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

The minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved with one change for clarification: in the first item of business, words within the parentheses are changed to "...any additional areas deemed necessary be included...."

Dr. Davis distributed the response to the proposal on the preparation of Secondary Teachers drafted for submission to Dr. Simandle. After discussion, the Gray-Hardin motion to approve the letter was passed.

Dr. Gray distributed information on the cost (in terms of FTE faculty) of increasing the credit given for thesis direction and for direction of students enrolled in special topics courses. Dr. Mounce suggested a need for a standardized accounting method for credit. The Gray-Russell motion to approve numbers three and four of proposed changes in "Guidelines on Faculty Load Responsibility." (to increase faculty load credit for thesis and special topics direction) was approved (7-2, with Robinson, Sutton, and Chelf abstaining). Dr. Russell suggested that, if the President approves the recommendation, a framework be established to ensure uniform administration. Dr. Gray reminded the deans of the report on graduate assistantships and pointed out that the University has awarded this year only four assistantships to minority students.

Dr. Hourigan introduced discussion of the University's sabbatical leave policy and the need for knowing the amount of available money. Dr. Davis noted that the \$44,000 which is included in the budget for sabbaticals is part of the total part-time and overload budget. Since this amount is small, specific amounts cannot be allocated to each college. Dr. Mounce moved and Dr. Gray seconded that each year the amount of money allotted by the University for sabbaticals be distributed to the colleges in proportion to the number of tenured faculty within each college and that these decisions be made at the collegiate level. Dr. Davis noted that approval of the motion would do away with the faculty sabbatical committee. Dr. Stroube presented information as to the number of tenured faculty within each college. The motion was approved with one against and two abstaining (Robinson, Brenner).

Dr. Davis distributed for information the recommendation on personnel action and the personnel changes which will be presented to the Board of Regents on December 1.

Dr. Gray reported on his meeting with Mr. Bunch regarding the purse thefts and publicized identity of individuals victimized. Such information is public knowledge and thus cannot be concealed, according to Mr. Bunch.

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Dr. Gray distributed the charge to the committee on graduate load for full-time school personnel which has been formed by the Kentucky Council on Teacher Education and Certification and asked for reactions to it by Friday of this week.

Dr. Sutton suggested that reports sent for information purposes from Academic Affairs to the Board of Regents should not be listed as "proposals," since all needed action has been taken. Discussion by Drs. Nelson and Sutton suggested the possibility of such information's being distributed to the Board members in a different manner.

Dr. Davis reminded the deans of the need no later than Thursday morning for suggestions as to programs which should be offered in Owensboro.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Faye Robinson

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