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ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL  
August 19, 1975

PRESENT: Alderman, Moore, Paraska, Miller, Charignon, Yiannaki, McBriarty, McGraw and Yozwiak

ABSENT: Edgar, Rand, and Scriven (Vacation)

GUESTS: Loch, Grcevich, and Richley

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Executive Office Conference Room. Alderman reported on the events leading to the meeting. Both the University of Akron and Kent State University will offer televised instruction for credit this fall in the form of "Making It Count", a twenty-segment course in basic computer technology. The course, produced by the Boeing Corporation, includes the televised programs, accompanying textbook, and written quizzes and examinations. The Department of Engineering Technology proposes to offer a new course which will be based on the Boeing package.

Alderman reported the unusual background of the situation. An ad hoc NETO Committee, which included representatives from Youngstown, Kent, and Akron, met during the spring to develop a policy governing televised instruction for credit. It was the clear understanding of the Youngstown representatives that none of the three institutions would offer a course over television until the policy was developed and adopted. However, without a policy having been adopted Akron University proceeded unilaterally to announce that it would offer "Making It Count" as a credit course this fall, and Kent State has since taken the same action.

The strong recommendation from the YSU people involved - Loch, Grcevich, and Rand - is that Youngstown also offer the course. This recommendation has been endorsed by Vice President Edgar and the President. The matter is being brought to the Deans to seek their input.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the details of the course and the subsequent action to be taken. Alderman reported that he would be calling a special meeting of the Senate Executive Committee to present the recommendation to them. Paraska asked if it would be helpful to have the formal endorsement of the deans; Moore (a member of the committee) said it would.

Moore moved that the course proposal be taken to the Senate Executive Committee with the endorsement of the deans; Paraska seconded the motion. Yozwiak noted his objections to the financial arrangement involved, which will require the University to pay 50% of the tuition charged, regardless of how many hours credit it carries and regardless of the extent to which the course is taught by a member of our faculty.

Miller noted his concern that the course may be offered for varying amounts of credit on different campuses.

The motion carried unanimously.

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McGraw moved that the deans go on record as urging our representatives to NETO to seek the establishment at the earliest possible time of a NETO policy governing televised instruction for credit. Charignon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

In other business: 1) Paraska questioned the appropriateness of our suspending a student who does not achieve a 2.25 GPA in a quarter when he is on probation; this unjustly hurts the part-time student who carries one course and earns a C. Yozwiak suggested he write up a proposal and submit it at the next meeting.

2) Yiannaki reported on registration and fall enrollment. (See appended handout.)

3) Several of the deans expressed their dismay at the small number of openings remaining in freshman service courses, such as English and Mathematics. Yiannaki observed that this was related to the shortage of classrooms this fall; Paraska and Miller objected that it resulted in part from low maximum enrollment figures for freshman English; Yozwiak defended the ceiling of 25. Alderman was asked to contact Krill to see if any additional space (deans' conference rooms, Kilcawley Cafeteria) could be found for emergency use this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appended: Course description, Computer Technology 510 (Richley)  
"Count as of August 18, 1975" (Yiannaki)