

Minutes of Meeting of Academic Council. Present were Deans Dykema, Edgar, Charignon, Paraska, and Swartz. Also present were Mr. Livosky, Mr. Aubrey, Miss Brownlee, Mr. Martindale, and Mrs. Smith.

April 23, 1968 - 1:00 p.m.

Executive Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dean Edgar.

1. Brought up for discussion was the proposal presented to the University Senate pertaining to the use and meaning of WP-WF, E and I grades, Warnings, Probations, and Suspensions. Dean Dykema stated that the proposal was tabled in the Senate. Dean Charignon stated, and it was generally agreed, that a student should be entitled to drop a course at any time during the quarter and be graded as to his performance up until the time the course is dropped. Too often the WP is thought to be used as a way of avoiding an F grade by the student. Now that Youngstown State University is a State Institution, we must take a close look at our philosophy of education. We, as a State Institution, are responsible to the Trustees and to the people of the State of Ohio. From recent studies of various Institutions' policies, it was clear that most schools do not penalize a student for an incomplete or a withdrawal. Mrs. Smith added that although we are concerned about the use of the WF, about 98% of the withdrawal grades are WP. The following motion was made:

Dean Charignon moved and Dean Swartz seconded that Dean Dykema express to the Academic Affairs Committee our reasons for defending this proposal. Motion carried.

Dean Coffield announced that a meeting would be scheduled with the Academic Affairs Committee and the deans as soon as possible.

We must consider what an F is, how it is being used and what it is for. The F grade should not be used as a penalty or punishment. The Incomplete should not be used as a substitute for an F and Dean Dykema suggested we could make our position on the "I" a little stronger by eliminating the F from the (A,B,C,D, & F) on page two of the proposal. In other words, the "I" should not be given unless it is possible for the student to receive a passing grade. If the average of a student's grades, including an F on the final, would give him at least a D- he could be given the "I". When the question was asked as to how long an "I" could stand on a record, it was suggested that it could remain indefinitely or until the student repeats the course and can be given a grade.

2. Mr. Livosky made a suggestion that we might place a limitation on the number of suspensions any one student can have on his record. This will be brought up for discussion at a future meeting. Another item for discussion at a future meeting will be the matter of one calendar year for suspension.
3. The transfer students are treated equal to our students in that they must have at least a 2.0 to enter in good standing.
4. A student must attain a 2.0 to be in good standing. This means, as stated, that a student may come in and take one course in which he receives a C and be in good standing. It was suggested that we should specify a certain number of hours completed with a 2.0 or better before the student is considered in good standing. This question will be taken up at the next meeting.

5. Some instructors are allowing students to enter class if they show their receipt of payment for this class. Please remember that a receipt of payment does not entitle the student to enter class.
6. Mr. Aubrey distributed the schedule of dates of deadlines for next year. The date for cut-off on acceptance of applications was questioned. Some members felt two months was too soon to discontinue admittance for the coming quarter. This schedule is not for publication but will be used next year to test its workability. In the future such schedules will be published. The calendar was not adopted at the meeting. It should be studied carefully so that we may talk about and work out some of the problems.
7. It was announced that a letter will be sent to all students enrolled at Youngstown State University stating that deferred payments will be discontinued next fall.
8. A problem has come up as to whether or not we should bring all new courses into the curriculum at the 4-5 hour level. Dean Coffield stated that we will conduct a University-wide review of this problem next year.

Several announcements were made:

- a. Appointment letters have been typed and are now being checked. They should be mailed within a day or two.
- b. Summer school letters have been typed and should be in the mail this week.
- c. Promotion letters have been mailed.
- d. Sabbaticals will be included on the appointment letters.
- e. In the scheduling of rooms, space utilization must and will take precedence over the individual preferences. A full-time instructor must be available at the convenience of the University.

The next meeting will be held April 30, at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.