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Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting Agenda and Minutes, May 8, 1979

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Date: April 17, 1979
To: All Faculty Members
From: Joseph F. Castellano, Chairer, Agenda Committee
Subject: SPRING QUARTER FACULTY MEETING, Tuesday, May 8, 1979, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Medical School Auditorium

I. Call to Order.

II. Approval of Minutes of Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting, February 20, 1979.

III. Reports:
A. Report of the Steering Committee.
B. Report of President Kegerreis.
C. Report of Dr. Ronald Fox on the School of Psychology.

IV. Old Business.

V. New Business:
A. Approval of List of Graduating Students (List on file in the Registrar's Office).
B. Election of the Vice-President-Elect of the Faculty for 1979-1980. Nominees:
   - Gordon Constable (Management)
   - Lilburn Hoehn (Education)
   - Donald Schaefer (Computer Science)
   Other Nominations may be made from the floor.

VI. Announcements and Special Reports:
A. Report on the Scholarship Fund Drive.
B. President Kegerreis- Question & Answer Period.

VII. Adjournment.

Refreshments will be served following the completion of the meeting.
General Faculty Meeting
Spring Quarter
May 8, 1979

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by the Vice President of the Faculty, Mr. Joseph Castellano.

II. The minutes of the Winter Quarter Faculty Meeting February 20, 1979 were approved as written.

III. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. Castellano noted that the Steering Committee over the past few months had considered the following points:

1. They proposed that the present format of the Budget Review Committee be continued until the Executive Director of Budget and Planning would be hired. At that time, the Budget Committee, the Steering Committee, and the administration would review the budget process. This proposal was approved at the May 7th Academic Council meeting.

2. The committee had established an "Ad Hoc Faculty Fringe Benefits Committee" which would review fringe benefits. This committee was established because groups felt the Faculty Affairs Committee was too busy with other projects. Members of the committees were Messrs. Pabst, Spiegel, Ahmad, M. Lowe, Benner, Nussbaum, and Ms. Kinney. Faculty were urged to contact any one of these members if they had any comments concerning fringe benefits.

3. Mr. Castellano then gave thanks and appreciation to the Steering Committee for the help that they had given him in his work this past year.

IV. Report of the President

President Kegerreis discussed a number of items. They were:

1. The pick-up of STRS benefits by the University. He noted there were three possible difficulties which appear to have been resolved. They are:

   a. The Ohio Retirement Study Commission had adopted a resolution criticizing the STRS for permitting colleges to "pick-up the faculty's donation". Through efforts of the President and Mr. Pabst, this resolution was rescinded.

   b. In the Ohio legislature there are bills opposing STRS moves and others recommending that all the retirement plans consider such an option. At this time, no action has been taken.

   c. The STRS Executive Directors "rule" has been rescinded, but this should not affect the University's decision.
On the positive side, Internal Revenue Service has ruled that there is nothing that they can see objectionable to the plan. The Attorney General of Ohio's opinion was favorable. WSU applications to STRS has been accepted by STRS. The advice of the University's legal counsel also is encouraging. The University has requested that STRS would consider that the retirement would be based on the faculty member's base salary and the University's "pick-up".

2. The President then turned to the Budget status. He noted that legislative action increased subsidy but has frozen instructional fees at this year's level. At this time, the increase in subsidy does not make up the difference in the loss due to the instructional fee freeze, if the University had followed President Carter's guidelines in regard to fee increases. There is also a Capital Appropriations Bill being considered by the legislature. The WSU 1979-80 budget is now being put together by the Budget Office, and the budget packets are being prepared for distribution. In future years, the University Budget Review Committee, and Deans and Vice Presidents will become more immediately involved in the budget preparation. This will be done through systems refinements in preparing the budget. At this time, there is a possible short fall of over a million dollars in the 30 million proposed budget.

3. The search for the two positions of Vice President for Administration and Executive Director of Budget and Planning continues. There are four final candidates for the V.P. position, and the committee is in the process of selecting final candidates for the Executive Director's position.

4. The North Central Association has given institutional and doctoral accreditation to the University. The institutional accreditation is an extended one and no other accreditation review will be necessary until 1984. The most positive comment that North Central made, of which there were twelve, was the faculty involvement in decision making at Wright State University. The only two possible negative comments were that there was no process to eliminate academic programs if it was found necessary to shut down a program, and that the library holdings should be increased because of the Doctoral programs.

5. The President announced that the College of Business and Administration had received graduate accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

6. The attorney for Gladys Wessel indicated that the case will not be appealed. This is a clear indication that the review process at Wright State is a good one.

7. The President commended the General Education Committee and hoped that they would continue in their work to see the project through to the end, so that there could be a definition of the actual content of the general education requirement.

8. He extended his congratulations to Mr. Castellano for the work that he did this year as Vice President of the Faculty.
C. Report of Mr. Ronald Fox on the School of Psychology.

Mr. Fox indicated that a class of 25 had been selected for the class beginning in the Fall Quarter, 1979. All of them had a Master's degree and should complete their studies in two years of full-time work. There were over 800 applications and offers had been extended to 26 students, of which 25 had accepted. By August, there will be 10 faculty members in the School of Psychology.

IV. Old Business. There was none.

IV. New Business

A motion was made and seconded to approve the list of graduating students for the academic year 1978-79.

B. Election of the Vice President Elect of the Faculty for 1979-80.

The nominees were Gordon Constable, Lilburn Hoehn, and Donald Schaefer. As there were no nominations made from the floor, the nominations were closed. Lilburn Hoehn was elected as Vice President Elect.

C. The motion was made and seconded to confer the Bachelor of Arts degree to Douglas Williams posthumously.

VI. Announcements and special reports:

a. The report on the Scholarship Drive. Mr. Pollock indicated that as of this date, $41,271.12 was collected from the faculty and staff of the University for the Scholarship Fund. He thanked all for their generous contributions.

b. President Kegerreis question and answer period. There were no questions from the floor.

c. Resolution to thank Dr. Castellano. A resolution was made by Sherwin Klein to congratulate Mr. Joseph Castellano for the work that he had done on the Steering Committee of the Academic Council as Vice President of the Faculty for this past year. The motion was seconded and approved.

d. Mr. James Sayer was then made Vice President of the Faculty for this year. He indicated that he would host monthly faculty meetings at which the President would attend and that he would submit monthly news letters to notify faculty of things that were happening.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.