Academic Deans Council Minutes of April 17, 1990 Meeting

Present: Gillis, Cicarelli, Hotchkiss, Mapley, McBriarty, McEwing, Richley, Ruggles, Sutton, Sweetkind, Yiannaki, Yozwiak

- 1. The minutes of the February 13 meeting were approved.
- 2. Old Business update
 - a. Degree Audit status Masters will return to the task and try to bring it to completion soon.
 - b. Senate Bill 140 It was announced that about half of the school systems in Ohio have elected not to participate in 1990-91.
 Examples in our area: Boardman, Canfield and Warren will participate; Austintown, Poland, Youngstown will not.
 - c. Budget Preparation not yet complete.
- 3. Provost Gillis distributed copies of OBR's Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study's (RACGS's) <u>Guidelines and Procedures for Review</u> <u>and Approval of Graduate Degree Programs</u>.
 - a. He announced that the NEO Provosts have advanced the proposed consortium Ph.D. program in Clinical Science. Several other programs are still in the "talking stage".
- 4. Yozwiak mentioned that there was interest in giving a Math Placement Test to freshmen in Summer '90 (a 45-minute test, locally developed, testing algebra and some geometry but no trig; to be given to students 15 minutes after taking the English Placement Test; taking the test would be optional but not so indicated). The discussion that followed indicated that there seemed to be little support for instituting math testing at this time. Some comments and suggestions made during the discussion included
 - a. The new ACT test may negate the need for a separate math test.
 - b. If we test, we should buy a "validated" math test rather than designing our own.
 - c. Should we go to the expense of "another" test?
 - d. If the test is made optional, we should be open about the fact.
- 5. Mapley is serving on a subcommittee of the state committee on articulation. The task is to determine a "45 quarter hour common core" of the general education requirements that will be transferrable among the state institutions. He indicated that he would suggest 8 q.h. English, 12 q.h. Humanities, 12 q.h. Social Studies, and 12 q.h. math/science and requested the reaction of the deans to this. All were in favor of that suggestion.

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- 6. Yiannaki distributed a copy of a sample letter to be sent to past transient students urging them to consider attending the Summer 90 quarter.
 - a. He mentioned that the EARLY Program is quite successful with over 600 attending (only 5 have declined).
 - b. Copies of summer dates for Fall registration were distributed.
- 7. Loch indicated that the unions at General Motors are interested in a program of courses that will enable employees to reach Level 7 (Senior Advisor) status. He will be discussing this further with the deans and faculty as plans develop.
- 8. The question of the appropriate last day to add a class for a 5-week course was briefly discussed. Yiannaki will review past policies on the matter.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Bernard J. Yozwiak Secretary pro tem

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