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MINUTES
COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS
OCTOBER 28, 1997, 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Elmer Gray, Michael C. Dale, Phil Myers, Michael B. Binder, David D. Lee, Carl R. Martray, John H. Petersen, Paul Rice, Robert W. Jefferson, Luther B. Hughes, and Martin R. Houston.

I. **The Minutes** of the October 21, 1997, meeting were approved as corrected.

II. **Information/Clarifications Items:**

A. **Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**--The deans were reminded that the workshop, "Distance Learning Infrastructure, "Dr. William H. Graves, Presenter, is scheduled for November 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m., Downing University Center, Room 305

B. **"90 Second" Updates:**

Michael B. Binder--shared with the deans that the Kentucky Museum quilt collection was featured in the publication, "American Quilt Collections."

Phil Myers--indicated that a National Science Foundation grant in the amount of \$280,000 has been awarded to Western Kentucky University for "Acquisition of Workstation Computers, Rapid Prototype and Digital Scanner for a Cross-Departmental Laboratory. This project is under the direction of Murat Tiryakioglu, Howard T. Leeper, Department of Industrial Technology and Arthur D. Shindhelm, Department of Computer Science.

Dr. Myers reminded the deans of the workshop dealing with budget preparation scheduled for November 19-20.

Martin R. Houston--indicated that the Rural Water Grant is now on President Clinton's desk and part of the overall HUD proposal--awaiting final word.

Carl R. Martray--Bell South Celebration for the "Consolidation Plan" is scheduled for this afternoon, October 28, at 3:30 at the Economic Development Center. Western administrators and the faculty who will be participating in the partnership Schools Program will be attending the event along with principals, and representatives of the public schools involved. Dr. Martray invited the deans to attend the celebration.

Martin Houston, Charles McGruder, Julia Roberts and Carl Martray have just returned from a visit to North Texas University where they observed the Texas Academic of Math and Science. This is a school for intellectually precocious junior and senior high schools students. These students take colleges courses, live in college dormitories and are integrated with other university students in the classroom setting. There are approximately 400-500 student participants in the program at North Texas University. The qualification for participation is a minimum of a 100 SAT score but the average score of the participants is 1400. The program is funded by the state legislature. Julia Roberts and Charles McGruder will put together a prospectus for a similar program at Western Kentucky University for presentation to the Governor.

Paul Rice--He has been having discussions with the National Park Service Job Corp Center concerning the possibility of bringing some of the Job Corp students to Western's campus. Also the Community Colleges will be offering courses on site at the Job Corp Center.

Robert W. Jefferson--reminded the deans that the AACSB Accreditation Group will be on campus Monday, November 10 through Wednesday, November 12. He encouraged the deans to attend the luncheon scheduled at noon on Monday, November 10.

Elmer Gray--shared with the CAD that he is attempting to fill two part-time faculty positions within his area they are:

- 1) someone to work with the development of the "Virtual University," and
- 2) the position of Director of Women's Studies

John H. Petersen--passed around a copy of the Fulbright Visiting Scholarship Program brochure for the deans information and suggested that they might consider the university's participation in the program.

Dr. Petersen also distributed to the deans a copy of the recommendation from the ad hoc committee to consider options for summer term teaching loads and faculty eligibility for summer fellowships. The item will be placed on the agenda for the November 4, 1997, meeting.

Luther B. Hughes--shared with the CAD that there is available a listing of the 9,713 Western alumni who are either faculty or administrative staff at the high schools in Kentucky. Access to this list is available upon request.

The Computer Literacy Committee has met and a report will be forthcoming to the Vice President for consideration.

- C. **Advertisements/Publications and University LD.**--Dr. Burch shared with the CAD a copy of an advertisement that appeared in the newspaper relative to an event that was co-sponsored by Western Kentucky University and an outside funding source. There was no mention of Western Kentucky University in the advertisement, only the outside funding source. She stressed that there should never be an ad placed involving Western that does not mention Western. She urged the deans to discuss this in their respective colleges.
- D. **CPE Memorandum Re: "Change in High School Graduation Requirements"**--Dr. Burch stressed that pre college curriculum requirements should be in alignment with the change in high school graduation requirements that have been approved by the LRC's Administrative Regulations Committee.
- E. **Information about the Course: Issues in Utilizing the Internet in Instruction (PSY 501)**--Dr. Burch shared with the CAD a copy of the course syllabus for PSY 501 which was created for to assist college level faculty and administrators who are interested in learning about pedagogical issues in using the Internet to conduct college course work.

III. Discussion Items:

- A. **Freshmen Year Experience**--Dr. Hughes distributed a copy of a new course proposal from the University College, "Freshman Seminar (UC101) for comments/reactions from the deans. The deans made several suggested changes and Dr. Hughes indicated that these changes would be incorporated before the course is presented to the Academic Council. Dr. Hughes also asked the deans to discuss the course with their department heads and obtain their input.

- B. Academic Program Review Process: Next Steps**— The deans have reviewed the program reviews for their respective areas and have submitted those to the Vice President. Dr. Burch indicated that final decisions will have to be made by Thanksgiving as to which of the programs will be submitted as proposed “Distinguished Programs” to the Council on Post Secondary Education. Dr. Burch indicated that she will share the status of the process with the Board of Regents at the October 31, 1997.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kayelene R. Russell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kayelene R. Russell