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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans
August 16, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice President James L. Davis. Present were Deans Hardin, Chelf, Hourigan, Russell, Mounce, Gray, Cravens, Sandefur, Stroube, Sutton, Nelson, and Robinson.

Dr. Sutton reported on the University's readiness for fall registration and of an expected decrease in the enrollment of new Kentucky freshmen. Dr. Cravens reported that an increase is expected in the number of new international students.

Dr. Davis called attention to the list of administrative positions in Academic Affairs provided for information. Dr. Hourigan suggested, and Dr. Sutton spoke in support of, an annual meeting of academic deans, department heads, and Vice President. Dr. Davis indicated agreement.

Dr. Mounce expressed Potter College's anticipated problems with an on-line system of advance registration--i.e., lack of control over enrollments and loss of flexibility. Dr. Sutton reported that strong approval by faculty was indicated in a recent survey and requested written reactions from the deans. He mentioned that, under the proposed plan, class size will be controlled by the department head and advisement will be mandatory.

Dr. Mounce suggested the identification of individuals by major in the commencement program, and Dr. Gray suggested listing graduate student theses. The Gray-Russell motion to that effect was withdrawn, and a Nelson-Russell motion requesting Dr. Sutton to provide information as to the cost of adding such information was approved.

Dr. Davis explained the faculty exchange program recently developed with Shippensburg State and Winthrop for the purpose of broadening the experience of participating faculty.

Dr. Davis asked for a sharing of ideas to assist administrator-faculty communication. Several of the deans indicated the importance of trust and of meeting with small groups of faculty.

Following the lunch served to the group, Dr. Hardin distributed copies of the Southern Association Fifth-year Interim Report and requested that any comments or corrections be submitted by 8-21-78.

Dr. Chelf presented a proposal to create a position of Academic Information Director to advertise the academic programs of the University. Dr. Davis suggested a special assignment (release time) arrangement for implementation and asked for suggestions as to an appropriate person. The Mounce-Gray motion to implement the plan was approved.

Dr. Mounce suggested that staff overload teaching and adjunct (part-time) teaching be paid at the same level, and Dr. Nelson emphasized the need to avoid overload teaching.

Dr. Hourigan pointed out the variability among departments in faculty load credit for laboratory teaching and recommended that a uniform policy be developed. Dr. Davis appointed a committee composed of Drs. Hourigan (chairman), Stroube, and Gray to review the situation and make recommendations.

Dr. Hourigan recommended that a task force be appointed to study enrollment projections, and Dr. Gray emphasized the importance to faculty of making plans to adapt to enrollment trends. Dr. Davis indicated that he will appoint a university-wide committee, asking the deans to appoint representatives.

Dr. Davis asked for input into measures of academic quality-- achievement of W.K.U. graduates, e.g.

Dr. Chelf explained the week-end college concept, whereby non-traditional courses are provided for working/professional persons. He requested reaction and ideas from the other colleges.

Dr. Chelf described the "Summer Youth Program" offered by Murray and by other universities and asked that departments be considering what may be done at Western. He suggested that his office coordinate and publicize such offerings.

Dr. Chelf called attention to the growth in associate degree programs here and elsewhere in the United States and requested ideas on new programs.

Dr. Chelf suggested that Western implement an "Alumni Vacation College" for family educational vacations, since the location is ideal for morning classes and afternoon/evening trips to nearby places of interest.

Drs. Chelf and Nelson expressed interest in the gaining of funds from alumni to use for specific purposes. Dr. Davis appointed a committee composed of Drs. Nelson (chairman), Hourigan, and Chelf to explore the matter in consultation with the University Attorney and Vice President for Business Affairs.

Dr. Cravens commented on possible projects with other countries and indicated that he will report in more depth at the next meeting. He also reported on the different public service activities of his office and asked to be informed of any faculty member who can work with him on a "release time" basis.

Dr. Davis stated that the deans will not meet during the registration period.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faye Robinson