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MINUTES

Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans August 8, 1989

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 and John H. Petersen. Mr. Lynn Greeley represented Dr. Charles E. Kupchella and Mr. Reginald Laswell represented Dr. Michael Binder. President Thomas C. Meredith was a guest.

The minutes of the July 18, 1989, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Haynes announced that the Governor's Scholars Program is likely to be placed at Western in 1990.

Dr. Petersen briefly reviewed plans for the 1989 Homecoming. The event will be substantially larger this year and academic colleges and departments will be encouraged to actively participate.

President Meredith led a discussion of academic standards for faculty. He requested that a process be initiated to reassess standards and expectations for promotion, tenure and merit decisions, beginning at the department level. Leadership should be provided by department heads, deans and the Vice President, but faculty must also be involved. These standards should be as explicit as possible.

President Meredith congratulated everyone involved in the preparation of the 2+2 transfer guide for community college students and in the meeting held last week for UK Community College administrators. He reported that responses to this effort across the state have been very positive.

Dr. Haynes then turned to the regular agenda. He requested comments on the use of the special instructional equipment fund. Support has already been approved for blackboards for the Glasgow Campus and equipment for the Journalism program. The deans agreed to support the request for equipment upgrade in the Weather Station. An effort will be made to raise funds externally for this project due to its public service dimension.

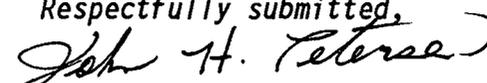
A proposal drafted by Dr. Brown to support doctoral study by faculty was reviewed and discussed. Several questions and comments were offered. The topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Dr. Sandefur announced that the state Council of Colleges of Education will undertake a study and make recommendations on school reform in Kentucky.

Dr. Sutton reported on tentative plans for moving final registration from Diddle Arena to Garrett Conference Center for Spring Semester 1990. A final decision will be made in the next few weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,


John H. Petersen *rr*