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The Council of Academic Deans met in the Applied Arts and Health Conference Room on Monday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. Present were Deans Cravens, Jenkins, Sutton, Mounce, Russell, Chelf, Gray, Corts, Brenner, Hardin and Davis. Visitors at the meeting were President Downing, Dr. Minton, Mr. Largen, Dr. Cook, Mr. Bivin, Mr. Keown, and Mr. Tomes. Dr. Chamberlin represented Dr. Hourigan at the meeting.

President Downing gave a progress report on higher education legislation being considered by the State Legislature. He also commented on several personnel recommendations which the Board of Regents will act on at its March 20 meeting.

Mr. Tomes, Western's Affirmative Action Officer, discussed the proposed Affirmative Action guidelines with the deans. Dr. Cravens asked the deans to submit any suggestions concerning the guidelines to President Downing at their earliest convenience.

The deans expressed their appreciation for the new University Catalogue to Dr. Paul Corts for his overall supervision and to Mr. Tom Foster for his art work.

Following lunch, Dr. Davis gave a report on meetings relating to tenure which he had attended at the annual conference of the American Association of Higher Education held in Chicago, March 10-13. He made oral recommendations on revised tenure guidelines for faculty members at Western. Dr. Cravens asked Dr. Davis to incorporate his suggestions with those made by the Faculty Affairs Committee and bring written recommendations for both tenure and promotion guidelines to the next meeting of the Council of Academic Deans.

Dr. Cravens asked the deans to urge their department heads to be imaginative in developing new programs at the undergraduate level with the limited funds that will probably be available in the next few years. He stressed the importance of having a positive outlook in developing and restructuring programs.

The deans discussed the proposed committee structure revision. Dr. Cravens suggested that coordinators be made responsible for the duties which coordinating committees (such as the Technology Programs and the Health Programs Committees) have previously had, in order to save time. Ad Hoc advisory committees could be formed if necessary. The deans concurred with the suggestion.

Dr. Sutton gave a progress report on enrollment of the 1974-75 freshman class. Western is presently about even with 1973-74 freshman-class enrollment figures but still behind the 1972-73 figures as of this date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.