Meeting Minutes

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The Council of Academic Deans met on Wednesday, September 4, 1974, at 1:30 p.m. in the Office of Academic Affairs. Present were Deans Cravens, Oppitz, Russell, Chelf, Corts, Gray, Hardin, Mounce, Sutton, Sandefur, and Davis. Mr. House was present and Mr. Burt represented Dr. Hourigan. Dr. Madron, Mr. Logsdon and Mrs. Marks were visitors at the meeting.

Dr. Madron gave a slide presentation concerning the area of research and computer services at Western.

Mr. House gave a status report on fall semester registration. The size of the freshman class is higher than it was last year.

The deans decided to hold the recommendation concerning the offering of classes with small numbers of students enrolled until later in the fall semester.

Dr. Davis requested that the college deans submit their requests for part-time and overload payments to the Office of Academic Affairs by Tuesday, September 10. He reminded the deans that the Faculty and Staff Assignment Report forms were due in this office on Monday, September 23.

Dr. Mounce commented on special assignments. He stated the belief that faculty morale would be hurt if there was not some minimum guarantee of special assignments in any given semester. The Council of Deans will reexamine the present Faculty and Staff Assignment guidelines in the near future.

Dr. Davis commented on the college personnel status report by colleges and division. It reflects the number of faculty members who have left the university and who have been added from January through September of 1974.

Dr. Cravens discussed various possibilities concerning the $18,000 new money allocated for research at Western for the current fiscal year. After some discussion it was decided that a tentative plan would be presented to the deans for their consideration at their next meeting.

Dr. Corts stated that the Physical Plant was interested in recommendations from the deans concerning the daily closing times for the academic buildings. It was decided that the buildings should be closed at 10 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays and at an earlier time on Fridays.

The deans then discussed the parking problem. No solutions were reached but there is still hope.

Dr. Russell said that he would like to discuss salaries and fringe benefits at
the next meeting. The group decided that this should be the major topic for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

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