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MINUTES

Meeting
Council of Academic Deans
April 14, 1992

Dr. Robert V. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. Michael B. Binder, Elmer Gray, Ronnie N. Sutton, J. Michael Brown, Charles E. Kupchella, John H. Petersen, and Livingston Alexander. Dr. David Lee represented Dr. Ward Hellstrom, and Dr. John O'Connor represented Dr. Carl R. Martray.

The minutes of the April 7, 1992, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Haynes began the meeting with a review of several issues related to the 1992-93 budget. He informed the council that President Thomas C. Meredith had presented the recommendations of the Budget Committee to the Board of Regents on April 13, 1992.

Dr. Gray then presented for discussion and possible council endorsement a proposal to offer a graduate program in Russellville. The proposed program, a Master of Arts in Education degree program, would include courses from education, psychology, business, communication, and engineering technology. Some council members reflected concern about their ability to deliver courses on demand given the shortage of faculty personnel. After extensive discussion the council voted to endorse the proposal which will be presented to the Russellville community in response to their repeated requests for a program of this type.

Dr. Haynes referred to an item included in the agenda packet entitled Program Recommendations in Western XXI--Status Report and Action Steps. He proceeded to review progress to date on those recommendations that pertained to academic programs. He suggested that discussion at the institutional level may soon return to the recommendations and that the council should be prepared to report on progress by the dates specified in the document.

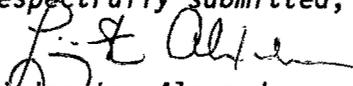
The next item presented for discussion was a statement summarizing the action taken by the Council of Deans at its April 7, 1992 meeting with respect to health programs. Dr. Haynes asked council members to review the statement and provide feedback in advance of the presentation of the statement to President Meredith.

Dr. David Lee then led the discussion of a report he had prepared on the possible creation of Distinguished University Professorships. Dr. O'Connor suggested that the nomination process begin at the department level; and Dr. Gray suggested the inclusion of external reviewers in selecting participants in the program. Dr. Lee was asked to incorporate feedback from the discussion into a revised proposal.

Finally, Dr. Haynes referred to an item which he had included in the agenda packet, Request for Alternate Assignment Time from Twelve Credit Hours of Instruction. The document incorporated suggestions from an earlier discussion. Council members were asked to share the document with department heads and faculty and to provide feedback at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Livingston Alexander