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## Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, February 1, 1993

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**TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty**  
**FROM: Edgar Rutter, Faculty President**  
**SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on**  
**Monday, February 1, 1993, 3:10 p.m., 155 A, B, & C--University Center**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 1993 (Attachment C )
- III. Report of the President: Paige Mulhollan
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Edgar Rutter
- V. Report of Committees and Councils
  - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Stephen Frederick
  - B. Curriculum: Daniel Voss
  - C. Faculty Affairs: James Swaney
  - D. Library: Rai Pujara
  - E. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe/Nabil Hassan
  - F. University Budget Review Committee: Mary Ellen Mazey
- VI. Old Business--None
- VII. New Business
  - A. \*Proposed 1994-95 Academic Calendar (Attachment A): James Larsen, Calendar & Elections Committee
  - B. International Business Minor (Attachment B): Daniel Voss, University Curriculum Committee
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
  - A. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, March 1, 1993, 3:10 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment

\* A suspension of the rules will be asked to allow for a vote to be taken at this meeting.

**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 1993**

- . The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Edgar Rutter at 3:10 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.

**Present:** J. Brandeberry, R. Brode, L. Caron, D. Curry, A. Faghri, I. Fritz, F. Gies, N. Gressis, P. Griffin, P. Human, R. Kumar, S. Lott, J. Lucot, M. MacDonald (Sergeant at Arms), M. Mazey, D. Miller, P. Mulhollan, G. Narayanswami, A. Painter, M. Perkel, R. Pohlman, J. Rafferty, W. Rickert (Parliamentarian), E. Rutter, E. Self, H. Sprohge, J. Swart, D. Voss, R. Wagley, A. Walter, J. Weller

**Absent:** E. Berry, P. Dadras, P. Griffith, C. Hathaway, G. Kantor, C. Kemmann, S. McConnell, M. Olsen, D. Schlagheck, N. Shepelak, R. Siervogel, R. Siferd, C. Snyder, J. Thomas

- . The minutes of January 11, 1993, were approved as written.

- . Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

The governor will send his proposed budget to the General Assembly on February 4. It is thought that the base for this proposed budget would be this year's actual budget plus an increase based on Consumer's Price Index (CPI). In all likelihood, there will also be tuition caps based on the CPI (3-4%).

The president expressed disappointment about an article written by a sports writer concerning the athletic budget. He pointed out that in the university budget, as audited by Deloitte & Touche, one can find that the athletic budget for 1992 was \$2,098,000 versus \$2,300,000 for 1991. He also pointed out that in the previous year there was \$100,000 cut in the athletic budget, and that another \$100,000 is expected in the coming year.

- . Report of the Steering Committee, Edgar Rutter reporting:

The University Steering Committee met once since the January meeting of Academic Council. In addition to setting the agenda for today's council meeting:

- A. Steering asked the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee to review Wright State's procedures for resolving conflicts involving members of the university community. This action was prompted by a letter from Professor Jeanne Ballantine in which she described some recent instances where faculty members had encountered difficulties finding an appropriate avenue for resolving problems with students or other faculty.
- B. Steering also discussed the conduct of some graduates at recent commencements. Several members of the committee expressed concern about the practice of spraying the platform party and faculty marshals with liquid string and with drinking during the ceremony--especially when the later results in flying champagne corks. Pursuant to this discussion, Steering requested the Student Affairs Committee to work with Student Government and the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees on identifying strategies for discouraging this behavior that would not interfere with the festive nature of the occasion.

**V. Report of Standing and ad hoc Committees**

- A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, No report.
- B. Curriculum, Daniel Voss reporting: (See attachment A.)
- C. Faculty Affairs, James Swaney reporting:

The University Faculty Affairs Committee is meeting by-weekly this quarter. Recent and current agenda items of the committee include:

- 1. Input to the Quadrennial Review Committee on several issues.
- 2. Communications to the Ohio Board of Regents regarding their generally positive report entitled, "Securing the Future of Higher Education in Ohio." The committee has drafted a letter to Chancellor Elaine Hairston that will be mailed in the near future.

The committee continues to work on agenda items such as faculty governance and welfare concerns.

- D. Library, No report.
- E. Student Affairs, Jeff Weller, Student Government Chair, reporting for Lewis Shupe:
  - 1. Student Government has voted an approval of the 1994-95 Academic Calendar which is to start on a Wednesday. This will enable the university orientation staff more time to work with newly enrolled students prior to the beginning of classes.
  - 2. Student Government elections will be held on March 8, 9 and 10. The University Student Affairs Committee requests all departments to encourage students to participate in the election process.
  - 3. It is important to remind the academic community that February is Black History month, and to encourage active participation in the numerous events that have been scheduled.
- F. University Budget Review, Mary Ellen Mazey reporting:

The UBRC had two meetings in the month of January. At the first meeting there was much discussion as to how raises should be distributed--by merit or across the board. The committee's recommendation, by a vote of 9-4, was to distribute the monies on the basis of merit. By a vote of 12-1, the committee recommended a 4% increase in salaries.

At the second meeting, Vice President Harold Nixon presented background on the operation of the Bookstore and on housing.

**VI. Old Business: None**

**VII. New Business**

There was a motion for a suspension of the rules so that this item under new business could be acted on. The motion was approved.