

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL - Tuesday, May 19, 1970

The meeting convened at 1:15 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.
Present were: Deans Dykema, Swartz, Charignon, Paraska, Edgar, Byo, Scriven,
Dr. Jonas and Coffield.

1. Dr. Scriven distributed a report on Change of Grades by Instructors and indicated that the deans would receive such report each quarter. General discussion followed on procedures and practices of grade changes. Indication was given that in the petitions from students for grade change, the deans preferred to see the student personally and the necessary report should be brought to the appropriate dean by the student. Change of grades from faculty could continue to be handled by inter-office mail.
2. Dykema suggested that a procedure should be developed whereby the appropriate instructor is notified when a "F" grade is changed to "Withdrawl" by the dean's office. It was emphasized that the deans made such changes only under extenuating circumstances and when valid evidence is supplied by the student.
3. Dr. Jonas reviewed the number of copies and the type of distribution of grade reports to the various deans and sought suggestions from the Council. Each type of grade report was reviewed and the desires of the deans were expressed. General agreement was reached as to this distribution.
4. Dykema raised the question as to whether or not an instructor could require a student registered for "Audit" to complete all of the work required of other members of the class. The catalog statement on "Audit" was reviewed; the interpretation rendered that an instructor could not deny admission to an auditor on such a basis and did not have the right to require an auditor to complete all the work in a class required of students registered for credit. General discussion was devoted to the problem of audit and Dykema reported that the academic affairs committee will be requested to review University policy on auditors.
5. Attention was given to the general problems of the University and student unrest as such relate to this institution and the impact of the closing of other state institutions on our enrollment. It was expressed that Youngstown might very well anticipate an increase in enrollment of both freshmen and transfer students due to the unrest in other state universities. No specific plans were made or suggested for handling this possibility, but attention was called to the fact that if a significant enrollment increase is experienced in Summer or Fall, such would necessitate the opening of additional classes and class sections.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.