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AGENDA

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Office of Academic Affairs
January 22, 1980 - 9:00 a.m.

I. Disposition of the Minutes of the December 18, 1979 Meeting

II. Discussion Items:
   A. Spring Semester Registration
   B. Graduate Programs in Extended Campus Settings

III. Other Business
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. James L. Davis. Deans in attendance were Nelson, Gray, Russell, Sutton, Chelf, Stroube, Mounce, Cravens, Hardin, and Robinson. Dr. Kenneth Brenner attended for Dean Sandefur and Mr. Mike Rush attended for Dean Hourigan.

The minutes of the December 18, 1979, meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Sutton reported that headcount enrollment for spring 1980 compares favorably with that of a year ago. The FT graduate students and FT sophomore enrollment is slightly down; but freshmen, junior and senior FT enrollment is up--150 FT freshmen; -50 FT sophomores, +50 FT juniors; +50 FT seniors, and -50 FT graduate students.

A discussion of graduate programs in extended campus settings was initiated by Dr. Davis, who expressed the need for more cooperative efforts between academic areas and professional education and the need for more advance planning of offerings. Dr. Gray commented on the College of Education's percentage of total FTE graduate enrollment and the fact that the growth has been primarily in extended campus. He asked that "packages" of courses be offered in certain settings to aid students in planning programs.

Dr. Davis commented on the concern for quality and the need to monitor and to maintain quality in graduate level courses, both on and off campus. A discussion of graduate course requirements ensued.

Dr. Mounce moved that the Graduate Council develop a statement of expectations for graduate-level courses. The motion was seconded by Dr. Russell, and it was passed.

Dr. Gray expressed concern over the problem of grade inflation. Dr. Davis reminded the deans of their responsibility in the matter. Dr. Sutton reported the availability of reports on grade distribution.

Dr. Chelf distributed an article "Harvard's Soft Core" by Peter Engel.

Dr. Davis distributed a packet of material including a memorandum sent to him by President Zacharias concerning the proposed change in credit given for thesis and independent study direction. Dr. Zacharias will recommend to the Board of Regents the change in load credit for thesis direction.

Dr. Davis reported on the new guidelines for interviewing prospective faculty and for reviewing any vacated position to make a determination as to whether the position will be filled.

Dr. Davis reminded the deans that faculty members are to be given the opportunity to sign all pages of their own evaluations.

Dr. Sutton commented on the retention problems. Dr. Robinson agreed to provide at the next meeting the data from the retention survey she conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Robinson