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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans
February 26, 1980

The meeting was held in the Dean's Conference Room in the College of Education and called to order by Dr. Kenneth Brenner at 9:05 a.m. Other deans in attendance were Hardin, Gray, Stroube, Sutton, Nelson, Russell, Mounce, Cravens, and Robinson. Dr. Brenner attended for Dean Sandefur and Dr. Vera Guthrie attended for Dean Hourigan. Ms. Nancy Russell was a visitor.

The minutes of the February 19, 1980, meeting were approved as distributed.

Ms. Russell showed a video tape and distributed other materials used in LSIM 101 to introduce students to the library. She also briefly described the course and the results of the course evaluations which have been conducted.

Dr. Davis asked that each college dean consult with his department heads concerning problems with the requirement for 54 hours of upper division coursework and efforts made within departments to help students adjust to the requirement. Deans are to report their findings by March 11.

Dr. Davis mentioned the difficulty with getting approval for replacement of faculty positions which will be or have been vacated. Until the University budget is approved, the University must be very hesitant in moving toward such replacements.

Dr. Davis introduced a discussion of the University plan for sabbatical leaves. Dr. Robinson distributed a rewritten version of the plan. Dr. Davis mentioned Dr. Zacharias's belief that departments should be limited as to the number of faculty approved for leave for any one time period and that whenever more than one person per department is applying in any one year, the department head should rank the proposals from his/her faculty. Dr. Mounce suggested continuation of the plan presently used. Dr. Mounce moved that the present sabbatical policy not be changed but that a college committee be established in each college to make recommendation to the dean, who will establish priorities among the submitted proposals before forwarding them to the office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs for consideration by the University committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gray. The motion failed. The Mounce-Gray motion that the administrative leave plan be called just that and that the word "not" be inserted in the administrative leave plan in the budgetary statement to read "...administrative leaves...shall not be a part of the sabbatical budget allocated to that college" was withdrawn by Drs. Mounce and Gray. Dr. Nelson moved that the deans approve the concept presented in the University Plan for Faculty Sabbatical Leaves. Dr. Hardin seconded the motion. Dr. Russell moved that the motion be amended to include a change in the plan to allocate the funds-- that allocation shall be made on the basis of active tenured faculty eligible for sabbatical leave as of August 15 of the year of consideration. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried. The main motion carried.

Dr. Cravens, who presided during the last few minutes of the meeting, adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faye Robinson

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