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MINUTES
Council of Academic Deans
October 22, 1985

Dr. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. Sandefur, Binder, Hellstrom, Gray, Kupchella, and Petersen. Mr. James Oppitz represented Dr. Hershbarger.

Dr. Haynes made several announcements, including the next meeting of the Board of Regents scheduled for Saturday, October 26. Summary reports on GPA and ACT averages for current students and tenure rates by department were distributed.

Dr. Petersen updated the deans on student recruitment efforts, including new academic program publicity and recruitment efforts in the fourteen tuition incentive counties in Indiana and Tennessee. He requested that the departments and faculty in the colleges begin making efforts to include these counties in their student contact and recruitment efforts.

Dr. Raymond Cravens joined the meeting to report on the status of the study abroad program in Great Britain, the Cooperative Center for Study in Britain. He provided information on the program planned for 1986 and asked the deans for their support to encourage faculty and student participation.

There was extensive discussion of class scheduling for on-campus classes. The issue is whether the university should uniformly enforce the existing class schedule or create a new afternoon and evening schedule to reduce or eliminate Friday afternoon classes. The subject will be considered further at future meetings.

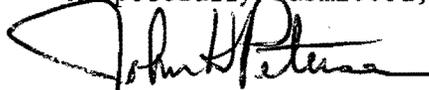
Dr. Curtis Englebright joined the meeting to discuss new teacher certification requirements at the graduate level. One effect is to increase the requirement for additional subject matter coursework for graduate credit. Such courses could include new "generic" courses in subject areas designed especially for teachers. These courses would need to be available both on-campus and in extended campus. Some of the problems of appropriate academic quality and meeting minimum enrollment requirements were discussed. The subject will be considered again at future meetings.

The deans discussed the current university policy regarding grade changes which require department head approval. No change in this policy will be recommended at this time.

Discussion of other agenda items was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Petersen