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Council of Academic Deans

January 22, 1973

The Council of Academic Deans met at 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 22, in the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Those present for the meeting were Deans Cravens, Hardin, Mounce, Sandefur, Jenkins, Russell, Brenner, Chelf, Hourigan, Sutton, Hatcher, and Davis. Visitors present were President Downing, Dean Keown, and Dr. Updike.

President Downing discussed the importance of the deans carefully evaluating the upcoming faculty rank and tenure recommendations. He also commented at some length on student recruitment.

Dr. Updike distributed the new Western Kentucky University Handbook for Community-Junior Colleges.

Dean Jenkins discussed a possible program in which Western would offer courses in community libraries.

Dean Keown commented on the class attendance policy. He felt that all faculty members should work within the framework of the present policy.

The deans concurred with Dr. Chelf's suggestion to continue printing the semester schedule in the College Heights Herald. The fall schedule for 1973 will be ready for distribution before the advisement period this spring.

Dr. Cravens stated that Dr. Richard H. Barbe of Georgia State University will be the chairman of the Southern Association Accreditation Committee that will visit Western in late March.

Dr. Cravens asked the college deans to study their enrollment trends in order to be able to make recommendations concerning staffing needs for 1973-74. Each dean was asked to meet with Dr. Davis concerning these recommendations no later than Monday, January 29.

Dr. Davis asked if a study could be made of certain aspects of Western's criteria for tenure and promotion. Dr. Cravens said that he would ask the Faculty Affairs Committee to work on a revision of these criteria and then submit it to the Council of Academic Deans.
Dr. Cravens asked the deans if they would concur with utilizing more than $7,800 of NSF Institutional Science Research funds to strengthen both the Faculty Summer Research Grants for 1973 and the regular Faculty Research Committee budget. The deans felt that it would be beneficial to use these funds for these purposes. Dean Russell commented that he hoped equipment would also be a high priority budget item for the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.