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Minutes

Council of Academic Deans

November 11, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James L. Davis at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. Sandefur, Mounce, Sutton, Robinson, Hardin, Nelson and Petersen. Dr. Gary Dillard substituted for Dr. Gray, Dr. Wayne Hoffman substituted for Dr. William Lloyd and Dr. Dansereau substituted for Dr. William Hourigan. Guests included Dr. Jerry Wilder, administrative interns Dr. Livingston Alexander and Joan Krenzin and Drs. Rita Guardioli and Jesse McCartney of Ball State University, Drs. Suzanne Reid and Betty Chapman of Western Illinois University, who are visiting Western under the Institutional Exchange Program.

The minutes of the October 28 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The meeting was opened with a discussion of the appointment of college advisors which was led by Dr. Sutton. He reported that several deans had appointed such advisors for their colleges. Dr. Nelson raised several questions about the role and function of these new college advisors, including their relationship to the advising work being done by Ms. Garmon and her staff with underprepared students. Dr. Sutton's proposal involves work with the undecided students who are able to identify their interests with one of the colleges.

Dr. Sutton and Dr. Wilder then reviewed the recommendations for a new system of advising for the university. Dr. Wilder discussed the study he has completed on this subject, copies of which have been circulated to the deans. Extensive discussion followed, including comments from the representatives from Ball State and Western Illinois. Issues discussed included the desirability of mandatory advising and the most effective mechanisms for implementing advisement. Dr. Sandefur raised several questions about the proposal. No further action was taken at this time.

Dr. Petersen briefly reported on the implementation of the new sabbatical leave program. Applications were due in departments heads' offices November 10, and in the deans' offices November 17. The deans' advisory committees will then consider the applications in each college and make recommendations to the deans. The deans' recommendations will be due in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs on December 8.

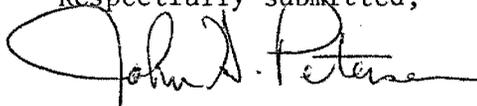
Dr. Dillard reviewed the Graduate Council recommendation on "Standards of Excellence for Graduate Courses at Western Kentucky University". There was a consensus that the words of Excellence be deleted from the title of the recommendation and that the words credit-producing experience be replaced by the words graduate course. The amended statement on page 1 (items 1-7) was approved on a motion by Dr. Sandefur seconded by Dr. Dillard. After some discussion, the chair ruled that the statements on the second page headed "Adoptions of these standards imply the following:" have not been considered or approved by the Council of Deans.

Dr. Dillard then reported on Graduate College enrollment data for the Fall Semester 1980. He pointed out the decline in full-time enrollments among graduate students.

The subject of the appointment of research professorships was again brought before the Council. A motion was made by Dr. Mounce to accept the revised proposal presented by the Graduate College. It was seconded by Dr. Robinson and approved without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

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