ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
October 3, 1984
CALL TO ORDER
Larry Esterly gives the podium to Dr. Humphrey for opening remarks. (See Attached)

The Senate Executive Committee will look very closely at President Humphrey's address and wherever there is a need for a Senate committee action, the assignment will be made to the appropriate committee by the Senate Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 1984
Minutes were approved as distributed.

## REPORT OF CHARTER AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

No report.

## REPORT OF SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Larry Esterly reported that the Chartered Committees and Subcommittees of the Academic Senate are now in the process of holding reorganization meetings. These reorganization meetings should be completed by October 15. By late October, there will be a campus distribution which lists the Committee and Subcommittee Chairmanships. The Senate Executive Committee will be holding a reorganization meeting very shortly.

The Senate Executive Committee has been informed by Jeanne Ann Lasky, Chairperson of Student Council, of the filling of two vacancies in student membership of Academic Senate:

Brock Fernier, the representative of Williamson School Brian Evans, the representative of the School of Engineering.

The Senate Executive Committee has also been informed, by letter from Dr. Humphrey, of his appointment of Dr. Paul Peterson, Department of Biological Sciences, as the YSU NCAA faculty representative. Dr. Humphrey selected from among three names as forwarded by the Senate Executive Committee.

As mentioned in Dr. Humphrey's remarks, and at his request, the Senate Executive Committee, on behalf of the senate established an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Review of the Black Studies Program on June 12.

The proposal adopted by the Senate Executive Committee is as follows:

Given the request that Dr. Neil Humphrey, President of Youngstown State University, in his letter of 26 April 1984, "that the Academic Senate accept responsibility for review of the existing Black Studies Program and development of recommendations concerning any changes believed desirable," The Senate Executive Committee hereby establishes an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Review of the Black Studies Program. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will direct its report to the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee, Programs division. The parent committee subsequently will report to the Academic Senate.

## AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF THE BLACK STUDIES PROGRAM

CHARGE: The subcommittee shall review the Black Studies program as to its academic purpose and viability. Such review should take into account the evolution and current standing of the Black Studies Program at Youngstown State University within the context of similar developments at other institutions within American higher education.

SCHEDULE: The subcommittee is to organize in September of 1984, and is to complete its report and submit same to the Programs Division of Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee no later than the end of Winter Quarter, 1985.

The composition of the Subcommittee includes the following members:
Dr. Fredrick Blue, Chairperson Dr. Sally Hotchkiss, Associate Provost, Administration Representative
Mr. Veral Adair, Student Representative
Prof. Homer Warren, Liaison with Programs Division, Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee Dr. James Conser, Liason with Academic Standards and Events Committee
Prof. Joan Boyd
Prof. Sarah Clark Brown
Prof. Syretha Cooper
Dr. Ronald Gould
Dr. Glorianne Leck
Dr. Lee Slivinske, Reporter for research/resources
Deadline date for Charter Committee and Subcommittee Chairman to submit agenda items will be as follows for fall quarter: For the meeting of Wednesday November 7, the deadline date is Friday, October, 26. For the meeting of December 5, the deadline date is Friday, November 16. The Academic Senate will meet, not the first Wednesday of January, 1985, but the second Wednesday of January, 1985; it will be January 9, 1985. The agenda deadline date will be Friday, December 21.

Since the last meeting of the Academic Senate on June 6, the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents has met on several occasions. Dr. George Beelen, YSU's representative to that Committee reported. (See Attached Report)

## REPORT OF ELECTIONS AND BALLOTING COMMITTEE

Sara Throop reported for the Elections and Balloting Committee. Six people will be nominated to fill three vacancies for Charter and ByLaws Committee. After that, two people will be nominated for the vacancy of Senate Chairmanship.

There are six committee members with three selected each year for two-year terms. Anyone who is eligible to serve on the Senate is eligible to be selected. The three members who will continue to serve are: Ikram Khawaja

Joan Philipp
Peter Baldino
Nominees for the three positions (2 year terms) on Charter and ByLaws Committee were:

William Jenkins
Richard Jones
Virginia Phillips
Renee Linkhorn
Steve Schmidt
Duane Rost
Barbara Brothers
Only Senate members are eligible for Chairman of the Senate. The person takes office through November--serves a one-year term.

Nominees for Chairman of the Senate are:
Hugh Earnhart
Larry Esterly
REPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND MEDIA SERVICES COMMITTEE
Dr. Glorianne Leck gave the following informational report:
We presented our annual report to the Academic Senate on May 2, 1984 and we received Senate consent that "in the event that additional funding was made available (beyond the allocation of $\$ 660,000$ ) for $1984 / 85$ that the Library and Media Services Committee was to meet and to consider special needs and allocate those special funds according to the Committee members' best "judgment".

As it turned out, we were informed of the allocation of an additional $\$ 40,000$ to be added to our annual budget. We met on June 25, 1984 and considered all requests and concerns that we had had from the colleges and departments.

The Committee voted to restore to the college budgets their portions of the $\$ 15,000$ that had been taken from the college budgets for use by the Library for replacement of lost and damaged materials. An $\$ 8,000$ allocation was given on this one-time basis to the College of Engineering for materials on standards and regulations. \$17,000 was allocated for this one-time basis to the College of Arts and Sciences. Spending of
this allocation for noted concerns and specified departmental needs was encouraged.

OLD BUSINESS
None
NEW BUSINESS
None

MEETING IS ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,


## Dr. Humphrey's Opening Remarks

I am pleased once again to accept the invitation of Professor Esterly to speak to the Academic Senate as it starts its activities for the Academic Year. I covered in some detail several items at the Faculty/Staff convocation September 17 which are, I hope, of interest to this Senate.

It isn't a President's place to set the annual agenda for an Academic Senate. It is generally considered appropriate, however, for a President to seek the review and advice of the Senate concerning problems he knows the University must resolve or to note an activity that would benefit by timely faculty study. I wish to take this opportunity to do just that.

Last winter Provost Gillis and I sent a letter to the Academic Deans related to our concern about the growing number of undetermined majors at YSU. We sent a copy of that letter to all faculty, academic department chairpersons, and academic advisors. We noted that there were over 4,200 undetermined undergraduate majors last fall and that the number had increased 19 percent from the previous fall. Dr. Gillis and I noted our support of appropriate review of this matter and noted that suggested changes would be given early review. I had assumed, and this may still be the case, that review of this problem should start in each school or college--that the problem or its solution in the College of Arts and Science, for example, might be significantly different from that in CAST.

Once again, Provost Gillis and I join in calling for proposals concerning this. It seems to us that one way to start would be adoption of a University Policy limiting the total number of credits a student might earn while in the undetermined major category. For example: it would be reasonable for a student to be forced to determine a major before being allowed to register for his or her 96 th credit, I.E., junior standing. Surely it can be agreed that it is contrary to the student's interest to earn more credits than this approximate number without agreeing upon an academic major and establishing an academic objective. Some total other than 95 credits earned may be a better number, but that part of the problem needs closure and I believe the Senate should turn its attention to this if you are not already doing so.

The related problem, of course, was also noted in last winter's letter referenced a moment ago. The number of students with undetermined majors may indicate that our present program mix is inadequate. Either we don't have programs which interest these students or they are not qualified to be admitted to the programs which do interest them. The students are, in effect, voting with their feet. They haven't left YSU yet but they will. Opening day enrollment was down a bit from our projections and maybe a part of the reason is that students who would otherwise be enrolled haven't found programs which cause them to enroll. We cannot, I agree, add programs without full understanding of the resources needed and a commitment to supplying those resources. We also cannot add programs without sufficient study of the need and marketability of such programs. We must, however, continue this review. I assume that we can't continue to offer exactly the same program mix year
after year any more than any other institution can--higher education or otherwise. Deans and Department Charirpersons must take the lead in this; however, the Academic Senate must also be prepared to move expeditiously.

A significant part of the answer might come from certificate and associate degree programs which train people for existing serviceoriented jobs. YSU is not a vocational school, but it isn't Princeton either. We must, if we are to serve the needs of this area and if we are to remain viable as an institution, be able to educate a broad spectrum of students in programs that in some cases will be identical to those found in good universities and in other cases will be found in good community colleges. University of Akron enrollment has increased more than $15 \%$ since 1980 and University of Toledo more than $20 \%$, and they are taking the course of action I'm talking about. We must find our own way to increase enrollment stability.

Now, a separate matter: I note with approval that the Senate responded to my request of last April that you review the Black Studies Program. It is my understanding that Dr. Fred Blue, chairman of the Senate's AD Hoc Committee, has called the first meeting of that group for October 11. We will offer that committee whatever assistance they desire.

This next item is not a senate matter, but rather an attempt to keep the University informed. The problem of what to do with the Pollock House has been a concern. Every time there is a Physical Plant crew working on campus on Saturday, someone assumes the Pollock House is coming down. It isn't. This summer I appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to develop recommendations on how we might use this building. This committee is chaired by Vice President Looby and includes Professor John White from the Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Department; Professor Anne McMahon from the Management Department; Mr. William B. Pollock who was born in the house; Dr. Loch from Continuing Education; Greg Ball, a student; and Ed Salata, Executive Director of Facilities. That committee will soon file its report.

This ties to the larger problem of the Fleischman Report on long range facilities development. You will recall that the Fleischman group filed their report but that no action was taken by the Board. The administration has been reviewing the consultant's recommendations one-by-one and in total concept. We expect to be into the Board's Building \& Property Committee with this soon and then on to the Board--perhaps in December. It has been slow because of other projects with higher priority, especially the problem of getting already funded construction underway. Before a final recommendation goes to the Board of Trustees for adoption, there will be a hearing to which the University community and the public will be invited.

I am personally delighted with the spirit of cooperation one finds on campus. Faculty, staff, and students like YSU and, at the same time, recognize that it has potential to be much better than it is. The Academic Senate is an important part of the whole process--not only in developing recommendations on referred problems or making decisions on others, but by initiating and stimulating. I want to continue to work with you and look forward to doing so.
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# Chancellor of Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) 

Summary of Meetings: May, June, July and September, 1984

The last several meetings have pretty much followed an identical format: morning meeting where FAC members shared information regarding their specific institutions and speculated about who would be the new Chancellor and afternoon meetings with Acting Chancellor William Coulter. At the May meeting Dr. Coulter said the Search Committee was moving again; at the June meeting Coulter was rumored to be the leading contender; at the July luncheon meeting FAC congratulated Coulter as the new Chancellor; and finally at the September 17, 1984 meeting we had our first full-fledged meeting with Chancellor Coulter.

At each of the afternoon sessions, Dr. Coulter spoke to us of the many developing opportunities for Ohio's higher education in the 1980's and beyond. "Never before has higher education been so clearly seen by Ohioans, by the Governor within his strategic planning process, and by legislative and private sector leaders as a rich resource for Ohio's economic resurgence. . . ," said Chancellor Coulter. "Having concentrated for 20 years on putting in place a system of colleges and universities accessible to all Ohioans, the OBOR and state leaders must now focus these resources on Ohio's needs," he continued. The intent is to challenge institutions of higher education to develop qualitatively and to effect economic and social progress which will give Ohio a competitive edge in the world marketplace.

Accordingly the OBOR has recommended for the $1986-87$ biennium a higher education budget of $\$ 2.5$ billion, some $\$ 715,000,000$ more than the last biennial budget. The major thrust of the Regents' budget recommendations is new investment in educational and research excellence through, first, stabilizing the base of support, and then selectively enhancing the quality of programs in the state's higher education system.

Among the features of this new OBOR initiative are:

1. Stabilizing the base of support by providing a strong sustaining budget to be used for equipment replacement, more library acquisitions, better building maintenance and faculty/staff adjustments which were often deferred during the period when severe budget cuts were mandated. Additionally, the students" share of the cost of higher education will be restored from the all-time high of $47 \%$ to approximately $30 \%$.
2. Selective excellence initiatives to move beyond the important strong sustaining budget to identify and build centers of excellence that serve as magnets for attracting the best scholars and students. The program is designed to enhance the quality of those higher education programs which are oriented both to institutional mission and statewide purpose. The specific components of the Selective Excellence Program are:
a. Eminent Scholars Program provided in $1984-85$ nine $\$ 500,000$ awards (on matching basis) for endowed professorships ( $\$ 6$ million for $1986-87$ )
b. Program Excellence provided in 1984-85, 22 one-time grants ranging from $\$ 75,000$ to $\$ 169,000$ for enhancement of undergraduate programs ( $\$ 3$ million for 1986-87)
c. Research and Technology Challenge Program is new and is designed to stimulate greater institutional success in attracting grants and contracts for basic research and for state-of-the-art equipment to be used in research and technological development. ( $\$ 60 \mathrm{million}$ for 1986-87)
d. Academic Challenge Program would encourage the development of "centers of excellence" throughout Ohio by challenging the state's colleges and universities to make strategic choices about their strongest and highest priority educational programs, advancing levels of support for these programs over a six year period. The OBOR is seeking for this period of time a $1 \%$ subsidy enhancement or $\$ 50,000$, whichever amount is greater, each year for each college and university to use in advancing the quality of programs which they choose. ( $\$ 20$ million for 1986-87)
e. Productivity Improvement Challenge Program which would provide incentive grants for Ohio's two year institutions to improve access to special populations and to enhance their capability to respond to job training needs of business and industry. ( $\$ 5$ million for 1986-87)

Permit me finally to add a few additonal observations.

1. Chancellor Coulter appears to be both excited about initiating and capable of implementing much of the new strategic planning for Ohio's higher educational system.
2. He has a good relationship with the Governor, the legislature and the academic community.
3. He sees a growing relationship between Ohio colleges and high schools, largley due to the articulation processes of recent years.
4. He challenges those of us in the arts, humanities and social studies to sharpen and refine our arguments in order to receive a "fair share" of monies from the Selective Excellence programs. He does not doubt that a case can be made, but we must help him "sell" it.
5. He now envisions his office and OBOR as advocacy agents; this advocacy dimension represents a new thrust. His appointment of Dr. William J. Napier as Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, whose charge is to work actively with institutional, government, business and industry, labor and community leaders is one manifestation of this new thrust.
6. Although the next round of grants will not be available until the next biennium, we first-round non-recipients would be well advised to begin our planning soon.

For additional details regrding any portion of this report andor any suggestions or questions regarding FAC, please call me at Ext. 3451. The next FAC meeting is on October 17.

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ATTENTION
THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR 1984-85, WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 4 p. m., ARTS AND SCIENCES AUDITORIUM, ROOM 132, DEBARTOLO HALL. ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND THE AGENDA FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AS WELL AS A LIST OF THE SENATE MEMBERSHIP FOR 1984-85.

