

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL

May 2, 1978

Present: Edgar, Moore, Paraska, Rand, Sutton, Miller, Scriven, Loch, McBriarty, Yozwiak

- 1) Scriven moved approval of the minutes of January 31, 1978, McBriarty seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) Edgar discussed a change of format for recognizing honor students that was suggested by Barbara Scott--similar to that used at Commencement. Consensus of the deans was in opposition to the suggestion.
- 3) Edgar discussed the eligibility for STRS on the part of limited service faculty as provided by recent legislative action. What number of hours should be used to determine FTE in determining years of service?
- 4) Paraska gave a report on the ad hoc calendar committee
 - a) 70% return of questionnaire by faculty
 - b) Faculty vote was 2 to 1 in favor of the semester system
 - c) About 2/3 felt that calendar should begin after Labor Day
 - d) A student questionnaire is now being prepared directed at certain aspects of the calendar.

Moore indicated some possibility of public schools starting in late August with time off in January (an "energy-saving" calendar). Paraska stated that the Committee was obtaining such information. Akron goes on the semester system in Fall 1978; Kent State in Fall 1979. It seemed to be the consensus that Paraska should give the Committee's report to the Academic Senate before the end of this academic year.

- 5) Edgar made comments on the "exit interview" of the North Central Committee. The Committee felt that faculty were not clear of the amount of research they were expected to do; that the University was not clear in its direction towards graduate study; that a systematic review of both graduate and undergraduate programs should be conducted; that we lack a data base to justify the need of various undergraduate programs; that we create a committee for long-range academic planning; that the role of the graduate assistants be studied; that resources ought to be provided for the recruitment of minority and women faculty; that the number of limited-service faculty should be reduced; that there is a potential for a full-tenured faculty and that this might cause a lack of vitality in the faculty; that there is a need to provide incentive for faculty development. The Committee reported that it would recommend "continued accreditation without condition".
- 6) Edgar commented on the need for programs that would attract non-traditional students--not only curricula but also possibly different "delivery systems". He reported that Redburn is preparing a questionnaire for

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telephone interviews with people in the community to determine a need assessment and what the barriers might be to further education.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Bernard J. Yozwiak