

Library

ACADEMIC DEANS' COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, July 6, 1978

Present: Edgar, Miller, McBriarty, Loch, Sorokach (for Sutton) Yozwiak,
Foster (for Rand) Moore, Paraska, McGraw, Scriven

Guests: Wall, Mudrak, Owen, Cohen

1. The minutes of the May 30 meeting were approved with the addition of Dean Rand's name as present.
2. Mr. Owen, University Librarian, was present to describe a problem currently being faced by the Library. He and his staff along with the Library Committee (Senate) are proposing that departments be restricted to using no more than 40% of their allocations for periodical subscriptions. Mr. Owen indicated that a number of departments used up almost their entire allocation for this purpose precluding the purchase of books. The problem is compounded by the fact that within recent years periodical subscription costs have skyrocketed.

Dean Paraska raised a separate question with respect to the basic rationale for allocations to departments. Dean Miller and Dean Moore supported his proposal that the entire question of departmental Library allocations be reexamined. Following discussion of this issue Mr. Owen indicated that the Library Committee and his staff would work on developing a new formula for departmental allocation of funds. He solicited ideas from the Deans which might be considered for the new plan.

3. Dr. Edgar and Professor Cohen presented the proposal for serving the non-traditional student. The following points were made: Mr. Steve Redburn is currently completing a telephone survey to assess local attitudes and opinions with respect to YSU's offerings for non-traditional students.

Professor Cohen pointed out that his research revealed, among other things, that YSU's student body was composed of a high percentage of Mahoning County 18-22 year olds. It also revealed that our University reaches a relatively low percentage of older people compared to other urban universities. Some discussion resulted on the significance of these points citing a variety of reasons for the proportions.

The question was raised as to whether we were concerned with undergraduates only. The answer was no.

A major problem will be to get the faculty to support a program aimed at the non-traditional student.

Dean Moore interjected the noteworthy observation that the Office of Admissions and Records was doing an unusually fine job in recruiting the non-traditional student. He also pointed out that non-traditional enrollment periods should be considered.

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Professor Cohen reviewed the Wayne State University approach which included many devices to reach the non-traditional student pointing up the fact that Wayne State's progress in that direction was highly successful.

Someone observed that it is just as essential to retain the students once we have enrolled them for a course or two.

It was observed that the workload policy will need to be altered to accommodate such a program as well as to provide faculty incentive.

Some discussion resulted on what might be the best method of bringing this before the faculty and employing their ideas at an early stage.

Dr. Edgar invited suggestions for the composition of an advisory committee which will oversee the project and will be asking us for our thoughts in this regard.

Dr. Edgar also pointed out one possible approach described on page nine of the written proposal. Simply stated, this is essentially taking our current offerings and providing a different mode of delivery.

Dean Miller pointed out the advantages and problems connected with a "special student" category. Dean McGraw suggested that Professor Cohen get in touch with Ohio University which, in the past at least, had a substantial "special student" enrollment.

4. Dean Miller raised the question of "CR" being substituted for a "C" or above grade in recalculation of grade point average. There apparently is no rule precluding this. Dean Scriven moved that a "CR" grade can be used only to replace a D or F. Dr. Edgar seconded the motion. Vote was taken resulting in 5 yes; 1 no; 2 abstention.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. McGraw
Secretary Pro-Tem

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