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MINUTES

Council of Academic Deans

February 28, 1986

Dr. Haynes called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Members present included Drs. Hershberger, Kupchella, Gray, Binder, Hellstrom, and Dr. Brenner representing Dr. Sandefur. Dr. Richard Miller, and Dr. Pat Pearson, the Administrative Intern, were also present.

Dr. Richard Miller, President of Sigma Xi, reported that Sigma Xi proposed to have a University Scientist Day on Friday, April 11, 1986, with poster presentations given by principal research investigators. This will be held in the Garrett Ballroom. Tours of laboratories for interested groups will be held, and there will be a reception in the evening for community members. On Saturday, April 12, 1986, the undergraduate and graduate student research competition will be held in TCCW, Room 129. Dr. Miller asked that the members of the Council inform and invite faculty members to participate in the poster presentations and the other activities.

Dr. Haynes discussed the possibility of having a Department Head Retreat with Murray State University on either June 9-10, 1986 at Pennyrile Lodge, or June 15-16, 1986, at Lake Barkley. The jointly shared A.C.E. costs would be approximately \$3,750 with additional costs of about \$60 per person. It was decided the June 16-17 dates would be best for the Department Heads from Western Kentucky University as these dates would not interfere with the beginning of the summer session.

The Summer Schedule for 1987 was discussed, and members were asked to review their documents pertaining to this matter.

Methods of evaluating teaching were discussed, and the Deans were asked to have each department decide how they wanted teaching to be evaluated. Dr. Haynes mentioned that student evaluations should not be used to rank-order faculty members but to place them in groups of good, middle or bad. It was suggested that departments might use student input to form evaluation instruments. Discussion on the value of typing student comments was held.

Dr. Haynes distributed a memorandum from Dr. Alice Rowe concerned with recommendations for nontraditional students and the Reentry Center. It was agreed that there is a need to continue to look at strategies for these students. Discussion was held on the possibility of having a Campus World Welcoming Center for Western Kentucky University.

A report on recent student recruitment activities was distributed.

Dr. Brenner suggested that nominations for University Faculty Awards (Teaching, Research, and Public Service) should go to the Deans' offices first, rather than the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Haynes asked Dr. Brenner to bring suggestions on this matter back to the next meeting of the Council of Academic Deans.

The salary policy, which included incentive pay and increment, was discussed briefly.

Dr. Gray informed the Council that Dual Credit courses (advanced high school courses) are presently being offered by the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. Western Kentucky University will begin a pilot project in the fall of 1986.

There is a possibility that Summer Session Extended Campus courses will be held, but because the summer session budget is limited, additional extended campus courses must be self-sufficient.

Dr. Gray also gave a progress report on the implementation of Graduate Faculty membership requirements. At the present time, 149 faculty members have been approved.

A brief discussion was held on the available desegregation money. To qualify, a department must identify a need for a faculty member in that area and show that there is a pool of qualified black faculty members.

The Council adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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