Minutes

Academic Deans' Council - October 28, 1980

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Present: Dodge, Paraska, Rand, Smith (Robert), Ms. Terry Beronja for Dean Sutton, McBriarty, McGraw, Ruggles, Scriven, Loch, Foley (Guest)

- The minutes of the meeting of October 21 were approved as distributed.
- 2. Mrs. Foley was present in response to the Deans' request and reported on progress with respect to the Attrition/Retention Task Force. She distributed copies of "1979 Recommendations of the Original Ad Hoc Attrition Retention Committee," including her comments and responses.

Mrs. Foley reiterated her hope that each college would proceed with selecting their Attrition/Retention teams; at this point she was not quite sure what these groups would be doing but that they would at least be communicators and persuaders within their respective colleges.

Following Mrs. Foley's presentation, Dean Rand suggested that we probably would want to discuss progress at some later date and that should any Dean have comments about the distributed report they should send them directly to her.

- 3. "Selected Short Subjects" by Dean Rand
 - a. ABET, the professional accrediting society for engineering education has been on campus and is winding up its work today.
 - b. Electrical Engineering, having not been able to fill all faculty vacancies, found it impossible to staff 900 level courses; as a consequence Dean Sutton recommended that no new graduate students be admitted to Electrical Engineering. This suspension will be removed when the graduate courses can be staffed.
 - c. Following last year's budget preparation, the College of Business Administration and the Schools of Education and Engineering were asked to submit proposals for capping enrollment in order to permit staffing to catch up with course demands.
 - d. The Board of Regents is in the process of considering a differential fee scale with no particular outcome predicted at the moment.
 - e. Some state institutions have put into effect second term fee increases for the current academic year in direct response to the 3% cut in subsidy.
 - f. Additional subsidy cuts may be forthcoming during the course of the year.

- g. Central State, Wright State and Miami Universities are undergoing compliance review.
- h. Dr. Humphrey undertook a flextime scheduling study last summer, finding that it worked in his area. Should any of the Deans see a possibility of introducing it, they should consult Vice President Humphrey for suggestions.
- i. The Senate Executive Committee has been studying the committee structure of the Senate; ideas should be sent to Dean Dodge, the administrative representative to the Executive Committee.
- j. The current enrollment increase in state institutions around Ohio is regarded as a short term phenomenon by the Board of Regents. The Board continues to have concern about off-campus programming by state institutions.
- k. Dean Rand assumes that the goal-setting sessions and evaluations of chairmen are proceeding on schedule.
- 1. Several copying machines have been replaced because of concern about a chemical used in them. Although no danger had been shown to come from the use of the machines, it was felt, for various reasons, that replacement was appropriate.
- m. The United Way is far from its goal.
- n. On November 12, Channel 58 will go on the air to provide better reception locally of PBS programs.
- o. From September 1982 to June 1983 there will be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the institution's beginning as Youngstown College.
- p. Dean Rand reminded us that the President is the only one having authority to appoint alternate signature authorities.
- 4. Referring to an earlier point, Dean Paraska asked on what basis the decision was made to put caps on enrollments. Answer: accreditation requirements and instructional standards in general.
- 5. Dean Dodge raised the question of possible conflict of interest by the faculty with specific reference to instances of courses that were initiated for Continuing Education and then offered by the same individuals on their own. What is needed are more clearly defined regulations for faculty who continue programs initiated originally under the aegis of the University.

Dean Rand suggested that Dr. Loch work up a set of guidelines or regulations which might be included in the next Agreement and that these be passed along to Vice President Alderman.

Respectfully submitted,

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