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CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Date: October 19, 1972
To: Members of the Academic Council
From: Madeline Apt, Secretary, Steering Committee
Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, Monday, November 6, 1972

The November meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 1972, in Room 401 Fawcett Hall, at 3:10 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of October meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Report of ad hoc Committee on Immunity of Members of the Academic Council. (See Attachment A)
 - B. Resolution by S.J. Klein (See Attachment B)
- VII. New Business
 - A. Report from Agenda Committee regarding faculty meeting times (See Attachment C)
 - B. Course Approvals, Curriculum Committee (See Attachment D)
- VIII. Adjournment

Academic Council
November 6, 1972
Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Pro tem Provost A. P. Spiegel in 401 Fawcett Hall at 3:15 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved with the following corrections:
 - A. p. 5, D., the next to the last paragraph, change the word "until" to "after" so the statement reads as follows: "Mr. Merriam moved to suggest to the Athletic Council to consider the idea of a faculty member not being able to succeed himself after he has served a full term."
 - B. p. 4, VIII. B., paragraph 2 should be reworded to read as follows:

"The AAUP had made a comment on the document which was to be sent to the Academic Council members and the Council had not received this comment."

The Chair announced that Mr. Coppage would serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Academic Council.

- III. Report of the President, Mr. White reporting.
 - A. Mr. White urged everyone to attend a meeting to be held in Oelman Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. this coming Friday; this meeting is being called to meet with as many of the University faculty to discuss the present budgetary situation.
 - B. He discussed the fate of a branch campus in the Miami Valley area vs. a community college in the area.

About a year ago a plan was presented to the Ohio Board of Regents on the basis that it would include a mandatory tax levy to support it during those early years until student fees and state subsidy became available.

The community college filed a suit in the Miami County Court asking the question, "Can the Regents legally require a tax levy?" The judge ruled that the community college had met all the requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents and requested a permanent injunction against the necessity of a branch campus.

Now, a charter is up before the Ohio Board of Regents to establish a community college; the next meeting will be held the 17th. Mr. White made it clear that the University's position would be whatever the University community desired.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Low reporting.

The committee was given the charge at the last meeting to approve the dates of the Faculty meetings for this year which are to be Tuesday, November 14th, 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. for the Fall meeting and Tuesday, May 8, 1973, from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. for the Spring meeting.

The Steering Committee will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p. m. so that all agenda items for the next Academic Council meeting will be due by the 15th.

At the last meeting of the committee the problem of getting all fourteen student members seated on the Academic Council was discussed. The situation looks bleak because the student constitution would have to be amended or changed in some way due to the way the amendment to the Faculty Constitution is worded is a variation with the way the student constitution reads.

The Steering Committee is continuing its interviews; they are now interviewing for a Director of Development in Alumni Affairs and security officers.

V. Reports of Standing Committee

- A. Report of the Curriculum Committee, Mr. Reece reported that the course approvals are listed under "New Business" on the Agenda.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Sachs reporting, announced the appointment of the following subcommittees: (1) Subcommittee on the Faculty Club, (2) Subcommittee on Faculty Welfare, (3) Subcommittee on Open Files, and (4) Subcommittee on Academic Leaves.

The Accountability Document should be given back to the Academic Council next month after the amendments which were made last spring have been made to the document.

The committee will look into the document on the Removal of Tenure of Faculty.

The following are among the various comments received by the committee on faculty welfare issues:

1. Setting up a faculty credit union--This has been investigated in the past.
2. Changing of Social Security System--This should be turned over to Professor Eiteman who will be dealing with these issues. This has been checked into and such action would require a change in the state law.

C. Report of the Library Committee, Mr. Waggener reporting.

The Academic Council members each received a letter which is now being circulated to the Faculty for comments relating to the problems arising in the circulation of library items to the Faculty. (See Attachment A).

A correction was made on Page 2 under #5 where the note reads: "Back issues do not circulate." These back issues have been circulated for a week to the Faculty but some of them have been lost.

Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee, Mr. Kmetec reported that the committee has just completed its open hearings.

Below are a list of suggestions which were obtained from these hearings:

1. The V. P. of the Faculty should automatically become chairman of the Academic Council's Steering Committee.
2. The V. P. of the Academic Council should have clear responsibility for implementation of Academic Council action.
3. All voting records of the Academic Council members should be maintained and attached to the minutes so each constituency can know how their members vote.
4. The distribution of the minutes should occur no later than five days after the meeting.
5. The minutes to the general faculty could be abbreviated to include a summary of legislation pending and action taken along with the voting records.
6. Curriculum changes should be relegated to the colleges.
7. College programs should be scrutinized by the University every four to six years.
8. Abolish the Petitions Committee.
9. Abolish the Resources Committee.
10. Retain the other standing committees.
11. The "satellite" councils will be responsible to the Academic Council.
12. Full faculty meetings should be three times a year rather than two.
13. The Academic Council should meet in a work study session to have an open discussion of legislation pending, allowing this session to be open to the entire University prior to the formal meeting in which action is taken.
14. The constituency representatives should not be chairmen and should include the professorial ranks.
15. The Faculty Affairs Committee should have a specific charge of safeguarding academic freedom.
16. Any decision of the Academic Council should be overruled by a simple quorum of the faculty.
17. The standing committees of the Academic Council should be composed of a majority of Academic Council members; the chairman must be an Academic Council member.

18. The size of the Academic Council should diminish. The suggestion was made that each member have a corresponding member which would be a non-voting member; if this could not take place, each constituency could have at least 3 or 4 faculty representatives or no more than 5 or 6 representatives each. There would be one student member per constituency and one member at large, presumably being the student body president. All Deans of academic units that grant degrees would be represented and voting members. Branch campus faculty would have one representative. This would mean a total voting membership of 30 to 40 members.

Non-voting members would include academic center faculty as follows:
(a) branch campus or academic center students would have one corresponding member and (b) all other deans (those who do not head degree granting units) would have corresponding membership.

The suggestion was made that perhaps there might be a University development person and/or perhaps there could be one chairman representative per constituency.

Next week the committee plans to begin work on revisions; Mr. Kmetec urged any Academic Council member to input suggestions by this time.

The Provost announced that an attachment would be circulated with the minutes reporting on the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting of October 25th.

VI. Old Business

- A. Report of ad hoc Committee on Immunity of Members of the Academic Council (See Attachment A of the Agenda).

Mr. Hutzler reported that the committee had asked for two members of the Academic Council to meet with the committee. Only one communication was received which was withdrawn and never investigated or acted upon.

The question is presented should the committee be resolved or should the Academic Council redirect the committee?

The Chair ruled that he felt there were two separate questions--What does the Council feel the committee should do and what does the committee feel it can do?

Mr. Walker moved the adoption of the Resolution of Attachment B of the Agenda.

Mr. Batra asked Mr. Klein if allegations had been made, why weren't these presented to the committee. Mr. Klein maintained there were allegations but they were withdrawn.

Mr. Evans stated that if allegations had occurred, evidence would have been presented to the committee for investigation instead of the committee asking for a redirection.

Mrs. Harden moved the question.

Motion on calling the question carried.

Motion on Resolution B failed.

Mr. Walker moved for the dissolution of the ad hoc Committee.

Motion passed.

VII. New Business

- A. Report from Agenda Committee regarding faculty meeting times (See Attachment C of the Agenda).

Mr. Fritz reported the committee would like to set up the dates for future Faculty meetings as a part of the Academic Calendar.

The committee also proposed that no classes be held during the spring meeting.

Mr. Fritz moved that all classes be cancelled for the meeting time next Tuesday, November 14th.

The Chair ruled to hold off on this matter of dismissing classes during the meeting times to allow the Steering Committee to discuss this matter more fully and asked for a report at the next Academic Council meeting.

- B. Course Approvals, Curriculum Committee (See Attachment D of the Agenda).

Mr. Reece moved to suspend the rules and to vote on the course approvals at the present meeting.

The motion to suspend the rules carried.

The following two corrections were made note of on Attachment D: (1) Page 3 and 4 were reversed in the reducing and printing process. (2) The following

statements should be added to the description for FIN 433: "Alternative methods for financing income properties including participations. Real estate investment trusts. Successful completion of this course meets part of the licensing requirement for Real Estate Broker in Ohio. Prerequisite: FIN 331."

The curriculum changes motion passed.

Mr. Minamyer moved to suspend the rules to have the Academic Council approve a method to get the students represented on the various standing committees.

Motion to suspend the rules carried.

Mr. Minamyer moved that the Steering Committee name students to the various committees; this action would by-pass the Student Senate Constitution.

Mr. Fritz moved to amend the motion by substituting the following: "The Academic Council would send the Student Senate a letter requesting that these appointments to the various committees and councils be made by the 30th of November; otherwise, the Academic Council would have to put this as an agenda item of business to be acted upon during the meeting on the 4th of December."

The amendment passed.

The original motion (as amended) carried.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.