

MINUTES

March 17, 1971

(Joint Meeting, Academic Affairs Committee & Dean's Council)  
Youngstown State University

DATE: Friday, March 12, 1971 at 2:00 PM in ASO Conference Room.

PRESENT: V. A. Richley, E. Niemi, T. Miner, R. Smith, D. Robinson,  
N. Paraska, L. Simco, E. Esmihizer, F. Smith, F. Rosenberg,  
E. Edgar, M. Charignon, R. Hare, C. Aurand

1. Meeting opened at 2:05 PM with T. Miner reporting on the developments which led to the call for a joint meeting.
2. Dr. Edgar reported that a sub-committee of the Council of Deans studied the problem of senior grades relative to commencement and made several recommendations. The policy of early senior grades, one of their recommendations, was forcibly adopted for Winter, Spring and Summer '71 commencement because of prearranged schedules.
3. Lengthy discussion then followed touching on:
  - a. The mechanics of clearing senior sheets.
  - b. Loss in attendance at graduation ceremonies if:
    1. Diplomas were not distributed.
    2. Ceremonies were delayed a few days.
  - c. Need for more dignity in ceremonies.
  - d. Mechanics of administering early exams while conducting normal classes.
  - e. Possibility of (optional) <sup>or</sup> waiving final exams for seniors.
  - f. Possibility of mailing diplomas to graduates.
  - g. Special problems brought on by graduates in lower level science or humanities courses.
  - h. The lowering of academic standards when early senior exams are given.
4. There seemed to be general agreement on the need to allow a few more days between commencement exercises and the end of final exams so that grades could be processed, honors determined and diplomas distributed.
5. T. Miner again emphasized the general faculty concern over the policy of early senior grades and the hope that the policy would not be a permanent one.

6. The next meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee will be at the call of the chairman. Members are urged to send their Spring quarter schedules to T. Miner so that a meeting time can be determined.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
V. Richley, Secretary

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cc: E. Niemi, E. Eminhizer, F. Fortunato, R. Hare, T. Miner, G. Overby,  
V. Richley, M. Siman, F. Smith, F. Rosenberg, T. Brachfeld,  
L. Simko, Vice-President Edgar, F. D'Isa, Dean Scriven,  
President Pagsley, Mrs. Schnuttgen, Dean Paraska, Dean Miller,  
Dean Aurand,, Dean Robinson, Dean Rishel, Dean Charignon