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Academic Deans Council
Meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman, Edgar, Loch, McBriarty, McGraw, Miller, Moore, Paraska, Rand, Scriven, Sutton, and Yozwiak.

1. Minutes of the August 31 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. One additional day has been added to the late and final registration schedule (September 14, 15, and 16). However, no registration activities are scheduled during the University General Faculty Meeting.
3. Dr. Edgar briefly commented upon YSU's intent to make available to senior citizens the opportunity to attend classes on a non-tuition/no grade/space available basis. The program is to be administered through the Department of Continuing Education. The various departmental chairpersons will be contacted by the Department of Continuing Education to obtain the approval of the instructors of the course involved for each individual planning to participate in the program. Senate Bill No. 497 requires State-supported universities and colleges to make such programs available to individuals 60 years of age and older.

YSU will begin to develop a policy whereby a faculty improvement program can be provided. The various provisions of this program will be developed in consultation with the YSU/OEA. This program has been authorized by amended House Bill No. 712.

4. After considerable discussion on the "W" grade, it was moved by Yozwiak and seconded by Sutton that no grade shall be permanently recorded when a student withdraws from a course before 5:00 p.m. on the last day to add a class. Motion passed. It was suggested to Dr. Edgar that he investigate to what extent such a change would need to be submitted to the Academic Affairs Committee and the Senate.
5. Considerable discussion ensued relative to the inconsistency in the status of the audit grade. It was moved by Moore and seconded by McGraw that the Academic Affairs Committee be requested to restudy the audit grade relative to the requirements associated with the audit grade and to consider the possibility of an Audit/No Entry proviso for those students who were enrolled in the course on an audit basis but who were not living up to the expectations of the faculty member in charge of the course.

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6. Several of the problems associated with the "I" grade were discussed. Primary concerns were those associated with the apparent misunderstanding of the rationale for the incomplete grade by both faculty and students and the usage of the present form for reporting an "I" grade.

It was moved by Yozwiak and seconded by Rand that the Academic Affairs Committee be requested to restudy the present "I" grade, with special emphasis on:

- a. the necessity of having the student initiate the request; and,
- b. the requirement of the dean's signature.

Motion passed.

Dr. Edgar suggested that the deans endeavor to sensitize the faculty and chairpersons about the reasons for using the incomplete grade. He also emphasized their responsibility to make the regulations clear to both faculty and students and to provide some type of systematic monitoring to the process.

7. Dr. Edgar brought to the attention of the deans issues associated with:
 - a. the dean's list.
 - b. the conferring of honors.
 - c. possible modifications in the commencement program.

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