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AGENDA

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Office of Academic Affairs

October 10, 1978 -- 9:00 a.m.

- I. Disposition of the Minutes of the October 3 Meeting
- II. Discussion Items:
  - A. Student Retention
  - B. Travel for State-Wide Committees - Dr. Cravens
  - C. Graduate Assistantship Report for 1978-79 - Dr. Gray
- III. Other Business

MINUTES

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS  
October 10, 1978

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Davis at 9:05 a.m. In attendance were deans Nelson, Hardin, Gray, Mounce, Hourigan, Russell, Sutton, Cravens, Sandefur, Stroube and Robinson. Dr. Wallace Nave attended for Dr. Chelf.

The minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Davis distributed material from the Chronicle concerning state appropriations for higher education and pointed out the status of Kentucky, and of Western within Kentucky, in receipt of funds.

Dr. Davis announced the impending visit on Monday, October 16, of Mr. David Grissom and Mr. Harry Snyder from the CHE. He requested that recent faculty publications be forwarded by Friday noon to Dr. Stroube, who will prepare a display for the Regents Room.

Dr. Davis announced his receipt of plans from two colleges for 24-hour faculty teaching loads.

Dr. Cravens distributed information on the Tuesday, October 17 Rodes-Helm lecture and urged attendance.

Dr. Nave distributed material on Summer Session stipends and requested that the deans be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Dr. Nelson requested that serious consideration be given to the University's paying Social Security, which would be tax free, for faculty rather than giving raises.

Dr. Cravens explained the recommendation that a fund be established from which faculty members would be reimbursed for travel connected with state-wide committees. The Mounce-Gray motion to accept the recommendation and to ask the deans to supply Dr. Stroube with figures for determining the amount needed was passed with one negative vote (Dr. Hardin).

Dr. Davis introduced a discussion of student retention. Dr. Mounce mentioned, and Dr. Sutton concurred, the futility of gathering data without action. Having excellent faculty assigned to freshmen teaching, using a big brother/big sister plan and academic planning were suggested as means for combating the problem.

Dr. Gray presented the assistantship report and explained that data on individual students must be kept confidential. He pointed out that Western's assistantships are not competitive with those of other institutions in the surrounding states and described this year's assistants as over 50% from out-of-state, mostly white, and about equally male and female.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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