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Minutes

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS
February 4, 1974

The Council of Academic Deans met in the Office of Academic Affairs on Monday, February 4, 1974 at 1:30 p.m. Present were Deans Davis, Jenkins, Hardin, Chelf, Russell, Sandefur, Gray, Hourigan, Mounce and Corts. Recorded as absent were Deans Sutton and Cravens. Guests at the meeting included Dr. Joseph Shoben, Dr. Drew Harrington, Dr. Vera Guthrie, President Dero Downing and Dr. John Minton.

Dr. Davis introduced Dr. Joseph Shoben who spoke with the Deans concerning the potential of the Humanities Planning Grant at Western. After brief remarks by Dr. Shoben the Deans discussed several important issues such as the diversity of the base of the college population and how this diverse base might require alternate academic programs to serve particular needs.

The next item of business was the discussion by President Downing and Dr. Minton relative to student recruitment. President Downing expressed appreciation for the proposal on the organization of student recruitment which had been made by Dr. Jenkins. After informal discussion concerning various aspects of student recruitment, President Downing indicated that Dr. Minton would be reporting to the Deans more frequently in the future on the status of recruitment.

Dr. Davis requested that in providing lists of faculty being recommended for promotion and tenure that a separate listing be provided for each category.

Dr. Davis asked that the Deans note the upcoming meeting of AAHE in Chicago and notify him if they are interested in attending. Dr. Davis will attempt to arrange a car pool if there is sufficient interest.

Dr. Davis reminded the Deans that faculty load reports were due in the Office of Academic Affairs on February 4.

Dr. Davis reminded the Deans of earlier discussions relative to a tenure quota system and indicated that he has received numerous letters from faculty in the Ogden College of Science and Technology. Dr. Davis indicated that if other colleges wanted to encourage faculty to present their opinions in writing that he would be pleased to receive
these letters and attempt to consolidate the faculty opinions. To this date most of the faculty letters have been in support of the general idea of raised standards for tenure, but they prefer that some administrative arrangement other than a quota system be developed to cope with the tenure issue.

Dr. Vera Guthrie reminded the Deans of their earlier commitment to support Library Science as a required course under general education. Dr. Guthrie requested the Deans to continue to require 101 for one additional year understanding that the course would be offered on a bi-term basis. The Deans unanimously agreed to submit this recommendation for consideration by the Academic Council.

Dr. Corts mentioned that there was some interest in asking Departments as a part of the curriculum review to give specific attention to potential associate degree programs and certificate programs. The Deans unanimously agreed to incorporate this as a part of the curriculum study.

Dean Hourigan suggested that the Deans should agree to take a uniformly rigorous view of granting tenure and promotions so that all colleges have an operative from the same viewpoint. This position was supported by Dean Sandefur. Dr. Davis suggested that a very careful consideration of tenure and promotion recommendations was appropriate.

Dr. Mounce requested that if a reversal in a promotion or tenure recommendation is made after the recommendation has been supported by the Department Head and Dean that this item should be fully discussed with the Dean and/or Department Head prior to announcement. The Deans adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Paul R. Corts