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Meeting
of the
Council of Academic Deans
January 10, 1989

Dr. Robert V. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. J. T. Sandefur, Ward Hellstrom, Charles E. Kupchella, Michael B. Binder, Ronnie N. Sutton, Elmer Gray and John H. Petersen. Mr. R. J. Opptiz represented Dr. J. Michael Brown.

The minutes of the December 15 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Haynes announced that the next meeting of the Board of Regents will be on Thursday, January 26 in the afternoon.

Dr. Sutton distributed a proposal to deal with the issue of how to provide academic advising to undeclared students. Currently there are some 1300 students in this category who are not assigned to particular advisors. There was extended discussion of the general problem of how to provide advice and who should provide it. It was agreed that a study committee should be created for long-range planning in this area and that some steps need to be taken immediately to deal with the problem during the spring semester. The immediate need may be met through some combination of regular faculty, part-time faculty, retired faculty or other staff. Dr. Kupchella was particularly interested in strengthening a career oriented component of advising.

Dr. Haynes requested that the deans follow up on the requested report on the status of incentive funds to be returned to colleges from external grants.

Dr. Haynes announced the upcoming meeting of the American Association for Higher Education in Chicago April 2-5. He suggested the possibility of taking a van to the meeting in Chicago.

Salary policy and evaluation of faculty were discussed at length. Dr. Haynes indicated that he anticipates that the university's policy will emphasize performance. Dr. Kupchella pointed out that the deadline for submission of faculty evaluations will have to be moved up to meet the new salary recommendation guidelines.

There was a brief discussion of the development of doctoral study at Western. Further evaluation of this issue was suggested by Drs. Sandefur and Kupchella.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Petersen

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