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# Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans  
May 8, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. James L. Davis. Deans in attendance were Mounce, Russell, Hourigan, Gray, Chelf, Stroube, Nelson, Hardin, Sutton, Cravens, and Robinson. Dr. Brenner attended for Dean Sandefur. Visitors were Dr. James Heldman and Dr. Carol Brown.

The minutes of the May 1, 1979, meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Stroube reported that the deans' annual reports cover the academic year plus the previous summer. He distributed guidelines for the report. Dr. Davis requested that the deans examine the guidelines and be prepared to discuss the report at the next deans' meeting on Wednesday, May 30.

Dr. Robinson reported that honors students may now have the option of signing up for independent study credit through the academic department. The course number will be followed by "H".

Dr. Davis called the deans' attention to the memorandum from President Minton concerning the academic calendar for the 1980-81 year.

Drs. Brown and Heldman discussed with the deans the relationship between department heads and the various administrative bodies of the University. Dr. Brown pointed out that under Academic Council Charter, department heads are faculty; under the Faculty Senate, the department head is not faculty. Dr. Brown commented on this ambiguous role of department heads and on their lack of input in the decision-making process. Dr. Heldman suggested that two issues are involved: (1) a name-the title of the group and (2) official recognition and authorization to make recommendations. He suggested that within each college, the department heads be organized and recognized as a group and that within the University as a whole such a group be formally organized and recognized. Dr. Mounce moved that the deans approve in principle the concept of the formal university-wide organization of academic department heads. Dr. Hourigan seconded the motion. Drs. Mounce and Hourigan approved inclusion in the motion the suggestion that two department heads from each college represent the college's department heads for preliminary discussion to develop a plan.

Discussion included clarification that "academic department heads" refers to those department heads within academic colleges. Dr. Mounce moved to incorporate into the original motion "In the initial discussion, other academic department heads should be involved to determine the feasibility of their participation." Dr. Hourigan withdrew his second and Dr. Chelf seconded the motion as changed. The motion carried. Dr. Davis indicated that he will call the group together initially.

Dr. Davis suggested that at the next meeting of the deans some consideration be given to a move toward changing the Academic Council Charter to clarify the department head position as an administrative assignment.

Dr. Gray requested that the deans discuss in a future meeting the possibility of setting salary guidelines for administrative positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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