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav
 1. Minors
 - a. Economics--Requirements consisting of 24 hours
EC 201, 202, 203 9 hrs.
Five EC Electives 15 hrs.
 - b. Urban Affairs-- Requirements consisting of 28 hours
URS 311, 317, 321, 345 16 hrs.
Three URS Electives 12 hrs.
 - c. Women's Studies--Requirements consisting of 28-32 hours
WMS 200/PLS 225 4 hrs.
Seven Electives 24-28 hrs.
Electives to be selected from courses approved in several disciplines
such as
ART, ATH, CLS, COM, EC, HST, ML, PHL, PLS, SOC, TH, URS
 2. General Education Course Additions/Changes in Liberal Arts
 - a. CST 240 (Art and Music and the Non-western World) to be offered as
CST 240 Visual Art in Non-western Culture
CST 240 Music in Non-western Culture
CST 240 The Theatre in Non-western Culture
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Report of Committee on Faculty Senate: Manley Perkel/Donna Schlagheck
 - B. Report on Strategic Planning: John Fleischauer
- IX. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
January 13, 1997

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

Present: Barto, E., Coutts, J., DeStephen, D., Dustin, J., Fichtenbaum, R., Fitzgerald, E., Fleischauer, J., Guo, S., Kapp, M., Kleine, P., Mirkin, L., Nehring, V., Nimz, C., Pederson, St., Perkel, M., Potter, C., Rickert, W., Sanders, N., Sayer, J., Schlagheck, D., Siervogel, R., Srinivasan, R., Sudkamp, T., Thomas, J., Vance, J., Voss, D., Xu, L., Yen, V.

Absent: Bartlett-Blair, D., David, D., DeShields, L., Flack, H., Fraser, S., Frederick, S., Gilpin, R., Goldenberg, K., Hetherington, R., Holmes, L., Pohlman, R., Rutter, J., Shaw, A., Swart, J., Vandecreek, L., Wetter, E.

II. The minutes of the November 4, 1996 meeting were approved as written (Attachment A to Agenda).

III. Report of the President: John Fleischauer reporting:

1. Regarding faculty issues of concern to the Board of Trustees, three issues were identified by Donna Schlagheck:
 - a. The faculty's role in retention efforts of the university: Dr. Fleischauer reported that the faculty role in effecting higher retention rates for enrolled students is essentially unrestricted. Each of the college deans has had a retention plan for some time and all the plans call for faculty initiative and supportive activity in retention efforts. The range of activities is broad, but common plans seem to include increased faculty involvement in student advising, establishment of pre-professional clubs and other means of bonding students to academic programs, establishment of student service units focused on student professional preparation, reduction of the bureaucracy of progress through the major and the university in general, establishing faculty-student mentoring relationships, building more self-directed study and field experiences or internships into degree programs, refining and re-defining the pre-requisites in scheduling of key courses and many other steps of proven effectiveness.
 - b. The relationships between budget allocation and planning: Faculty advice has been sought for retention efforts in other areas of the university. President Flack has established an Enrollment Planning Council with substantial faculty membership.
 - c. The relative trends of employment levels of faculty and other university staff: Although recent operating budget reallocations targeted employment reductions in unclassified and classified areas more severely than in faculty areas, our actual trends over a three-year period show only faculty levels with net reductions. Although even this reduction does not match the drop in student enrollment since 1992, the faculty complement should not bear the entire burden of reduced revenues and services. Dr. Fleischauer has asked for a detailed study of where unclassified and classified employment has risen and why. He will report the results of that study to the Board of Trustees and to Academic Council when they are available.
2. Dr. Fleischauer noted the approval by the Ohio Board of Regents of a new master plan called *Challenge is Change*. The plan has been distributed to the deans and faculty leadership and is available in the library and on the worldwide web at www.bor.ohio.gov. Related to the new funding process is a change in the enrollment-driven funding formula for ongoing subsidy distribution (See Attachment A). Starting in 1998, subsidies will be based on an all-term counting procedure. This raises a change to semester as an issue.
3. Dr. Fleischauer reported that approximately 200 faculty have so far responded to the recent survey distributed to determine desk-top technology needs with President Flack's intent of giving high priority to meeting those needs as turnpike nears completion. The University Technology Committee will be meeting January 21 to review the surveys and begin a process of prioritization for meeting them with funds available in this year's budget and those that can be preserved for next year's.

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

The Steering Committee planned the agenda for the Academic Council meeting. They also discussed some proposed sites for a Faculty Center and steered the issue to the Building and Grounds Committee. They recommended setting up a meeting of the faculty members who are members of Academic Council with the president and provost to try and broaden the faculty leadership discussion with the administration and to set an agenda and deal with some issues that are of concern to faculty as well as administration.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge reporting:

(See Attachment B)

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:

(See Attachment C)

C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp reporting:

Since the last report to the Academic Council, two issues have been of major concern to the Faculty Affairs Committee. First was the issue of the professional development leave, which was resolved at the Fall General Faculty meeting. The second issue is an ongoing effort to produce an accommodation policy for students with disabilities. A preliminary version is currently with the Faculty Affairs Committee and they hope to have the accommodation policy ready to come back to Academic Council by the end of this quarter.

D. Library

No report

E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello reporting:

(See Attachment D)

F. University Budget Review: Donna Schlagheck reporting:

UBRC met on November 15. The agenda included the distribution of budget books, discussion of methods for linking budgeting and strategic planning and the transmittal of those general goals in February to UBRC. They are still in the process of working out the distribution of the salary books. Further meetings scheduled for this quarter will be January 17, 9:30 - 11:00 in E156A Student Union and January 31, February 7 and February 21 at the same time.

Dr. Schlagheck noted for the record that she and James Sayer received a notice anticipating announcement from the Governor about a 3% tuition cap and budget increases for higher education at or below the rate of inflation. She indicated that they were quite distressed about the impact that would have on the design and approval of a budget for WSU for the next academic year.

VI. Old Business:

None

VII. New Business:

A. Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee: Thomas Sav

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It was moved, seconded and approved to suspend the rules to vote on this proposal at today's meeting.

The proposal was moved and seconded. After discussion, it was approved.

2. General Education Course Additions/Changes in Area 3

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VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Report of Committee on Faculty Senate: Manley Perkel/Donna Schlagheck

(See Attachment E - Charge to the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Governance)

Part of their work has been a line-by-line review of the Faculty Bylaws. They are moving very systematically through the Standing Committee structure of the existing council and that has guided the discussion of the committee structure that they will recommend to be part of a Faculty Senate. It is anticipated that the recommendations will be submitted by the end of February. They are anticipating that the Faculty Senate will consist of 2 to 3 dozen Senators, but all of the discussions on this topic are not concluded. They have been meeting weekly until the deadline. Nothing has been approved yet.

B. Report on Strategic Planning: John Fleischauer

The Strategic Planning Council is on track with the time line previously distributed to the campus. Since November, the Council has reviewed and tentatively prioritized nearly 100 possible goals over the next five years. The first task undertaken is a review of nearly 300 program planning self reviews with strategic planning indicators that were suggested by the sub-committees for academics, student services and athletics and administrative areas. Tentative program recommendations are expected to be ready for the deans, the faculty and others by the end of January. They will then return to the strategic goals. The prospective goals will be released in February, if possible. Eventually these goals and the program mix, along with the information from the program self-reviews will serve as guidelines for departmental action plans tied to the budgeting process, in order to assure as much as possible that resources are allocated to allow implementation of the plans.

Because the planning process will not be complete in time for the upcoming budget calendar, Wright State Trustees have agreed to a one-year budget with minimal operational changes for the coming year, so that biennial budgeting can begin in line with the new plan and coincident with the state's budget cycle the following year and for the two years following that.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:17p.m.