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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans
September 23, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James L. Davis at 9:00 a.m. Deans present included Nelson, Hardin, Sutton, Mounce, Lloyd, Chelf, Gray, Hourigan, Sandefur, Robinson and Petersen.

Minutes of the September 9 meeting were approved as written.

Dr. Sutton distributed current enrollment data for the 1980 fall semester. Part-time enrollment is down, due largely to reduced off-campus offerings, while full-time enrollment is up.

Dr. Davis reminded the deans of the need to review reappointment decisions for faculty members. Any non-tenured faculty member on a regular appointment who has been at Western for three years or more and who will not be reappointed must be notified by October 1.

Dr. Livingston Alexander, who is serving as administrative intern in the Office of Academic Affairs, joined the meeting and was introduced to the group.

Dr. Sandefur opened discussion of the Academic Program Review which is to be done this year. He reviewed a draft of a data-gathering questionnaire prepared by the Academic Program Review Committee. Considerable discussion followed, including questions about the ultimate disposition of the results of the study. The study will apparently be appropriate for Council on Higher Education reports as well as the upcoming Southern Association reaccreditation. Some discussion focused on whether the study should be done in one year or divided into a two year effort. Most comments favored completing it in one year. Dr. Davis requested that the deans review the draft with their department heads and bring any comments back to a special meeting of the academic deans to be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m.

The proposal for the establishment of Research Professorships was introduced by Dr. Gray. Questions were raised about the cost of supporting such Professorships and the related question of priorities among university goals and activities.

President Zacharias joined the meeting and briefly discussed fund raising efforts and the current status of federal appropriations for higher education.

The discussion of the Research Professorships was resumed.

Dr. Hardin moved support of the proposal, with provision that it be examined by each college with respect to unique needs and that it be supported only by outside funds. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chelf. The motion failed.

Dr. Sandefur moved approval of the original proposal to indicate support for research of the university with the assumption that it be implemented as resources are available. Dr. Nelson seconded. Several deans pointed out that each college already has some flexibility to support such Research Professorships if they choose to do so. This motion was approved.

Dr. Davis reported on the status of the Potter College Dean Search Committee. It is ready to begin its work. He also reported that a committee of Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Sandefur, President Zacharias, Dr. Cook and Dr. Davis would be formed to study allocation of funds from dually-funded, grant supported projects.

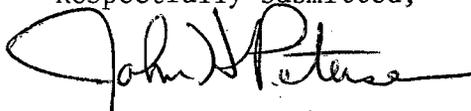
Dr. Hardin discussed audit requirements on grants which may involve treating faculty load assignments as official time-accounting documents. He also reported progress on Western's FM station, and the application for an FM station in Owensboro. He indicated that faculty members would be invited by College to attend orientation sessions of the Kentucky Museum. These will be held October 6-13.

Dr. Gray distributed printed material on graduate assistantships and an article on university management.

Dr. Sutton reported that program listings and course listings on the Schedule Bulletin will be arranged in the future by departments and grouped by college to give greater visibility to the colleges.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

John H. Petersen