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Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 9, 1978

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to: All Faculty Members

from: Jacob H. Dorn, Chairer, Agenda Committee

subject: SPRING QUARTER FACULTY MEETING, Tuesday, May 9, 1978, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Medical School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting, February 21, 1978

III. Committee Reports: Report of the Steering Committee

IV. Old Business:

   Report of President Kegerreis on "No Confidence" Vote

V. New Business:

   A. Approval of Graduating Students (List in Registrar's Office)

   B. Election of Vice-President-Elect of the University Faculty

      Nominees:  Carl V. Benner
                  Robert Dixon
                  James E. Sayer

      Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

   C. Approval of Resolution: The faculty of Wright State University endorses Ohio Senate Bill 19, which would place students and faculty members on boards of trustees of state universities. (See Attachment A)

   D. Discussion of the choice of Commencement Speaker for the 1978 graduation ceremonies (by petition of 10 per cent of the University Faculty)

   E. Approval of Motion to Send Letter on Firing of Marcus Jackson to Drs. Kegerreis and Spiegel, Mr. Mohr, and Members of Athletic Council (by petition of 10 per cent of the University Faculty). (See Attachment B)
VI. Announcements and Special Reports: Report of President Kegerreis and Question and Answer Period

VII. Adjournment
At the Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting, May 9, 1978, the members of the University Faculty took three actions of which you should be informed:

(1) The Faculty approved the list of graduating students that is on file in the Registrar's Office;

(2) The Faculty approved the principle of having faculty and student members on the boards of trustees of Ohio's state universities; and

(3) The Faculty approved the proposed plan for the creation of a subcommittee of the Commencement Committee to be given the responsibility of selecting future Commencement Speakers.

It would be most appropriate for you to (a) forward the list of graduating students as approved by the University Faculty to the Wright State University Board of Trustees for their approval, to (b) forward the University Faculty's wishes concerning the structural makeup of the state universities' boards of trustees to the appropriate legislative bodies in Columbus, and to (c) officially authorize the creation of the Commencement Committee Subcommittee as soon as is practicable. All such actions are in keeping with the sentiments expressed by the University Faculty at yesterday's meeting.

cc: Joseph Castellano, Chairman, Steering Committee
    Louis Falkner, Secretary, Academic Council and University Faculty
I. The Spring Quarter General Faculty Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Vice President of the University Faculty, Mr. Jacob Dorn.

II. The Minutes of the Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting, February 21, 1978 were approved as written.

Due to the extensive Agenda to be discussed today, time limitations will be placed on the topics to be discussed as follows:

- Steering Committee - 7 to 8 minutes
- Report by President Kegerreis on "No Confidence" Vote - 15 Minutes
- Approval of Graduating Students - 2 Minutes
- Election of Vice President Elect of University Faculty - 5 Minutes
- Senate Bill 19 - 15 Minutes
- Commencement Speaker - 20 Minutes
- Firing of Marcus Jackson - 15 Minutes

III. Report of the Steering Committee:

Regarding actions of the Board of Trustees, all of the revisions adopted concerning the Faculty Constitution and By Laws were approved and are now in effect. Four prominent features of these revisions are as follows:

1. Replaces Standing Petitions Committee of the Academic Council with Undergraduate Petitions Council
2. New Agenda Format
3. With election of new Steering Committee, members will commence serving staggered two year terms.
4. Approval was granted for decreased representation of faculty to provide a quorum at a General Faculty Meeting from 35% to 75 persons.

The Academic Council approved the Resolution appointing student and faculty members to the Ohio state universities Boards of Trustees. The approval was an endorsement of the concept rather than a particular piece of legislation.

Approval was also given to lowering the Drop Fee when dropping only one course.

Other items of discussion heard by the Academic Council were recommendations from the Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee regarding review of Undergraduate Programs; Student Body Constitution; Library Book Approval Plan; Selection of representatives to the Ohio Faculty Senate; and the Administrative Reorganization Committee.
Report of the Steering Committee (Cont'd)

The Steering Committee has been continuing in its capacity as the Budget Review Committee. Discussions have been continuing weekly on such topics as the budget review and faculty and staff salary increases next year. A suggestion was made toward reducing expenditures in certain areas, specifically, 2% cuts in academic areas and 4% cuts in non-academic areas. As an outgrowth of its budget review work the Steering Committee has submitted a recommendation to the Academic Council that a Budget Review Committee be created under authority of the Steering Committee. The objective of this recommendation is to have more continuous involvement in reviewing budgetary material as well as the achievement of more continuity of the membership which performs this work.

Mr. Dorn expressed his personal thanks to all those individuals who worked on the various committees and assisted him throughout the year with their highly efficient performance of duties.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Report of President Kegerreis on "No Confidence" Vote: In responding to the sentiment expressed in the Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting, Mr. Kegerreis has met with the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, and the Full Board. The following comments are a result of those discussions:

1. Establishment of the President's Council: Will review major decisions before their implementation.

2. Establishment of Review Process for Administrators: Faculty Affairs Committee and the President jointly established this Committee. Objective is to design a fair and effective process for the review and evaluation of academic administrators.

3. Establishment of Administrative Reorganization Committee: Comprehensive study of administrative work of Wright State University be conducted, specifically focusing on the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President.

4. Little is known about what the President does. Two major functions of his duties are (1) to take the Office of President outside of Wright State University to the larger community and (2) raise funds and make speeches. A large portion of his time over the last two years has been devoted to the establishment of the School of Medicine.

In commenting on the President's report, Mr. Klein said incumbents do not hold "property rights or a vested interest" in a person's job. If an administrative unit expressed "no confidence" in its leader, management would ask for removal of that individual.
Report of President Kegerreis (Cont'd)

In responding to Mr. Maneri's questions, the President reiterated that the Reorganization Committee is established by and Chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Committee will look at the reorganization of the University for the era ahead and address the administrators and executives to see how they fit into that structure.

Gerry Meike posed a question to which the President responded that both the Board of Trustees and the President discussed a single independent action regarding the Executive Vice President, and they decided to have that question included in the work of the Reorganization Committee.

The President also stated that he will become more involved in the internal activities of the University, and that the role of the Executive Vice President will also change somewhat.

Mr. Battino expressed his view that the "No Confidence" vote was being "waffled" into a committee until September 13. He suggested that the discussions by the Reorganization Committee of the Executive Vice President and the "No Confidence" vote be two separate items. However, the President said that the Board of Trustees specifically stated that they should be one entity.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Graduating Students (List in Registrar's Office): The Motion was presented and then seconded by Mr. Treacy that the List of Graduate Students which is on file in the Registrar's Office be approved. All were in favor of this Motion.

B. Election of Vice President Elect of the University Faculty: The nominees for this position are Carl V. Benner, Robert Dixon and James E. Sayer. The Motion was presented and seconded that the nominations be closed. All were in favor. Through a cast of ballots, Mr. James Sayer was elected to this position.

C. Approval of Resolution on Ohio Senate Bill 19: Senate Bill 19 seeks to place student and faculty on boards of trustees of Ohio state assisted universities. Mr. Jankowski suggested rephrasing this Motion to the following Amendment: Wright State University faculty endorses the general principle of student and faculty membership on boards of trustees of state universities in Ohio. A voice vote on this Amendment indicated all were in favor. A vote on the Main Motion as Amended passed by a majority.

D. Discussion of the Choice of Commencement Speaker for the 1978 Graduation Ceremonies (by petition of 10 per cent of the University Faculty):

In commenting on the procedures of the Commencement Committee, Ms. Harden cited several existing problems which include: the failure of being consistent in including the Committee in the decision making process in selecting the Committee, failure of the Committee to select WSU community input concerning suggestions for the speaker, and lateness in beginning the search for a speaker. Ms. Harden then presented a four-part Motion as follows: (1) That the Commencement Committee be given major responsibility for assembling a list of speaker options; (2) that the University community be given the opportunity to suggest nominees; (3) that a given year's committee select the speaker for the following year and (4) the Commencement Committee, in consultation with the President, make the final selection.
President Kegerreis agreed with the Motion as presented by Ms. Harden, but posed the question as to how he should proceed. It was agreed that he should present a substitute Motion to which Ms. Harden may agree. The Substitute Motion as presented by the President stated: A new sub-committee of the University Commencement Committee be formed to choose and secure the 1979 commencement speaker. Mr. Dorn, this year's Vice President of the Faculty, will chair the selection of this committee. A determination will be made by him of the number of faculty members to serve on this Committee. The Commencement Committee suggests the student members remain the same three that now serve on this year's Commencement Committee, together with a staff person. The Chair pointed out that a refinement to this Motion would be a specification of the number of faculty members to be appointed, to which a suggestion was made that three members plus the current Vice President, Mr. Castellano, be appointed to form a seven-member committee. This suggestion was countered by Mr. Klein, and seconded by Mr. Meike, that the Main Motion be modified to specify that five senior faculty members (tenured faculty members) be appointed by the Vice President of the faculty. Mr. Klein's Motion was opposed. A voice vote on Ms. Harden's Motion as amended by President Kegerreis' Substitute Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Motion to Send Letter on Firing of Marcus Jackson to Dr. Kegerreis and Spiegel, Mr. Mohr, and Members of Athletic Council (by petition of 10 percent of the University Faculty)

Mr. Dixon reported that the Athletic Council has reconsidered the firing of Marcus Jackson and voted unanimously to uphold their previous decision. Barring objections from the signers of the petition, he requested that the Motion be withdrawn and that the Athletic Council report to them on this subject. There were no objections forthcoming from those faculty members present. Ms. Whissen, Chairman of the Athletic Council, reviewed the seven points outlined in the statement on the dismissal of Mr. Jackson. She provided comments on each of the seven points supporting the actions of the Athletic Council.

VI. Report of President Kegerreis

The first meeting of the Reorganizational Administrative Committee was held on Monday, May 8. This lengthy session had 100% attendance, except for positions not yet filled by the Academic Council and the Student Caucus. Discussions were held on a wide range of topics, with emphasis on premises for the reorganization, implications and elements of the "No Confidence" vote, and the environmental and other factors ahead in the new era for Wright State University. The first meeting of the President's Council will be May 10, and the first meeting of the Administrative Review Committee will be May 12.

Commenting on the recent Ohio House Bill providing raises for classified employees, a clause providing for state funding of these monies was not included in the Bill, as passed, thereby compelling the University to absorb $411,000 to cover this cost.

The WSU Scholarship Fund Campaign, headed by Mr. Ed Pollock, is progressing extremely well. Funds from within the community have reached more than $50,000, while at the University level a total of $16,970 has been pledged.
Report of President Kegerreis (Cont'd)

The groundbreaking for the new Business and Administration building, to be named Rike Hall, will be September 8.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. Frederick A. White, Senior Vice President Emeritus, and Mrs. Ann Thomas, widow of the first Provost of Wright State University, who will be married in Florida on May 11.

Congratulations were also conferred upon the English department for producing this year the first Wright State student to win the Danforth Scholarship.

An expression of gratitude was given to Mr. Dorn for his expertise in handling his duties as Vice President of the Faculty.

Mr. Dorn officially turned the Gavel over to Mr. Castellano, the newly elected Vice President of the Faculty, who adjourned the meeting.