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MINUTES
Council of Academic Deans
November 11, 1986

Dr. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Dr. Martray, Mr. Greeley, Dr. Hellstrom, Dr. Binder, Dr. Hershberger, Dr. Gray, and Dr. Petersen (second half of meeting).

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

Dr. Haynes made several announcements. The list of proposals for Centers of Excellence had been accepted. Deans were asked to remind department heads of the need to follow the Center of Excellence guidelines. Dr. Sloan has indicated that the teacher evaluation materials will be available during the week of November 17. Dr. Haynes also suggested the possibility of an open telephone line being extended into the evening hours, thereby permitting prospective students to be called by departmental faculty. Dr. Haynes requested that faculty nominations for the Nobel Lecture Series Committee be forwarded by Friday, November 14.

The distinguished visiting professor program received limited, but positive discussion.

Dr. Haynes announced that President Alexander is considering increasing the extra service factor for teaching extended campus courses. The cost and impact upon the budget were considered.

The University recruitment brochure has been developed and submitted to departments for further review. Publication costs will be absorbed by the central University.

Dr. Binder is constructing a schedule for extending library hours to meet the needs of the new summer school schedule. Also, attention is being given to the possibility of extending access hours to midnight (Monday-Thursday) and to opening the Science Library on Saturday.

There was limited discussion of Dr. Richard Wilson's proposal that an additional category of university awards be created for department heads. Since these persons are eligible to compete for the other awards, a specific award does not seem warranted.

There was further discussion of the Saturday seminar concept. Support was expressed for a package arrangement including an educational event followed by dinner prior to selected basketball games.

Dean Kupchella's memoranda concerning graduate programs and graduate faculty membership received limited discussion. Dean Gray will provide further information in preparation for subsequent discussion of these topics.

Dean Kupchella had submitted a draft of a policy statement encouraging more uniform utilization of class periods during the day. The statement emphasized the need for a University-wide coordinated effort in spreading courses throughout the day. The proposed policy included the requirement that each academic department offer some minimum number of courses in the afternoon hours. The topic will be discussed further when Dean Kupchella is present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Elmer Gray
(for John Petersen)

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