

MINUTES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

DATE: Friday, April 7, 1972 at 3:00 PM in ESB 291

PRESENT: M. Siman, E. Edgar, R. Curran, F. Rosenberg, V. Richley,
E. Eminhizer, M. Brunner, R. Kreutzer

ABSENT: J. Scriven, J. Roderick

1. Minutes of the last meeting, February 25, 1972, were approved as distributed.
2. Chair announced the resignation of student member Dan DeSalvo-Student Council and Dean Rishel have been asked for a replacement. In addition, G. Dobbert is on sabbatical for Spring Quarter 72, cannot attend meetings and evidently will not be replaced.
3. Discussion of the definition of the "W" grade was resumed after the introduction of a reworded statement from the Academic Deans Council (March 30, 1972 memo from V.P. Edgar). It was agreed that the new statement did not revise existing policy on the "W" grade and consequently would not require Senate approval. E. Eminhizer moved, F. Rosenberg seconded and the committee approved the statement in question;

"W represents a withdrawal properly processed during the first six weeks of any quarter (or first three weeks of either summer session). An unofficial withdrawal or an official withdrawal made after the six week period (three weeks for either split summer session) will be recorded as F. If the grade resulted from abnormal circumstances, a student may petition the appropriate dean to change the grade to W."

4. Consideration was given to Dean Paraska's request to revise existing policy concerning "Graduation Honors" so as to allow equitable recognition for Associate Degree graduates, see his memo dated February 17, 1972. It was pointed out that current policy in effect applies to baccalaureate degree graduates since it allows honors eligibility only if they have earned 90 q.h. at YSU. Since most Associate Degrees are 95 to 100 q.h. in length, Associate Degree transfer students would rarely be eligible for Honors consideration. It was further explained that 60 q.h. in the associate programs is approximately equivalent to 90 q.h. in a baccalaureate program in terms of coverage of

"Major Area" coursework. E. Eminhizer moved, R. Curran seconded and the committee approved Dean Paraskas recommendation, paraphrased as follows.

- a. Transfer students being awarded the Associate Degree at graduation are eligible for honors if they have earned 60 or more quarter hours at YSU and have met other conditions of present policy.
 - b. The above policy is to be made retroactive to include the 1971-72 academic year.
5. Discussion of the length of the "W" period was resumed with attention being given the February 16, 1972, letter by Mike Duquin. Committee sentiment seemed to oppose lengthening the "W" period for a variety of reasons all of which implied a weakening of academic standards. Concern was shown that the student be provided with some measure of his academic standing in a class before the end of the "W" period. Discussion to be continued.
6. The next meeting is set for Thursday, April 13, 1972, at 4:00 PM in 291 ESB.

VAR:js (4/10/72)

cc: A.R. Curran, E.E. Eminhizer, R. Kreutzer, J. Roderick, F. Rosenberg, M. Siman, V. Richley, E.E. Edgar, J.A. Scriven, M. Brunner, President Pugsley, Mrs. Schnuttgen