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AGENDA

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Office of Academic Affairs - 9:00 a.m.

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- I. Disposition of the Minutes of the July 22, 1980 meeting
- II. Discussion Items:
 - A. Expectations of Graduate Courses - Dr. Robinson (attachment)
 - B. Information on Graduate Enrollment - Dr. Gray (attachment)
 - C. Evaluation of 1980 Summer Session First Term - Dr. Robinson (Attachment)
 - D. Assessment of Academic Programs - Dr. Davis
- III. Other Business

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. James L. Davis. Deans in attendance were Sandefur, Russell, Gray, Hourigan, Chelf, Robinson, Nelson, Stroube, Hardin, and Sutton. Mr. Oakes attended for Dean Mounce; Dr. Bill Lloyd attended with Dean Russell. Mr. John Burt attended part of the meeting for Dean Hourigan.

The minutes of the July 22, 1980, meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Davis reported on the July 27, 1980, Board of Regents meeting, held in Owensboro. The deans discussed possible guidelines for the future awarding of honorary degrees.

Dr. Gray introduced a discussion of the "Standards of Excellence for Graduate Courses" which have been formulated by a committee of the Graduate Council and have passed a first reading by that body. Dean Sandefur questioned the source of the recommendation for reducing the size of graduate classes to 6 to 15 students and asked for information as to research data in support of it. After discussion, Dr. Gray suggested that the deans focus their attention on the six standards and agreed, in response to Dr. Sandefur's questioning, to drop consideration of the three implied goals. Dr. Stroube suggested that the deans submit to Dr. Gray in writing their comments on the standards.

Dr. Gray distributed again the Graduate College's proposed system for recognition of graduate level instruction. The deans discussed the load credit proposed for faculty teaching a partial load of graduate courses.

Dr. Gray explained the CHE system of suspending registration of certain graduate programs instead of dropping them. This practice will allow a program with low-enrollment to be temporarily withdrawn in order to revise it, an easier process than re-submitting it as a new program.

Dr. Sandefur moved and Dr. Russell seconded that the deans endorse the Graduate College recommendation that the load credit for teaching a graduate level (500-600-700) course be adjusted by a multiplier of 1.15. The motion was passed.

Dr. Gray commented on the graduate program enrollment by college and program.

Dr. Robinson presented the evaluation of the 1980 first summer term.

Dr. Davis commented briefly on the plan previously approved by the deans for assessment of academic programs. He appointed a committee, consisting of Deans Sandefur (Chair), Hardin, Hourigan, and Robinson, to draw up recommended guidelines for the assessment of academic programs both graduate and undergraduate. The recommendation should be ready to submit to the deans at their first fall meeting, the customary all day meeting, to be held this year on Wednesday, August 20th.

Dr. Davis reminded the deans of the luncheon for Dr. Cravens, who is returning to fulltime teaching; he spoke of the many accomplishments and talents of Dr. Russell, who also is returning to the classroom; and he commented on

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the contributions to administration of Dr. Stroube, who will return to the Department of Agriculture for his first fulltime teaching assignment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faye Robinson

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