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Academic Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, March 3, 1997

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TO: Members of Academic Council and University Faculty
FROM: Rudy Fichtenbaum, Faculty President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on
Monday, March 3, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 1997 (Attachment C)
- III. Report of the President: Harley Flack
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum
- V. Reports of Committees
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
 - B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav
 - C. Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp
 - D. Library: David Goldstein
 - E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Donna Schlagheck
- VI. Old Business
 - A. A Motion Recommending Future Location of the Faculty Center in the Present Upper
Hearth Lounge--Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
- VII. New Business
 - A. Policy on Classroom Accommodations for Disabilities--Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp
(Attachment A)
 - B. Faculty Senate Proposal: Manley Perkel/ Donna Schlagheck (Attachment B)
- VIII. Announcements and Special Reports
 - A. Report on Strategic Planning: John Fleischauer
 - B. Next Academic Council Meeting: April 7, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union
 - C. Adjournment

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
March 3, 1997

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President Rudy Fichtenbaum at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.

Present: Bartlett-Blair, D., Barto, E., Coutts, J., DeStephen, D., Dustin, J., Fichtenbaum, R., Fitzgerald, E., Fleischauer, J., Fraser, S., Gilpin, R., Guo, S., Hetherington, R., Kapp, M., Kleine, P., Nehring, V., Pederson, S., Perkel, M., Poelzing, S., Rickert, W., Sanders, N., Sayer, J., Schlagheck, D., Shaw, A., Siervogel, R., Srinivasan, R., Swart, J., Vance, J., Vandecreek, L., Voss, D., Xu, L., Yen, V.

Absent: David, D., DeShields, L., Flack, H., Frederick, S., Goldenberg, K., Khan, I., Mirkin, L., Pohlman, R., Potter, C., Sudkamp, T., Thomas, J., Wetter, E.

II. The minutes of the February 3, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

III. Report of the President

No report

IV. Report of the Steering Committee: Rudy Fichtenbaum reporting:

At the last meeting of the Steering Committee, an ad hoc committee was appointed to study the issue of semester vs. quarter. It consists of the chairs of five standing committees (Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, Curriculum, UBRC and Calendar & Elections), along with a representative from the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Science and Math, a student and Dr. Howard. Those are the voting members of the committee. Keith Ralston is a non-voting member of the committee. The ad hoc committee will be reporting to the Steering Committee with a recommendation by April 15.

The Steering Committee also has sent charge to Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs committees to form a joint committee to look at student evaluation of teaching, what is to be accomplished, is it being done with the present system of evaluations, etc.

The Steering Committee also discussed the question of service and how service is measured in the promotion and tenure process. There was discussion as to whether the Faculty Affairs Committee should look at how service is used in the promotion and tenure process. It was decided that there was a lot of difference in how service is measured from college to college and that it would be better for the colleges to develop some more well defined measures of service to be used in the promotion and tenure process.

Dr. Fichtenbaum noted that there had not been a quorum at the General Faculty meeting on February 25. There was an important item on the agenda (extending the probationary period for child care and serious illness) on which the faculty could not vote. Dr. Fichtenbaum urged all the members of Academic Council to talk with their constituencies to urge them to attend the General Faculty meeting in the spring. There will be items of substance to vote on at that time.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge reporting:

(See Attachment A)

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:

(See Attachment B)

C. Faculty Affairs

No report

D. Library: David Goldstein reporting:

The Library Committee will have its first meeting of the quarter this week. Dr. Goldstein stated that he was very enthusiastic at the beginning of full text on line services from Academic Press.

E. Student Affairs: Susan Carrafiello reporting:

Student Affairs met on February 25. There was not a quorum, and no business was conducted.

F. University Budget Review: Donna Schlagheck reporting:

(See Attachment C)

VI. Old Business:

A. A Motion Recommending Future Location of the Faculty Center in the Present Upper Hearth Lounge -- Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: Jan La Forge
Moved, seconded and approved to table.

VII. New Business:

A. Policy on Classroom Accommodations for Disabilities--Faculty Affairs: Thomas Sudkamp (Attachment A to Agenda)

Moved and seconded to Old Business.

B. Faculty Senate Proposal (Attachment B to Agenda): Manley Perkel/Donna Schlagheck (See Attachment D)
Moved and seconded to Old Business. It was noted that approval of this motion would abolish Academic Council. Dr. Fichtenbaum requested that, if there are amendments from members of Academic Council, the amendments should be written out and provided to Academic Council in advance. The amendments should be presented only by members of Academic Council.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

A. Report on Strategic Planning: John Fleischauer

The Strategic Planning Council is nearing completion of a draft document that will emphasize planning assumptions, strategic goals and program planning recommendations. The Council has worked with President Flack in the clarification of goal statements and he has outlined his expectations. Strategic Planning Council hopes to release a draft to the university community for review by March 10.

Dr. Fleischauer pointed out two items that Dr. Flack might have brought to the Academic Council meeting;

1. The University Technology Committee is reviewing the options for distribution to the faculty of computers in accordance with the president's directives. A basic formula for that distribution has been reached. In the first wave of funds available, the formula would address computers to colleges in proportion to their lack of access to internet computing capabilities. There is a possibility of an advance on next year's budget, so that more can be done this year, rather than in two sections.
2. Dr. Fleischauer expressed appreciation for himself and Dr. Flack to Rudy Fichtenbaum for his communication to faculty regarding the state budget deliberation. Dr. Fleischauer seconded Dr. Fichtenbaum's encouragement to faculty to be in contact with their representatives, particularly the House, regarding the status of the state budget.

B. Next Academic Council Meeting: April 7, 1997, 3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.