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to: All Faculty Members

from: Jacob H. Dorn, Chairer, Agenda Committee

subject: FALL QUARTER FACULTY MEETING, Tuesday, November 15, 1977, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Medical School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of Spring Quarter Faculty Meetings, May 10 and 17, 1977

III. Committee Reports: Report of the Steering Committee

IV. Old Business

V. New Business:

A. Approval of "Concluding Recommendation for Modification of the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws" (See Attachment A)

B. Approval of Revisions in Article VIII (Nonreappointment of Nontenured Faculty in Matters Concerning Academic Freedom and Late Notification) of Revised Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Promotions and Tenure at Wright State University (See Attachment B)

C. Approval of Revisions in Due Process Mechanism (See Attachment C)

D. Approval of Recommendation from Wright State University Chapter of American Association of University Professors for Modification of Obscenity Guidelines

VI. Announcements and Special Reports: Report of President Kegerreis and Question and Answer Period

VII. Adjournment
I. The Fall Quarter General Faculty Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by the Vice President of the University Faculty, Mr. Jacob Dorn.

II. The Minutes of the Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting, May 10 and May 17, 1977 were approved by voice vote.

III. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Dorn reporting. The Committee wished to have three items presented to the Faculty:

1) An ad hoc committee has been established to determine the desirability and feasibility of categorizing and indexing the actions taken by the Academic Council, and by the Faculty at the General Faculty meetings. This would permit an individual to review past actions without reviewing all Minutes. The members of the Committee will be Mr. John Ray, who made the original proposal, Mr. Joseph Castellano, Mr. John Murray and Mr. Louis Falkner.

2) Mr. Patrick Nolan, University Archivist, and Mr. Joseph Castellano have been requested to draft a Resolution requiring each Academic Council Committee and Council Chairer to pass along the records of their respective Committees to the successive chairers of subject Committees. The records would eventually be deposited in the University Archives.

3) The Steering Committee of the Academic Council would play an advisory role to the Central Administration in the preparation of the budget. The Steering Committee is in agreement that it will not review the on-going program in personnel expenditures of the academic departments, but would be involved in the review of projected salary increases and budget expenditures along with budget review for non-academic and support service units. The Steering Committee will receive budget information probably early in January and at that time begin discussion of salary increases for the coming year. The Committee will operate in complete confidentiality due to the nature of the information involved.

At this point Ms. Ann Shearer was introduced and she invited the Faculty to participate in a Faculty In Service Meeting dealing with the needs of underprepared students which was to be held on Wednesday, November 16, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

IV. Old Business: NONE
V. New Business:

A. Approval of "Concluding Recommendation for Modification of the University Faculty Constitution and Bylaws". Mr. John Ray presented a Motion for approval of changes pertaining to Article IV, Councils, Section 3, Established Councils, Paragraph D, subparagraph (a) and (b), and in the same action, deletion of Article III, Academic Council, Section 10, Committees, Paragraph D, subparagraph (e) 1, 2, and 3 from the document. After a brief discussion of this proposal, a vote was called for, and the adoption of this change passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Revisions in Article VIII (Nonreappointment of Nontenured Faculty in Matters Concerning Academic Freedom and Late Notification) of Revised Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Promotions and Tenure at Wright State University. A brief report of this revision was presented by Mr. Gordon Constable. Pertaining to Approval of Revisions in Article VIII, Mr. Constable proposed the insert of "line 47b" to the document which would then read as follows: The allegations shall be delivered as a written document to the president, or provost, who shall in turn deliver it to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will examine it for compliance ...." Mr. Constable further clarified that the president or provost do not make the determination of compliance, but the Faculty Affairs Committee does. Mr. Constable moved that adoption of Attachment B with the above insert replace the current Nonreappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty in Matters Concerning Academic Freedom and Late Notification in the Faculty Handbook. This Motion was seconded. Mr. Constable explained further that the essential differences of this revision is that the Hearing Board and the Hearing Committee are now combined. Under old system a Hearing Committee was set up on a complaint filed under Non-Reappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty. Under Due Process a Standing Board of the Hearing Board process the complaint. Another point is that the Non-Reappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty, as recommended, contains a procedure for handling the Hearing. This is a suggested procedure, and in no way mandatory. Another revision is the procedure for replacement of members on the Hearing Board. The intent of this proposal is to eliminate any biases which may arise by appointing a Hearing Committee after the fact. In voting on this Resolution, it was determined that all faculty present were in favor of this proposal, with the exception of one dissent.
C. Approval of Revisions in Due Process Mechanism. In presenting this Motion, Mr. Constable proposed a change under "A. Definitions", whereby the word "division", wherever noted, would be replaced with "colleges." In the case of the word "divisional", the new word would appear as "college or university." Mr. Constable moved that adoption of this Motion, along with changes in "A. Definition", replace the current Due Process Mechanism which is presently in use in the Faculty Handbook. The Motion as stated was approved by all present.

D. Approval of Recommendation from Wright State University Chapter of American Association of University Professors for Modification of Obscenity Guidelines. Another item of New Business was presented by Mr. Malcolm Ritchie which concerns a set of recommendations from the local Chapter of the AAUP regarding Obscenity Guidelines. The four-part Motion as presented by Mr. Ritchie was seconded. In further discussing this Motion, it was determined that it would be best to break the four parts down individually for discussion of modifications. At this time, Mr. Robert Silverman made a Motion for a Substitute Resolution to Mr. Ritchie's entire four-part resolution. The substitute resolution is as follows: "Be it resolved the Faculty requests students and faculty participate in the formulation of Obscenity Guidelines, if any, which would substitute the Provost's Memorandum 77-15 and that open hearings be held by the Drafting Committee." The substitute Motion was seconded. In voting on the substitute Resolution, a show of hands determined that this Resolution was approved over that presented by Mr. Ritchie.

E. Mr. Dorn then asked if there was any new business to be brought up from the floor. It was pointed out that the Faculty must first approve an item for discussion before a Motion could be made. Mr. Robert Silverman requested to place on the Agenda an item concerning the issue surrounding the movie "Deep Throat" in which the Faculty would state its appreciation to State Representative James S. Zehner for his interest in which Wright State University handled its affairs. Those present did not wish to consider the Motion at this meeting.

F. Mr. Robert Haber requested to place on the Agenda the Motion that Mr. Andrew Spiegel be censured regarding his participation in and approval of free parking spaces for certain senior administrators. It was requested that a secret ballot be taken at this time to determine if there was interest in discussing this Motion. The balloting indicated a clear majority favored discussion of this Resolution presented by Mr. Haber. Mr. John Treacy opined that a censure of the Provost should not be taken lightly, and in fairness to all, asked that a quorum be taken. Those faculty present did not constitute a quorum, therefore, no more official business was considered at this meeting.
Mr. Robert Silverman requested that the Faculty's action on the Obscenity Guidelines be forwarded to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Castellano has been designated responsible to forward a report of this to the Board of Trustees.

VI. Report of the President, Mr. Kegerreis reporting.

Mr. Kegerreis spoke on several topics which are of significant importance to the University community as the University enters into its second decade of operation.

1) A Masters Degree is now available through the School of Nursing, which was remarkable for a college so relatively young. Another landmark in our history was the planning approval by the Board of Regents of a doctoral program in Biomedical Sciences.

2) Some discussion centered around the ROTC, which is represented on the Wright State campus. There was some confusion surrounding this fact, and Mr. Kegerreis pointed out that the headquarters of the ROTC is based at the University of Dayton, and only minimal administrative space has been provided on this campus. Courses are offered on this campus through the Dayton Miami Valley Consortium for the convenience of Wright State students.

3) As the University continues to grow, the parking in the core area will naturally diminish. Mr. Kegerreis said the shuttle service between the Main Campus and the K Lot will be upgraded to facilitate the increased need.

4) Current University Planning efforts have the objective of coordinating the University's growth in a systematic manner. A relatively small rate of increase is expected re academic programs and student enrollment. Mr. Kegerreis anticipated a headcount by 1980 of approximately 15,000 to 16,000.

5) Funding at state level will remain at current rate or at a very slight increase. Therefore, deliberate attention must be paid to any new academic programs.

6) On the topic of extramural sports, Mr. Kegerreis pointed to the fact that Wright State has the lowest program in terms of costs in the state assisted University system.

7) Research activity has grown steadily in the past, and now stands at $4 million. The acquisition of the Cox Heart Institute and the Fels Institute have contributed significantly to this increase in funds.

Further discussion followed on ROTC and parking. The meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.