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AGENDA

Council of Academic Deans

Office of Academic Affairs

Wednesday, August 17, 1983 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

- I. Disposition of the Minutes of the July 26 Meeting
- II. Review of the Rank and Promotion Document
- III. Discussion of General Objectives for Academic Affairs for 1983-84 (Draft - Attachment)
- IV. Student Outcomes Assessment (Attachment)
- V. Discussion of August 20 Board of Regents Meeting (Attachment)

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch at Briarpatch Restaurant

1:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- VI. Dialogue with President Donald Zacharias
- VII. Brief Summary by Each Dean of College/Area Objectives for 1983-84
- VIII. Other Business

MINUTES

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August 17, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Davis. Members present included Drs. Sandefur, Hellstrom, Gray, Nelson, Lloyd, Chelf, Hardin, Robinson and Petersen.

The minutes of the July 26 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The revised general rank and promotion guidelines that have been drafted by Dean Hellstrom were discussed. Several positive comments were made and the deans agreed to arrange for opportunities for department heads and faculty members to review this document during the next few weeks. A date for final comments and recommendations from departments and colleges will be set soon.

A general discussion of undergraduate scholarship policy and administration took place. The deans expressed the view that greater efforts should be made to use scholarships to recruit high ability students and also that the academic colleges and faculty have a greater role in scholarship allocations.

Dr. Davis reported on correspondence which President Zacharias has received from Mr. Harry Snyder of the Council on Higher Education regarding alleged harrasment of Vietnam-era veterans and other related problems.

Dr. Davis indicated that there will be 42 new faculty members, all essentially replacements, for the 1983-84 academic year. There has also been progress made in increasing the number of minority faculty members.

There was a brief review of the draft statement of 1983-84 objectives for academic affairs. Dr. Davis appointed a committee made up of Dr. Lloyd, chair, Dr. Sandefur and Dr. Robinson to refine and clarify the list of goals and objectives and return with a revised draft to the Council of Academic Deans.

Dr. Robinson reported on her attendance at a meeting of state university representatives sponsored by the Council on Higher Education on the subject of "value-added" or "outcomes assessment" in higher education. She will circulate notes taken at the meeting to the deans for their information.

Dr. Gray circulated a set of draft questionnaires designed for assessment of graduate programs. Entering students, graduating students, alumni and faculty would be surveyed. The deans agreed to review these drafts with department heads and respond with any suggested changes and additional questions specific to programs that should be added. They will provide these responses directly to Dr. Gray by the end of September.

The agenda for the Board of Regents meeting scheduled for Saturday morning, August 20, was reviewed. President Zacharias joined the meeting briefly to discuss the Board meeting agenda.

There was a break for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

President Zacharias distributed copies of the 1984-86 preliminary state appropriation request which will be considered by the Board of Regents and submitted to the Council on Higher Education and state government. This request will incorporate elements of the new funding formula.

The President then reviewed: (1) data on degree graduates from the university over the period 1971-1983. Numbers of graduates have fluctuated from year to year. In recent years there have been declines in numbers of baccalaureate and masters degree recipients and an increase in the number of associate degree recipients; (2) development of incentive systems for faculty and staff to help overcome morale problems and "burnout"; and (3) the status of academic advising.

Additional discussion took place regarding clerical staff personnel policies, printshop and purchasing office procedures, and scholarships and other programs to promote academic excellence at the university.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Petersen".

John H. Petersen