

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL
Minutes
Arts & Sciences Conference Room
October 28, 1975

PRESENT: Edgar, Alderman, Charignon, McGraw, Miller, Moore, Paraska, Scriven, Swan, Yozwiak, Loch, McBriarty.

ABSENT: Rand

1. Minutes of the October 7, 1975 meeting were approved.
2. Dean Scriven distributed copies of the Kent State University catalog.
3. Dr. Edgar distributed copies of the proposed student academic grievance procedure which has been recommended by the Senate Student Affairs Committee. Considerable discussion ensued pertaining to considerable dissatisfaction with the proposal. After considerable deliberation, and since it was apparent that this proposal would be presented at the November 7 meeting of the Senate, different strategies as to communicate our opinions were discussed. As a result of this discussion, it was moved by Paraska and seconded by Moore "that Vice President Edgar notify the chairperson of the Senate Executive Committee that the Academic Deans' Council does not endorse the proposed student academic grievance procedure dated October, 1975, as might be inferred from the background statement but, in fact, finds serious shortcomings in the proposal." Copies of the motion were to be sent to Mr. Abram, Dr. Bakos, and Dr. Vanaman.
4. Dean Paraska brought to the attention of the Council problems associated with the general requirements for graduation statement contained on p. 36 of the current catalog. Since it became evident that the statements contained therein are somewhat ambiguous, Dean Paraska has agreed to draft a proposed revision of this section of the catalog for presentation to the Council for their consideration.
5. Considerable discussion on redefinition of the I grade as is being considered by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Senate occurred. It was moved by Paraska and seconded by Moore that the redefinition of the PR grade, rather than the I grade, be undertaken to facilitate the introduction

of competency-based curricula. Although differences of opinion were expressed about the utilization of the PR grade, it seemed that the majority of those in attendance felt that it would be necessary to place restrictions upon the use of the PR grade. These restrictions should probably focus upon limiting to designated courses and a time period during which the PR grade must be changed to some other permanent grade. It is expected that these factors will be taken into consideration as the redefinition.

6. Dr. Edgar expressed concern about the selection of textbooks for classroom use. Problems have arisen because faculty members have not been in compliance with Item 21, p. 19 of the Agreement which stipulates "a faculty member may select a textbook or books to be used in his or her courses unless the faculty member teaches a multi-section course, for which the departmental faculty as a whole has prescribed a specific textbook or textbooks." Although no specific action was recommended by the Deans' Council, the opinion seemed to be that closer compliance with the stipulated statement of the Agreement should be expected.
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes by Moore.

Approved by Academic Deans' Council November 18, 1975