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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans
July 22, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. James L. Davis. Deans in attendance were Hourigan, Gray, Nelson, Hardin, Stroube, Russell, and Sutton. Mr. John Oakes attended for Dean Mounce; Dr. Pankratz attended for Dean Sandefur; Dr. Lloyd attended with Dean Russell; Mr. Fred Hensley, Director of Public Information, was a guest; and Dr. Paul Cook joined the group for the Budget Review. Dr. George Overstreet, who will be the new director in Owensboro, joined the group for a small part of the meeting.

The minutes of the June 24, 1980 meeting were approved as distributed.

Mr. Hensley was introduced to the group; the area of responsibility of each dean was described to him; and he described to the deans the function and plan of operation of the Office of Public Information. Mr. Hensley expressed the need for his office to be notified of an event about two weeks before the event takes place.

Dr. Davis introduced a discussion of the Budget Review, and Dr. Cook gave a progress report. He indicated that \$541,496 is available from leaving positions unfilled and the fringe benefits bring that total up to about \$650,000. Dr. Cook indicated that some other institutions do not budget funds carried over at the end of the year. He mentioned his concern over the impact of the budget cut on this institution and asked that we submit a written prediction of the overall long range impact on academic programs. Some of the deans spoke on the necessity for maintaining academic quality.

Dr. George Overstreet joined the group briefly and was introduced to each of the deans.

Dr. Davis requested that each dean submit in writing the expected effect in his area of a budget cut of about ten percent plus the unfilled positions.

Dr. Davis asked the deans and their department heads to review the Faculty Senate's proposed Rank and Tenure Policy. The proposal will again be on the agenda at an early date.

Dr. Davis called attention to the letter and attached materials from Dr. Michael Gardone of the Council on Higher Education. The letter reminds the institution of the procedures to be used in submitting new programs for Council approval.

Dr. Gray commented on the proposal concerning graduate assistantships (increasing the maximum amount from \$3,500 to \$3,800). The Pankratz-Russell motion to approve the proposal was passed.

Dr. Gray explained the proposed inter-institutional faculty exchange program. He recommended that Dr. Davis explore the matter with other academic vice presidents. He also commented on the proposal for research professorships and asked that it be discussed at a later date.

Dr. Gray discussed the proposal that the graduate teaching load of 21 hours be extended to include faculty who have a load consisting partially of graduate instruction. No action was taken.

Dr. Robinson introduced a discussion of the space utilization report sent to CHE and the problem presented by the non-credit labs which use rooms but are not listed on the report.

Dr. Stroube spoke briefly on a plan to allocate the funds contained in the part-time and overload budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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