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Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans November 11, 1988

Dr. Robert V. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. J. T. Sandefur, Ward Hellstrom J. Michael Brown, Ronnie N. Sutton, Elmer Gray, and John H. Petersen. Dr. Martin R. Houstin represented Dr. Charles E. Kupchella and Mr. Reginald Laswell represented Dr. Michael B. Binder.

The minutes of the November 1 meeting were reviewed and approved. Dr. Robert V. Haynes announced that there will be a hearing in Bowling Green of the Small Business Task Force on November 18 which will deal with the "business" activities of the universities. He also announced that the university will observe Martin Luther King Day in January as a holiday.

Dr. Haynes solicited suggestions for Commencement speakers. The deans indicated interest in focusing at the commencement exercise on students: their academic background, their achievement, etc. and include students as featured speakers.

The university is giving further consideration to tuition benefits for children of faculty and staff, although no decision has yet been made.

Dr. Sutton presented the proposed 1989 summer school calendar. This calendar will involve two terms during an eleven week period, plus two three week sessions and various one-credit workshops. There will be a limit of thirteen credit hours in total that a student may take over the entire summer period. Plans are being made to develop a summer calendar for 1990 which will extend over a twelve week period.

Dr. Haynes requested that the deans give attention to developing two-plus-two degree programs to facilitate transfer of students from community colleges. There was extensive discussion of the issues involved. Dr. Sutton will return with further information about general education in the community colleges in Kentucky.

The proposed Visiting Scholars policy as drafted by Dr. Kupchella was discussed. It will be considered further at the next meeting.

Dr. Sutton distributed a document on the university's course withdrawal policies and practices. After extensive discussion it was determined that the issue merits additional review at the next meeting.

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Dr. Sutton also distributed material outlining a new grade reporting system which will incorporate optical scanning grade sheets. The deans will present this information to department heads who will, in turn, advise faculty. This change will be effective with grade reporting for Fall 1988.

Dr. Hellstrom's recommendation for conversion of twelve-to nine-months contracts was discussed further. No decision was reached.

The revised procedures for academic program consideration through the college curriculum committees was briefly discussed. It will be considered further at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John H. Petersen

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