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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans
November 16, 1978

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. In attendance were deans Sutton, Hardin, Sandefur, Russell, Gray, Chelf, Mounce, Stroube, Cravens, and Robinson. Mr. Mike Rush attended for Dean Hourigan and Mr. Jim Oppitz attended for Dean Nelson.

The minutes of the November 7, 1978, meeting were approved as written.

Dr. Davis mentioned briefly the American Association of State Colleges & Universities meeting he attended earlier in the week.

Dr. Davis indicated that Summer Session stipends have not yet been established.

Dr. Stroube mentioned the necessity for setting a date for the biennium budgetary figures for new programs and for expansion of old programs to be in the Office of Academic Affairs. The deans agreed that the figures will be submitted by December 20.

Dean Mounce commented on progress toward acquiring a convention center for Bowling Green which would include a fine arts auditorium or a multipurpose center which could be so used.

Mr. Rush explained the joint baccalaureate program in nursing which is being conducted at the Hopkins County Hospital by Murray and Madisonville Community College. The trend toward such programs was discussed--Dr. Chelf reported that the CHE supports such cooperative arrangements and will readily give approval.

Dr. Cravens asked that the deans consider the matter of Western's proposing a faculty exchange program with institutions in England. The Mounce-Russell motion that the deans endorse the concept of this faculty exchange program was passed unanimously. Dr. Cravens suggested that the interested departments submit letters indicating that interest.

Dr. Cravens reported on the impending visit (November 28) of two U.S.S.R. officials who are at the Embassy. They have asked to meet with faculty and students to exchange ideas on international issues. Dr. Cravens asked for names of WKU specialists on Russia and for ideas on arranging for the visit.

Dr. Sandefur reported on his recent visit with seven superintendents of the five county area in which courses are offered by Murray and by Western. Western will survey Western graduates in the area to determine their unmet needs for continuing education.

Dr. Chelf distributed a sheet explaining an external graduate degree program which Murray has planned for teachers in Henderson.

Dr. Russell introduced a discussion of the presidential selection process and the deans' possible input as to the characteristics which need to be considered in selecting the new president. Dr. Cravens suggested that the deans invite Dr. Brenner, the representative of the academic administrators, to visit with the deans. Dr. Mounce suggested the drawing up of a document outlining important general criteria. Dr. Stroube suggested that the deans

have a committee for this purpose. After discussion, Deans Cravens, Russell, and Hardin, with Dean Russell as Chair, agreed to formulate such a document. Dean Mounce stressed the importance of the deans being willing to give time and effort to this important process.

Dr. Davis indicated that the next meeting will be on November 28.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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