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Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans August 23, 1988

Dr. Robert Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. Charles E. Kupchella, Ward Hellstrom, J. T. Sandefur, Michael Binder, Michael Brown, Ronnie Sutton, Elmer Gray and John Petersen. Dr. Paul Cook and Mr. Hal Jeffcoat were guests.

Dr. Haynes opened the meeting by introducing Dr. Cook and Mr. Jeffcoat. Mr. Jeffcoat outlined his thoughts on the development program at Western. Issues such as linking development to strategic planning, coordinating development efforts among the various colleges and units of the university and focusing on the constituency base were discussed. He also indicated that he foresees the establishment of a formal development plan after President Meredith is on campus. Dr. Cook added some comments, particularly regarding the role of the College Heights Foundation in the development effort.

The minutes of the July 19 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Haynes reminded the deans of the retreat scheduled for September 1 and 2 in Owensboro.

Dr. Sutton reported on the status of enrollment for the Fall semester. There is likely to be some increase but it is still too early to know.

Dr. Haynes announced the availability of a teleconference on October 7 on student learning and development. The deans agreed that Western should participate in this teleconference including some locally organized activities to increase participation.

Dr. Haynes also reported on the availability of a teleconference on sexual harrassment. There was general agreement that we should do more in this area to alert faculty and administrators.

The draft manual for part-time faculty was reviewed. After extended discussion it was decided that the grades will retain essentially the current definitions for now, with further study to be devoted to the issue. There was general support from the deans for making part-time faculty eligible for faculty research and faculty development grants, but no formal policy was adopted.

The issue of summer term scheduling was discussed extensively. Some of the problems with the current flexible system were reviewed. This matter will be included on the agenda for the Owensboro retreat.

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The future direction and structure of evening and weekend academic programs was considered. There was general agreement that administrative coordination of evening and weekend activities is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John H. Petersen