

## MINUTES

### ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL

September 18, 1984

**PRESENT:** Provost Gillis, Vice President McBriarty, Associate Provost Hotchkiss, Assistant Provost Scriven, Deans Dodge, McGraw, Richley, Ruggles, Sutton, Yozwiak, Assistant Deans Pielemeier, West, Acting Dean Earnhart, and Edna Neal.

I. Minutes of July 10, 1984, were approved and distributed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. Following the request of the Academic Planning Committee, the Provost brought consistent writing style to the latest version of the Academic Master Plan. Copies were sent to R. Crum, L. Esterly, and President Humphrey with a request for input prior to printing. Because of the multitude and breadth of the University mission statements available including the revised Academic Master Plan, the mission statement of the latest strategic plan is preferred by the President.
- B. The calendar for 85-87 was circulated, returned with few comments, and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for information.
- C. Candidates for faculty positions are to be interviewed by the Provost. In his absence the interview will be conducted by S. Hotchkiss and in her absence, T. Alderman has offered to be of assistance.
- D. Detailed information on the chairman's supplement was distributed following Board approval. The formula previously developed by the Hotchkiss-Dodge committee was revised to include majors and equipment.
- F. The Provost announced OBOR's approval of the BSN-Generic program at its September 14, 1984, meeting and distributed copies of the admission criteria. Concerns with the admission criteria are to be forwarded to the Provost's office for consideration. A version will then be prepared for inclusion into the Administrative Code.

During her attendance at the OBOR meeting, S. Hotchkiss noted Board approval for a significant number of new programs signifying some relief of OBOR's program containment policy.

- G. OBOR's Uniform Information System Reporting Dates was discussed. Copies are available from the Provost.
- H. The policy statement on academic standing for athletic participation distributed early this summer received major support and was adopted. YSU and possibly Akron are the only OVC schools which adopted a policy requiring good standing to participate in athletics. In addition, in order to participate in athletics, the student must be enrolled in a major after having completed 90 quarter hours.

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- I. An equipment transfer policy for replacement equipment has been developed and distributed. A list of equipment will be developed and distributed to the departments providing them with the opportunity to request a piece of that equipment. Once accepted and transferred to departmental inventories, that piece of equipment may not be replaced again at a future date.
- J. Information on the United Way campaign will be distributed directly to the campus as a whole.
- K. The Provost requested restricted parking requests made in compliance with the new policy distributed by President Humphrey.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The effort to organize and integrate equipment purchases under H.B. 798 is progressing. Equipment categories are technical equipment, data processing equipment and instructional equipment. It is anticipated that an equipment list will be submitted for OBOR's approval and that purchases may be made after October 1.
  - J. Scriven highly recommends that each deans/advisor's area be equipped with at least one printer in order to be prepared for on-line student records to be made available for Fall 85.
- B. The Provost solicited recommendations for a commencement speaker for Winter 85.
- C. The Provost's effort regarding minority recruitment produced only one applicant with the stated criteria, Masters required. That candidate was referred to Business Education and Technology and contact has been made. Recruitment efforts will take place again perhaps with reduced need in credentials. The Affirmative Action Office is developing a "skills bank" of minority applicants for future use.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. C. McBriarty reviewed the 83-84 Retention Program and provided some results of a retention study that was made. Considerable discussion followed as to the validity of the study in view of the mechanics used to select the groups studied. A complete report is available from C. McBriarty.
  - M. Echols discussed the Student Enrichment Center which replaced the Student Retention Program. Several changes have been made including selection criteria for recruiting methods. Considerable discussion followed and further detail is available from her office.
- B. A recent attempt by YSU, Akron and Kent to cooperate in the offering of PBS television courses failed. Not only were problems with PBS not solved, but the request for state subsidy for these courses was not approved. There may be an attempt to offer the courses during Winter 85.

One of the problems in this effort might be solved with departmental development of Special Topics of 500 level courses with no pre-requisites.

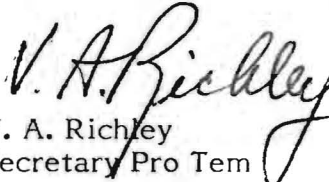
- C. The recent solicitation by R. Loch to develop continuing education non-credit programs brought little response. The Provost encouraged departmental support. The Deans generally felt that the lack of faculty interest related directly to the level of pay rates.

V. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Homecoming Committee needs a representative to assist in the screening of Homecoming candidates. Recommendations should be sent to the Provost.
- B. Funds made available by the DeBartolo endowment may be used for curriculum development during 85-86. The Provost encouraged the departments to develop proposals by January 85. The guidelines for expending the funds are very liberal allowing a significant latitude in proposal development.
- C. The Provost asked the Deans what steps were being taken to reduce the number of students in the Undetermined student category? J. Scriven reported that program numbers were recently assigned in the Undetermined categories. Information will soon be distributed on the enrollment breakdown allowing the Deans to address the problems of specific groups in the Undetermined categories. The Deans were asked to report to the Provost the steps they have taken or plan to take to resolve the problem.

There followed the most spirited discussion in the recent history of the Academic Deans' Council. There was diverse opinion on what can be done and what should be done. The only agreement noted was the need to address the problem at greater length. Several members present indicated that this discussion was perhaps the most open, vocal and frank that the Deans' Council had been involved in and that similar such discussions should be encouraged in the future.

- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

  
V. A. Richley  
Secretary Pro Tem