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MINUTES

Meeting Council of Academic Deans November 13, 1990

Dr. Robert V. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. Ward Hellstrom, Michael Binder, J. Michael Brown, Elmer Gray, John H. Petersen, and Livingston Alexander. Mrs. Sharon Dyrssen represented Dr. Ronnie N. Sutton, and Dr. James Craig represented Dr. Carl R. Martray, and Dr. Martin Houston represented Dr. Charles E. Kupchella.

The minutes of the October 23, 1990, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Haynes presented for discussion a format for evaluating Deans and Directors. An extended discussion ensued. Dr. Haynes indicated that the proposed evaluation format would require action by the Board of Regents.

Next Dr. Haynes introduced for review the document, "Policy on Personnel Files." The general consensus of the Council was that the new policy should be implemented as soon as possible.

Dr. Haynes brought back for discussion the document, "Procedures for Evaluation of Non-Tenured Faculty and for Tenure Recommendations." The ensuing discussion resulted in a few modifications in the document. Dr. Haynes indicated that the specified dates will be reviewed to assure that there is consistency with dates specified in the most recent edition of the Faculty Handbook.

Dr. Gray addressed the next agenda item (Telecommunications) by questioning the level of readiness of the institution to fully utilize the growing capabilities in Telecommunications. Dr. Gray proceeded to explain the difficulties he now encounters in scheduling telecourses. He also underscored the limited facilities available for offering courses via interactive television. The concerns expressed by Dr. Gray prompted discussion about the quality of the instruction via telecourses. Council members concurred that the issues need more study and that a definitive strategy for utilizing the Telecommunications capabilities should be developed.

The next items discussed by Council members were Part-Time Faculty and Summer School Stipends. Council members were in general agreement that stipends for part-time faculty need to be increased. To inform decision making about recommendations regarding part-time faculty stipends, Dr. Haynes asked Dr. Gray to suggest a reasonable level of compensation after examining levels of compensation at comparable institutions. Dr. Haynes then focused the discussion on Summer School Stipends. Council members acknowledged that there is a need to increase the stipend. Several members also expressed a strong need to increase support for Summer Research Fellowships. Dr. Haynes indicated that the topic would be presented again to Council members for discussion.

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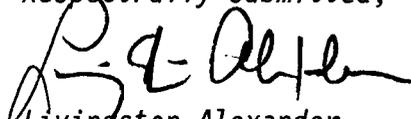
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Dr. Petersen distributed to each of the College Deans a copy of the CIC Directory of Minority Ph.D. Candidates and Recipients. He asked the Deans to encourage Department Heads and search committee chairs to utilize the document and take proactive steps to increase the pools of minority candidates for faculty positions. Dr. Haynes emphasized the need to develop more effective procedures for identifying the minority candidates in the applicant pools.

Dr. Brown initiated an abbreviated discussion of problems associated with awarding the grade of "W" on grade recording sheets. Dr. Haynes suggested that the item should be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Livingston Alexander

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