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Academic Deans' Council, Thursday, February 1, 1979, Arts & Science
Conference Room, 1:30 p.m.

Present: Edgar, Rand, Drew (for Moore), Loch, Paraska, Yozwiak,
Humphrey, Seibold, McGraw, Householder (for Sutton) and
Scriven. Guest, Thomas Doctor.

1. The minutes of the November 21 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Dr. Edgar solicited the Deans' opinion about receptions for commencement. Consensus was that we should have receptions after both winter and spring commencements. This led to a discussion of how the attendant expenses will be handled. The representational allowance of the Vice President will be used to cover the expenses at least for the coming winter commencement.

Some discussion ensued on the interpretation of intended uses for the representational allowance and Dr. Edgar affirmed two principles for at least the remainder of this year:

- a. any entertainment expenses, i.e., meals for individual visitors to the campus (and environs) should be covered by the Deans' representational allowance.
 - b. entertainment expenses, i.e., food, beverage, etc., used in connection with formal committees such as the advisory groups should be covered by the Vice President's representational allowance.
3. Dean Rand raised the question of whether something more should be done to recognize master's degree recipients at commencement and solicited any suggestions in writing - which should be sent to Dr. Edgar.
 4. Dean Paraska asked for suggestions for an individual (from the administration) who would serve on an ad hoc committee to study the early quarter system (Paraska, in this case, representing the Executive Committee of the Senate). The group overwhelmingly recommended that Dean Sutton serve and there was considerable (although not so overwhelming) support for Dean Moore as first alternate!
 5. Considerable discussion was held on the proposal for long-range academic planning which Dr. Edgar had sent to each dean dated January 29. Dr. Edgar explained the process, as he saw it developing, according to the plan. Discussion followed questioning the efficacy of the particular approach and the idea of planning in such a highly organized fashion. Certain individuals questioned its practical value. Dean Paraska felt the planning task force would replace the function of the deans. Considerable discussion on the flow diagram took place.

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It emerged that it would be wise to insure that the Academic Deans be included as part of the Review Task Force.

Dr. Edgar solicited any ideas for modifying the flow chart which could be described as a "plan for the planning process." A paraphrase of one of Dr. Humphrey's points is that this type of planning is lengthy and tedious but that the alternative of no plan is worse.

6. Mr. Doctor, who is the new Director of the Computer Center, was introduced and invited to describe a proposed budget which he has worked up for the coming fiscal year. He solicited the Deans' reaction to the budget after which he and Dr. Humphrey will solicit the Computer Advisory Committee's reaction. The new budget includes a rationale for centralizing the computer service of the University. Deans were asked to reflect on the proposal and sent their observations to either Vice President Humphrey or Mr. Doctor. We were asked to consult with each of our Computer Advisory Committee representatives.
7. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary Pro Tem