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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 3, 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, May 3, 1993, 3:10 p.m., 155 A, B, & C—University Center

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 1993 (Attachment B)

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
A. Faculty Affairs: James Swaney
   1. Locally Generated Course Materials (Attachment A, Amended Version)
B. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe & Jeff Weller
   1. Referendum Changes to the Student Government Constitution (Attachment B, April 5 Agenda)
C. Quadrennial Review: Manley Perkel
   1. Library Committee Proposal (Attachment C, April 5 Agenda)
   2. "Tenure Clock" and "Terminal Year" Proposal (Attachment D, April 5 Agenda)
   3. "Non-Retention" Proposal (Attachment E, April 5 Agenda)
   4. Search Committees for Major Academic Administrators (Attachment F, April 5 Agenda)
D. Administrative Review Committee: Robert Weisman
   1. Administrative Review Document Revision (Attachment G, April 5 Agenda)
E. Faculty Workload Task Force: Kim Goldenberg
   1. Statement on Faculty Workload (Attachment H, April 5 Agenda)

VII. New Business
A. Curriculum Committee: Daniel Voss
   Motion approved by University Curriculum Committee 4/8/93:
   Honors Courses will be graded A,B,C,D,F, rather than A,B,C,T, and the "T" grade will be discontinued.
   This will become effective Fall Quarter, 1994.
B. Strategic Plan: Robert Premus, Chair Planning Council

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
A. Next Academic Council Meeting--Monday, June 7, 1993; 3:10 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

Call for Agenda Items
The Spring Quarter General Faculty Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18, 1993 at 3:30 p.m. in the Medical School Auditorium. Please forward any agenda items to a member of the Agenda Committee* before May 3, 1993.

*Edgar Rutter, S&M, Fac. Pres.; Marguerite MacDonald, LA, Fac. Pres. Elect; Jeanne Ballantine, LA; Barbara Denison, COBA; Jennie Gallimore, Egr. & CS; William Gayle, CEHS; Shumei Guo; S&M/SOM.
I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Edgar Rutter at 3:10 pm, in 155 A, B, and C University Center.


II. The minutes of April 5, 1993, were approved as written.

III. Report of the President, Paige Mulhollan reporting:

The president reported that Western Ohio Health Care will be Wright State University's 1993-94 carrier for health insurance with no additional contributions by the employees or the university. This is the third straight year that there was no increase in premiums.

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

The University Steering Committee met once since the April meeting of the Academic Council. At this meeting, the committee set the agenda for the May 3 AC meeting, discussed the possibility of a change in Wright State's medical insurance carrier, and reviewed a draft of a compensation policy being developed by the University Budget Review Committee. The final meeting of this year's Steering Committee is scheduled for noon on Monday, May 24.

V. Report of Standing and ad hoc Committees

A. Building & Grounds Utilization & Planning, Stephen Frederick reporting: See attachment A.

B. Curriculum, Daniel Voss reporting:

The Curriculum Committee met once since the last Academic Council meeting. Course requests approved included 3 additions, 20 modifications and 1 deletion. The committee approved the motion "That honors courses be graded ABCDF rather than ABCT, and the T grade be eliminated effective Fall Quarter 1994." This motion appears on today's agenda under new business. Also discussed were policing of course prerequisites, the grading system, science GE requirements for students who have not satisfied the science requirements of the high school articulation agreement, and the process for approval of changes in admission and graduation requirements. The next scheduled meeting of the University Curriculum Committee is May 13.
C. **Faculty Affairs**, James Swaney reporting:

The Faculty Affairs Committee met twice in April. They considered the Ombudsperson proposal put forward by the Classified Staff Advisory Council, but did neither endorse nor condemn the proposal. The committee spoke with Athletic Director Mike Cusack regarding facility scheduling and potential athletic/academic conflicts, and was generally pleased with his cooperative attitude and reassurances. The committee continued to work on several items that appear on today's agenda under Old Business. Along with conducting other normal business, the revised strategic planning document was reviewed and was found to be generally unobjectionable and a major improvement over last year's document.

D. **Library**, No report.

E. **Student Affairs**, Lewis Shupe reporting: See attachment B.

F. **University Budget Review**, Mary Ellen Mazey reporting:

The UBRC met four times since the last Academic Council meeting. The committee discussed health benefits, a university compensation policy, a price indexing policy for the library, and next year's university budget. UBRC plans to meet on a weekly basis until the end of the spring quarter. Along with a continued discussion of the previously mentioned topics, the committee plans to discuss a future early retirement program.

**VI. Old Business**

A. Faculty Affairs: James Swaney

**Locally Generated Course Materials**

(Attachment A, Amended Version, 5-3-93 AC Agenda).

A motion was made, seconded and approve to substitute the amended version. Herbert Colle asked to speak from the floor. He spoke against the amended version. Following further discussion by the Council members, the policy was approved.

B. Student Affairs: Lewis Shupe & Jeff Weller

**Referendum Changes to the Student Government Constitution**

(Attachment B, April 5, 1993 Agenda)

The motion to approve the referendum changes was approved.

C. Quadrennial Review: Manley Perkel

1. **Library Committee Proposal** (Attachment C, 4-5-93 AC Agenda)

The motion was approved.

2. **"Tenure Clock" and "Terminal Year" Proposal** (Attachment D, 4-5-93 AC Agenda) In the discussion, it was noted that this policy, if approved, would be considered retroactively. There was a call for the question, and the motion was approved.

3. **"Non-Retention" Proposal** (Attachment E, 4-5-93 AC Agenda)

A friendly amendment was accepted without exception (see attachment C). There was a call for the question, and the proposal was approved.
4. **Search Committees for Major Academic Administrators**  
(Attachment F, 4-5-93 AC Agenda) The motion was approved.

D. **Administrative Review Committee:** Robert Weisman  
(Attachment G, 4-5-93 AG Agenda)

There was some discussion as to allow students on the committee. An amendment was approved and seconded to have students on the review committees. There was a call for the question, and the motion did not pass. Another amendment was made to place students on the Library Review Committee. This motion was also not approved.

There was a call for the question on the original motion. The motion was approved.

E. **Faculty Workload Task Force:** Kim Goldenburg  
**Statement on Faculty Workload** (Attachment H, 4-5-93 AC Agenda)  
There was a call for the question, and the motion was approved.

President Mulhollan noted that there was some language on faculty workload in the 1993-95 budget proposal in Columbus.

Faculty President Rutter indicated that items A and E (listed above under old business) will not be sent to the General Faculty Meeting on May 18.

**VII. New Business**

A. **Curriculum Committee:** Daniel Voss  
**Honors Courses will be graded A,B,C,D,F rather than A,B,C,T and the "T" grade will be discontinued.** A motion was made and seconded. This will appear as old business at the June meeting.

B. **Strategic Plan** Sharon Lewis and Paige Mulhollan reporting:

The president reported that he was visiting each college and any organization that had made comments about the Strategic Plan. He noted that the last visit would be on May 14, and the final draft would be available on May 15. The document to be approved under old business on June 6 will match the May 15 version. The plan, sent to all faculty, differed from the 1988 Strategic Plan in many ways because of three factors: 1) the change in economics in Ohio, 2) the view of our constituents on our work, and 3) North Central statement on assessment of student outcome. In the discussion that followed there were many positive things said about this plan in comparison to the one of previous years.

**VIII. Announcement:**  
The next Academic Council meeting will be Monday, June 7, 3:10 pm, 155 A, B, & C University Center.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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Attachments