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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans
September 9, 1980

Dr. James L. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Deans in attendance included Drs. Sutton, Hardin, Hourigan, Oakes (for Dean Mounce), Chelf, Dillard (for Dean Gray), Greeley (for Dean Lloyd), Sandefur, Robinson and Petersen. Guests present included Dr. Charles Anderson and Dr. Charles Clark.

Dr. Davis reviewed the most recent enrollment figures for fall semester. At this time, 12,695 students have enrolled, an increase of 630 over last year as of this date. Dr. Sutton pointed out that most of the increase is in freshman enrollments--primarily full-time.

Minutes of the last meeting on August 19 were approved as written.

Dr. Hardin presented information about cable television; especially opportunities to make use of the local system through which a channel will be available to the University. Dr. Anderson, who came as Dr. Hardin's guest, discussed the potential for using the open cable channel in the local cable system--for information, sports, educational programs and fine arts presentations. He also pointed out that a second opportunity will exist through an audio-video link to be available to the Owensboro area. This capability would permit live transmissions from a variety of locations at Western of regular or special courses, special events, seminars, etc., including two-way audio. Dr. Anderson recommended that Western move quickly to take advantage of this opportunity or it may be lost to the University.

Dr. Davis reminded the deans of the need to review non-tenured faculty reappointments. Decisions must be made soon on any non-reappointments of faculty with three or more years of employment so that the faculty member can be notified by October 1.

Dean Sandefur voiced his concerns about grant and contract policies at the University, specifically the lack of financial incentives to Colleges and Departments to participate in grant activities. Dr. Davis reported that this subject had been recently discussed with the President and he is aware of the concerns of the deans. It was agreed that the new policy will result in a significant shift in workload and responsibility for monitoring grants from the Grants and Contracts Office to the various deans' offices.

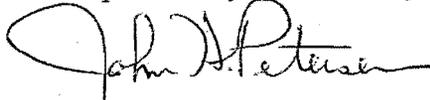
Dr. Robinson introduced the idea of a university-wide faculty development and evaluation committee. No action was taken at this time.

In response to a question from Dr. Nelson, Dr. Petersen reported that a student evaluation of teaching will be done this year. There will be a voluntary "trial-run" during the fall semester with the results going to the faculty member only and a mandatory evaluation during the spring semester with the results going to the faculty member and department head only.

Dr. Petersen requested that each dean provide current information on the amount of part-time and overload budget expended for the fall semester. Also college requests for part-time and overload allocations for the spring semester need to be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Petersen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John H. Petersen

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