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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans

December 15, 1982

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Members present included Drs. Sandefur, Gray, Nelson, Robinson, Lloyd, Hardin and Petersen. Dr. Robert Hoyt was also present.

Dr. Davis opened the meeting with a discussion of the prospective enrollment for Fall 1983. Current indications are that the first-time full-time freshman enrollment may be down significantly. Dr. Davis requested that the deans bring this matter to the attention of the department heads and faculty and solicit ideas from them and others regarding recruitment strategies. The deans are to submit suggestions in writing as soon as possible.

Dr. Davis advised the deans that a reduction in state funding to the university during the fiscal year is still a possibility. The deans will be informed as soon as any formal information is available on this subject.

A procedural step in implementing the new rank and promotion guidelines has been clarified by President Zacharias. A faculty member who is not to be recommended for promotion would be officially notified following review by each administrative level through the President. In this way, a faculty member would have an opportunity to exhaust any possible appeals before final recommendations are sent to the Board of Regents.

The minutes of the December 1 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Dr. Gray reviewed some of the issues discussed at the annual national meeting of graduate school deans. Among these issues were declining federal support for graduate education, problems with accreditation agency relations with universities, minority and non-traditional student recruitment, trends in libraries and research resources, pre-college student preparation and the place of liberal arts in the curriculum.

Dr. Nelson presented a proposal for a revision in the summer school salary scale for faculty. In general, the proposal recommends moving from the current flat rate scale by rank to a percentage of individual salary base. This will be considered again at the next meeting.

Dr. Davis gave a brief report on the recent meeting at Western with University of Louisville officials. Individual topics will be pursued later.

The new procedure for change of grades was discussed. Dr. Davis relayed some of the concerns of the Faculty Senate about possible interference with academic freedom. The consensus of the deans seemed to be that the new procedure was warranted and was having the positive effect of reducing the number of grade changes.

Dr. Sandefur's request for a review of between-class time intervals was deferred until the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Petersen

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