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Fall Quarter Faculty Meeting Agenda and Minutes, November 13, 1979

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Date: October 25, 1979
To: All Faculty Members
From: James E. Sayer, Chairman, Agenda Committee
Subject: FALL QUARTER FACULTY MEETING, Tuesday, November 13, 1979
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Medical School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting May 8, 1979

III. Committee Reports:
   A. Report of the Steering Committee
   B. Report of the General Education Committee

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS:
   A. Resolution Supporting the Conferring of A Posthumous Degree to Robert R. Summers (See Attachment A)
   B. Proposal to Change the WSU Grading System (See Attachment B)

VI. Announcements and Special Reports:
   A. United Way Report
   B. Report of the Faculty Fringe Benefits Committee
   C. Report of President Kegerreis

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. James Sayer.

II. The minutes of the Spring Quarter Faculty Meeting, May 8, 1979, were approved as written.

III. Committee Reports

A. Report of the Steering Committee: Mr. James Sayer reported the following:
   1. A seven man faculty committee to review the Faculty Constitution has been formed. This is the quadrennial review of the Constitution.
   2. The Steering Committee and the Academic Council have approved the continuation of the Budget Review Committee for one more year.
   3. The Steering Committee is reviewing the parking and the parking decal system for P and B parking area.
   4. The Steering Committee is reviewing how the University committees in particular, the four standing committees of Academic Council are selected.

B. Report of the General Education Committee: Mr. Herbert Neve indicated that the project for the Committee for the coming year is to prepare the course inventory for the General Education requirements. This is being done in three stages. They are:
   1. Prepare goals.
   2. Review the proposals.
   3. Select the courses.

IV. Old Business (none)

V. New Business

A. Resolutions supporting the conferral of a posthumous degree to Robert R. Summers (see attachment A, Agenda Fall Quarter Faculty Meeting) The motion for the conferring of a posthumous degree to Robert R. Summers was approved.

B. Proposal to change WSU grading system (see attachment B, Agenda Fall Quarter Faculty Meeting) After much discussion, the proposal was voted down.
VI. Announcements and Special Reports

A. United Way Report (no report)

B. Report of the Faculty Fringe Benefits Committee

Mr. Donald Pabst, Chairman of the Faculty Fringe Benefits Committee made the following report:

1. The Ohio College Association is offering a supplemental liability insurance plan for a premium of $25.00 per year. It is recommended that the faculty review the information in regard to this policy carefully. The information is to be sent to the faculty within the next two weeks.

2. The University is encouraged by the Committee to continue its present liability coverage.

3. The University will adopt a $200.00 maximum deductible per family on its major medical insurance.

4. The Committee voted not to join the Old River Park Association.

5. The Committee continues to review the possibility of dental insurance and improvements in the disability, major medical and life insurance policies.

C. Report of the President

President Kegerreis made the following observations:

1. The enrollment is the highest in the University's history. The budget is not balanced but much improved over what it was last July 1st. The University has three new post masters programs to which students were admitted for the first time this fall quarter.

2. Capitol improvements which are now being worked on are the Fred White Ambulatory Care Center, Brehm Lab addition and Rike Hall. A Medical Science Lab has been approved but work has not yet commenced. For the next fiscal biennium, the Ohio Board of Regents has approved capital improvements of a Medical Science Lab II and an Oelman Hall addition. The Governor has also proposed additional capital improvements which include purchase of the Kettering Center, a Multiple Sclerosis Center, a West Dayton Health Center, a Child Care Center and two projects at WOBC.

3. There are four "distractions" which the University is facing. They are:

   (1) The Department of Labor; Compliance Review - an agreement should be reached within the coming weeks.

   (2) DHEW: "Investigation" of possible discrimination. A great amount of material has been sent to the Department of HEW but in regard to the investigation at this time nothing has been heard of as to the status of the case.
(3) DHEW: NDSL Controversy - The University has heard recently from HEW that we are in compliance.

(4) Litigation: Wessels, Terrebone, Hagerty, Kaufman and others. The suit presented by Wessels, was found in favor of the University. The Terrebone case has been heard and the verdict should be known within the next month. The status of the Hagerty and Kaufman cases are uncertain at this point.

4. Challenges to the campus are: Main campus headcount undergraduate enrollment has remained steady over the past four years. This enrollment has been between 10,000 and 10,500. During the same time, graduate enrollment has increased only a slight amount. Since 1974, full-time equivalent enrollment has increased by 10.3%, academic personnel has increased by 16.6% and non academic personnel by 10.6%. Inflation continues to hurt the University. If everything would remain equal, there would be a deficit of $3.4 million in the 1980-81 budget. Pay increases for faculty and staff, the going-on-line, Brehm lab, repair, maintenance and replacement of our present facilities have been considered in the preliminary Budget Review. There is much additional planning to be done in our budget area.

5. As announced earlier, this is the "Year of the Plan". The University Planning Task Force has been formed. This Task Force will: (a) Examine and re-evaluate WSU mission, (b) A campus wide discussion will follow, (c) Specific plans will be drawn up by the academic units of the University, (d) There will be a consolidation and synthesis of priorities, (e) There will be another campus wide discussion of the synthesis. (f) There will be an adaptation and implementation of the plans. All of this should be completed within this academic year.

The University Planning Committee will be made up of a senior faculty member from each College, the three faculty vice presidents, the nine deans, the vice presidents of the University, one trustee, Directors of the Library, Admissions and Affirmative Action Office and two students. The Committee will be chaired by the President.

During the discussion period, the President was asked if the University would consider buying the Kettering Center out of its own operating funds. President Kegerreis indicated that the cost would be $1.7 million and in all likelihood, the trustees would be hesitant in making such a purchase in one fiscal year. The purchase might be considered if the trustees would approve purchase on a payment by installment basis.