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Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda and Minutes, September 22, 1997

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Faculty Senate

Agenda--9/22/97

3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 2, 1997 (Attachment A)**
3. **Report of the President/Provost**
4. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee: James Sayer**
5. **Reports of Committees (none expected at this meeting)**
6. **Old Business: None**
7. **New Business (Note: a rules suspension will be requested for these items to dispense with these matters today.)**

A. 1997-98 Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

October 6, 1997

November 3, 1997

December 1, 1997

January 12, 1998

February 2, 1998

March 2, 1998

April 6, 1998

May 4, 1998

June 1, 1998

B. Approval of Committee Appointments (to be handed out at meeting)

C. Approval of the following resolution:

It is the recommendation of the Wright State University Faculty Senate that the University begin planning to convert to a semester system, subject to discussions between the Provost and the Senate Executive Committee to resolve satisfactorily such matters as calendar, degree requirements, teaching load, credit-hour base, summer scheduling, general education requirements, and other matters. From these discussions, a formal proposal for a semester conversion shall be presented to the Faculty Senate by December 1, 1997.

8. **Announcements**
9. **Adjournment**

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 22, 1997

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

Present: Barr, D., Carney, C., Castellano, J., Czachor, J., Flack, H., Fleischauer, J., Fortson, S., Goldfinger, M., Guo, S., Guthrie, J., Hartmann, C., Kazimierczuk, M., Nehring, V., O'Brien, M., Oxindine, A., Rickert, W., Rutter, E., Sayer, J., Schlagheck, D., Self, E., Siervogel, R., Slonaker, W., Sweeney, R., Vance, Voss, D., J., Weiss, I., Wetter, E., Wheatly, M., Wolf, E.

Absent: Garrison, D., Kapp, M.

- II. The minutes of the June 2, 1997 meeting were approved as written (Attachment A to Agenda).

- III. Report of the President/Provost: Harley Flack and John Fleischauer reporting:

President's Report
(See Attachment A)

Provost's Report

Provost John Fleischauer pledged his support to work with the Faculty Senate regarding the semester/quarter issue. Dr. Fleischauer noted that his concern as Provost and Chief Academic Officer is to lead the faculty in a direction that would be good for teaching and learning for the students and the community, not that he or anyone impose a calendar on the university which is infeasible. Dr. Fleischauer noted that his own preference for a semester system for the university is documented but his goal and objective is to work with the Faculty Senate for a plan that will be satisfactory for the students and those who teach them. Dr. Fleischauer noted that strategic planning is continuing and in accordance with the Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in June, the various academic and administrative units of the university have been asked to develop plans for themselves over the next five years. Many of those units have begun work on those action plans and the Strategic Planning Council looks forward to reviewing them. Enrollment is up as much as 2% over last year which, between tuition and subsidy support from the Board of Regents should ease pressures on the budgets. Dr. Fleischauer stated that he looked forward to working with the Faculty Senate to attempt to devise improvements in the faculty reward and incentive system focused on acknowledgment and incentives to excellence, if the faculty accepts that challenge. Dr. Fleischauer also looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate to find ways to better recognize the achievements of the faculty and to stimulate everyone toward that excellence. He intends this year to have on his agenda the means to support the faculty in improvement of the teaching and learning environment and in areas of scholarship and the facilities of scholarship and teaching. He has asked the Faculty Executive Committee to help the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the faculty to work with the administration as consultant or advisor in both the configuration and the condition of the classrooms to see that the environment for learning is also in the hands of the faculty.

- IV. Report of the Senate Executive Committee: James Sayer reporting:

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee worked during the summer months to put together an agenda for today's meeting as well as trying to staff the multiple committees that make the governance system work at Wright State. Dr. Sayer reported that it has been very difficult trying to staff all the committees as well as to find willing individuals to serve as chair of some of the committees. Dr. Sayer asked everyone to encourage their colleagues to get involved in these governance activities. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is scheduled to meet again on September 23, Tuesday, at 2:15 in the Faculty Office to try to develop an agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 6. They will also be meeting on October 14 to work on the Faculty Senate November meeting agenda.

Dr. Sayer read a memorandum to him from immediate past-president, Rudy Fichtenbaum, dated September 15, 1997. It read: "Effective immediately, I am resigning from all of my responsibilities as immediate past-president of the faculty. This includes my membership in the Faculty Senate, Executive Committee and my position as chair of the UBRC. I am also resigning from the Strategic Planning Council and Quality Council. I

also will not attend the Academic Affairs, Building and Grounds, and Finance and Audit meetings of the Board of Trustees, nor will I attend meetings of the Faculty Leadership with the Provost, President and members of the Board of Trustees." The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will decide how to handle the matter of Dr. Fichtenbaum's resignation.

Dr. Sayer recommended that a resolution be made to read as follows: "The Faculty Senate of Wright State University wishes to commend Professor Rudy Fichtenbaum for his many years of service to faculty governance at Wright State University, and the Senate eagerly awaits the day when he again might lend his skills to governance matters." It was moved, seconded and approved that the Faculty Senate adopt this resolution.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

No reports.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

A. 1997-98 Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

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A motion to suspend the rules to consider these meeting dates was moved, seconded and approved.

Approval of the Faculty Senate meeting dates for 1997-98 was moved, seconded and approved.

B. Approval of Committee Appointments

A motion to suspend the rules to consider committee appointments was moved, seconded and approved. Approval of the committee appointments was moved, seconded and approved.

C. Approval of the following resolution:

"It is the recommendation of the Wright State University Faculty Senate that the University begin planning to convert to a semester system, subject to discussions between the Provost and the Senate Executive Committee to resolve satisfactorily such matters as calendar, degree requirements, teaching load, credit-hour base, summer scheduling, general education requirements, and other matters. From these discussions, a formal proposal for a semester conversion shall be presented to the Faculty Senate by December 1, 1997."

A motion to suspend the rules to consider this resolution was moved, seconded and approved.

Approval of the resolution was moved and seconded.

Motion to close debate was moved, seconded and approved.

After discussion, the motion was defeated 13 to 10.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

No announcements or special reports.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.