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MINUTES

Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans
November 28, 1995

Members present: Martin R. Houston, Jack O. Hall, Jr., Elmer Gray, Michael B. Binder, David D. Lee, John H. Petersen, Carl R. Martray, Michael C. Dale, Jacqueline Addington and Robert V. Haynes.

The Council of Academic Deans was reminded to make a note about the corrected optional retirement policy.

Copies of the Governors' Scholars applications are available in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs for any interested faculty.

The corrected copy of the sabbatical leave eligibility policy was noted.

The CAD has a question about the fund balance allocation by the Faculty Computing Committee and the instructional computing incentive pool. Dr. Haynes will inquire of Dr. Charles Anderson.

Mike Dale reviewed the optional retirement plan. The CAD strongly endorsed the optional retirement plan and will ask the university to implement.

Kentucky supports the Southern Regional Education Board's Doctoral Scholars Program. The Council on Higher Education is requesting funds to support six scholars and nine scholars in the years 1996 and 1997 respectively. John Petersen is looking at the cost so that the CAD can better evaluate its own minority faculty development program. Dr. Gray will continue to explore the SREB program. At present W.K.U. contributes approximately \$35,000 annually toward its program. The SREB process provides approximately \$17,000 and tuition plus \$1,500 for a total of \$25,000. In the past we have brought faculty in at the instructor level to see if they are effective. Then, if the faculty member is interested and studies in a program area needed by W.K.U., we have been willing to support their pursuing the terminal degree required by that program area.

The CAD reviewed the University of Delaware 1994-95 national study of instructional costs and productivity. Dr. Haynes requested Mike Dale to try and obtain the Delaware data for W.K.U. benchmarks only. He will also get Phil Myers to obtain information on sponsored research costs. It also became clear that we need work load policies. A reminder again that deans and department heads need to review for accuracy the work loads as reported by faculty. We need to define more clearly what the "other" categories are. Department heads should not fill out the survey.

Promotion and tenure information should be submitted by the holiday break.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jacqueline Addington