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DEANS' COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 1986

PRESENT: Angle, Dodge, Gillis, Hotchkiss, Loch, Lyons, Mapley, McBriarty, Pullman, Richley, Ruggles, Scriven, Sutton, Yozwiak

I. The minutes of February 11 were approved as distributed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Preferential Registration Status - J. Scriven reported that the student registration process can be revised to permit student registration by grade point average within class rank. He indicated that authorization to develop such a system would be needed and suggested that a committee including students should study the concept and make a recommendation.

Considerable discussion followed on the wisdom of developing such a system. The concept originated from a discussion centering on the inability of students to register for English 550 and 551. The proponents of this concept view it as a reward for academic performance, not as a solution to the English problem. The opponents supported the concept of reward for academic performance but felt that this system would punish and alienate many other students.

Sutton moved and Ruggles seconded the following motion.

Beginning with Winter Quarter 87, student registration will be based on G.P.A. within class rank.

The result of a vote was; Approve 4, Disapprove 4, Abstain 1. Motion was not approved for lack of a clear majority.

- B. North Central Association Reaccreditation Self-Study - The Provost reported that the Steering Committee would soon make available guidelines and format for the self-study.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Class Scheduling - A review of current class scheduling practices regarding time of offerings was prepared for the Provost. He noted that the manner in which upper division major courses were offered often resulted in student scheduling conflicts. In an effort to develop a more efficient delivery system of classes, the Provost will develop a new schedule of time offerings. Attempts will be made to standardize the times during which lecture courses, lab courses and graduate courses would be offered so as to prevent overlap.

The objective is to develop a scheduling model for the future that will avoid conflicts and work toward a possible demand registration system.

- B. Saturday Registration Date Change - The following changes were made in Summer registration of New, Transfer, and Former students.

Saturday, May 24, 1986 was changed to
Saturday, May 17, 1986.

Saturday, May 23, 1987 was changed to
Saturday, May 16, 1987.

The above changes were approved by a vote of 7 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

- C. An informational memo dated March 3, 1986, from the Student Academic Affairs Committee was reviewed and discussed.
- D. Selective Excellence Program - The Provost reported some conflict between present YSU Board policy and the budgeting of Selective Excellence Program funds. He will review Board policy in this regard and may recommend revisions.
- E. Final Examination Schedule Problems - It has again been reported by some students that final exams were being administered during the last week of classes. Considerable discussion followed centering on the need to make clear that final exams are to be administered during finals week. Finals administered previous to that time effectively reduce class time available for instruction.

All agreed that it is normal to expect a final exam in a course as a terminating experience, but that while final exams can be advocated, they can not be legislated.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Approved Experimental Offerings - Provost Gillis reported that the number of experimental course offerings requested was considerably greater than the budget would allow. A listing of approved experimental offerings was distributed to all Deans.

Discussion followed on the possibility of developing an annual scheduling of class offerings. Such a schedule would provide early notice to the public and facilitate a marketing approach to class offerings. J. Scriven will develop a model for use in structuring an annual schedule of class offerings.

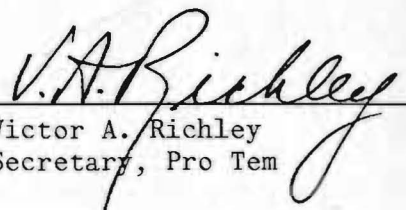
- B. Report on "F" to "W" Petition - An earlier proposal discussed by the Deans to delete F to W petitions was studied by the Academic Standards and Events Committee and rejected.
- C. Student Record System - The Provost reported on a Computer Center presentation to develop a totally on-line student record system. His impression was that much resource would be needed and that the development of such a system might require a piecemeal approach as resources become available. Some detail on this system will be distributed soon.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Deans are to submit to the Provost a listing of their needs for an on-line student records system.
- B. The Deans are required to inform their students about Warning, Probation and Suspension. Arts and Sciences has supplied the Provost with several sample letters for general use.
- C. The recent Computer Services Committee report to Senate on Academic Computer Service Centers was discussed. Funding to maintain the Centers is a problem. The Provost has the recommendation under review.
- D. The Provost will soon circulate a policy statement on the availability and scheduling of PC and computer terminal labs in Meshel Hall. The intent is to have all general labs open and available to students unless scheduled for appropriate classes. The concept of roving student lab assistants was discussed as was the problem of software security and student screening.
- E. Dean Yozwiak presented a Math Department proposal to test 0 hour freshmen in fundamental math. This process is being tested in anticipation of a possible mandatory testing for all entering freshmen.

Considerable support for the concept was voiced as was a suggestion that the testing sample not consist of a totally voluntary group of students. Results from a totally voluntary group could be considerably skewed from the norm.

- F. Because of budgetary problems, Media Center delivery services will be reduced. A memo providing detail on the curtailment of services will follow.


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Secretary, Pro Tem

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