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COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

October 13, 1975

The Council of Academic Deans met on Monday, October 13, at 10 a. m. in the Office of Academic Affairs. Present were Deans Cravens, Jenkins, Hourigan, Russell, Gray, Sandefur, Sutton, Chelf, Mounce, Cortis, Hardin and Davis. President Dero Downing and Dr. Keith Taylor were visitors at the meeting.

Dr. Sutton distributed the report from the committee which had been established to examine grading policies and practices at Western. The deans discussed this report at some length.

The group discussed the tentative Academic Objectives for 1975-76. Deans Cravens and Russell will meet with Deans Cortis, Mounce and Gray to rewrite these objectives, which will then be placed in the "Blue Sheet." Members of the faculty will be requested to get their written suggestions concerning these draft Academic Objectives to the Office of Academic Affairs no later than Wednesday, October 29.

Dr. Cortis asked each dean to submit by Wednesday, October 15, a list of second bi-term courses which will be available to students.

Dr. Cravens distributed a suggested "Status of Correspondence" sheet. He commented that he would send this sheet on a weekly basis to each dean to insure that the dean would know the status of each memorandum sent to the Office of Academic Affairs. The deans liked the idea very much and recommended that it be implemented immediately.

Dr. Gray gave a status report on the 1976-77 Graduate Assistantship budget. He invited each academic dean to make written suggestions to him concerning any aspect of the report.

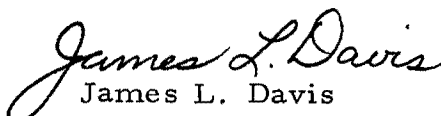
Dr. Mounce suggested that classes be scheduled with 15-minute intervals between them instead of 10 as is currently the case. Dr. Cravens asked each dean to get reactions from department heads in their area and to bring back to the Council of Deans a list of the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal.

Dr. Keith Taylor proposed two 5-week sessions during the summer of 1976 in Owensboro. He also proposed doing away with the May Term in that city. The deans agreed that the May Term should be eliminated in Owensboro and also discussed the possibility of two 5- to 6-week summer terms on the Western campus.

The group discussed the composition of a committee to review the University's Statement of Purpose. The deans decided to ask the Academic Council to nominate six faculty representatives and two student representatives to be on the Committee on Purpose which the President is going to name in the near future.

President Downing discussed the agenda items to be included in the October 25 meeting of the Board of Regents. Several of these items were discussed at length.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

  
James L. Davis