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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans

April 26, 1984

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. Nelson, Gray, Lloyd, Chelf, Robinson, Hellstrom, Hardin and Petersen. Dr. Roger Pankratz represented Dr. Sandefur and Dr. Larry Miller, Administrative Intern, and Dr. Robert Hoyt were also present.

The minutes of the April 10 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Dr. Hoyt distributed additional information to supplement the proposal to expand the University Honors Program and responded to questions. After discussion and clarification of some points, the Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

Dr. Davis reviewed the changes that have been suggested in the "Deans" Criteria for Promotion Recommendations. Any further comments or suggestions are to be sent to Dr. Davis in writing within the next few days so that the document can be returned to President Zacharias. Dean Hellstrom specifically agreed to review the document for grammatical clarity and consistency.

The final report of the Task Force for Strategic Planning was distributed to the Council for comment. After discussion Dr. Davis requested that the Deans submit any written reactions to him by Monday, April 30.

Dr. J. J. Sloan of the Office of Academic Computing and Research Services, joined the meeting to describe an opportunity for joint purchase of microcomputers from Digital Equipment Corporation in cooperation with the University of Louisville. A substantial discount in price is available through this arrangement. The University of Louisville Foundation is also planning to provide no-interest financing for these purchases.

Dr. Davis reviewed materials distributed in connection with the April 27 meeting of the Programs Committee of the Council on Higher Education. He particularly noted plans for a study by the legislature of program quality and "unnecessary duplication" in Kentucky public higher education.

The Council considered a report from Dr. Raymond Cravens, Cooperative Center for Study in Britain, regarding cross-registration of courses offered by the various Kentucky universities offering classes in Britain through CCSB. Some concern was expressed regarding insurance of the quality of courses offered by other Kentucky institutions. Students need to be carefully advised regarding the transferability and/or acceptability of such courses at Western.

Dr. Davis distributed copies of a letter from President Zacharias regarding misperceptions by some faculty members about the President's position on teaching, research and public service responsibilities of faculty. He requested assistance in correcting these misperceptions. Dr. Davis also asked the deans to provide him with information on how merit funds were distributed among faculty in 1984-85 salary recommendations; specifically the priority assigned to outstanding teaching.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John H. Petersen

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