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The Council of Academic Deans met on Tuesday, September 25 at 10:30 a.m. in Dr. Hourigan's Conference Room. Present were Deans Cravens, Mounce, Hourigan, Jenkins, Sandefur, Gray, Hardin, Chelf, Corts, Russell, Sutton, and Davis.

Dr. Cravens told the deans that the fall semester head count of the student body was up over 200 students more than last fall, but that the full-time equivalent student enrollment was down by several hundred. Dr. Cravens mentioned dormitory scholarships as a way of attracting outstanding out-of-state students. He stated that enrollment trends in each department are now being studied. Dr. Davis will work with each college dean concerning the relationship of enrollment to the number of faculty positions now budgeted for each department.

Dr. Cravens commented on a "Declaration of Intent to Expand the Owensboro Graduate Consortium Agreement to Encompass Programming for Continuing Education" which will be discussed at a meeting he will be attending on September 26 in Owensboro.

Dr. Cravens asked the deans to submit to him the remaining aspects of their Biennial Budget request information by Thursday, September 27.

Dr. Chelf discussed problems relating to Library Resources for Extended Campus Courses. He also commented on the Extended Campus payroll for graduate faculty members.

The deans discussed at some length a student evaluation of faculty members at Western. The topic will be continued at the next meeting.

A draft version of a proposed vacation policy for 12-month faculty and administrators was evaluated by the group. The discussion will continue at the next deans meeting at which time the vacation policies at the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville will be reviewed.

Dr. Davis requested that the deans submit their department heads' and their own recommendations concerning faculty automatic tenure considerations. These recommendations should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs no later than October 10.

Dr. Mounce and Dr. Corts reported on the Humanities Planning Grant which Western has received. Further information will be made available on this grant during the planning period.
Dr. Sutton discussed the proposed Ad Hoc Developmental Studies Committee. He asked the deans to read the letter which Dr. Cravens would send to the committee members and to advise Dr. Sutton of any changes that should be made in its content. He also asked the deans to make any recommendations concerning changes in faculty members from their respective colleges if they desire to make such changes.

Dr. Gray distributed a graduate college report to each of the deans for their information.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

James L. Davis