

DEANS' COUNCIL
Youngstown State University
10 June 1986

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Provost B.T. Gillis at 1:40 p.m.

Present: H.R. Dodge, S.M. Hotchkiss, J.R. Loch, T.J. Lyons,
G.E. Mapley, E.D. Neal, H.W. Pullman, V.A. Richley, D.P. Ruggles,
J.A. Scriven, G.E. Sutton, B.J. Yozwiak

I. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following corrections:

- 1) Lyons was added to the list of those present;
- 2) no action was taken on deadline dates for Deans' Scholarships;
- 3) for computerizing student data, the Provost has requested "a more modest proposal."

II. Old Business

- A. The Provost advised that the proposed block scheduling needs to be tried in practice and modified as needed.
- B. Construction of annual class schedules is proceeding.
- C. Distribution of available terminals is progressing, and further information on needs is invited.
- D. The Provost is seeking a refinement of the costs involved in the student data system. He sees high benefit throughout the University for this project and will ask for a special allocation to fund its completion.
- E. The geriatrics/gerontology proposal has been modified to include the normal approval process for research to be conducted by faculty (other than as consultants); the proposal has been approved by President Humphrey and forwarded to St. Elizabeth's.
- F. Planning statements from departments have been received by the Provost; a few from Arts and Sciences are still awaited; the Senate will review these plans to delineate a complete plan, which can assist in revising the University's master plan, and in preparation for accreditation by North Central.
- G. Discussion of deadlines for Deans' Scholarships applications:

--Suggestion was made for Sept. 30 as application deadline, with Oct. 30 date for announcement of awards.

- A number of people felt September was too early; the Provost cautioned that the later the deadline, the greater the risk of losing the best students.
- Richley mentioned the value of Dean Ruggles's appearing at high school awards program to deliver personally the notification of scholarship recipients for the School of Education; all agreed this is an excellent mode to emulate.
- Ruggles moved/Richley seconded that Feb. 1 serve as deadline for application, with Mar. 1 as announcement date; Yozwiak pointed out the need to await Fall SAT/ACT test scores; MOTION PASSED with no dissent.
- Yozwiak urged a commonality in criteria for these awards; Sutton would agree only if the highest current criteria serve as the consensus; Scriven moved/Yozwiak seconded that uniform criteria be established; no consensus among the deans for the levels of ACT score and class ranking could be found; MOTION FAILED in a vote.
- It was agreed that (1) the promotional brochure will be developed in the form used this year; (2) Admissions will send the brochure to principals and guidance counselors by November; (3) individual deans will send brochures to specialized audiences; (4) a sufficient number of brochures will be printed to serve the needs of Admissions, the Financial Aids office, the offices of the deans, and other distribution channels.
- Mapley noted that it was indeed possible, according to Bill Collins, for a student to accept both a Deans' Scholarship and a Valedictorian (or other YSU Foundation) scholarship; the Provost will investigate this; Yozwiak stressed that the award should be announced not as "\$1,500 a year" but "for at least \$6,000."

III. New Business and Announcements

- A. As requested by the Chancellor, the provosts of Akron, Cleveland State, Kent State, and Youngstown State are meeting to determine central thrusts in graduate education at each campus; in these efforts,

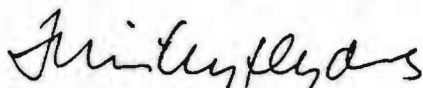
Kent State seems destined to promise every thrust ever contemplated for higher education; meanwhile, all proposals for new graduate programs in north-east Ohio seem to be on hold at the Chancellor's office; the Provost will keep the Deans informed on developments in this area.

- B. The recommendations from the factfinder (Federal Mediator) have been received, regarding YSU-YSU/OEA negotiations, and are currently being analyzed.
- C. House Bill 870 will provide \$1.366 million in instructional equipment for YSU, available 7/1/86, to cover through 6/30/88. The Provost is hopeful an additional appropriation will become available for data processing equipment.
- D. The Provost cited the need to disseminate Board policy on liquor served on-campus; he will send this information to faculty and staff; Vice President McBriarty will ensure that students understand this policy; the Provost asked the deans to be sure chairmen understand the policy.
- E. Due to congress's inaction to renew legislation allowing tuition remission to be non-taxable for graduate assistants, attempts are now underway to correct this matter; the situation is complex in that it pits IRS regulations against Ohio State law.
- F. The problem of funding positions under soft money (Academic Challenge; Education Redesign Project--419) will be handled by drafting exemptions to the policy in the Budget Resolution to go before the Board.
- G. The Provost noted that the Department of the Army has announced that henceforth "detachments" will no longer be designated thusly but instead as "battalions"; the area commander--who used to supervise detachment commanders but will now supervise battalion commanders--has been redesignated as "brigade commander." Discussion ensued regarding this matter, ^{to} At length.
- H. House Bill 497, on how oral English proficiency affects the teaching of laboratory and classroom assistants, is codified and will be sent to the deans.
- I. The admissions requirements for Allied Health met with no resistance save for Dean Sutton's discovering an improper usage of the substantive "they." Dean Richley agreed to expunge the offending grammatical barbarism.

- J. Assistant Provost Scriven presented a recommendation that when variance is noted in subsequent ACT scores for an individual student, the testing agency be asked to investigate; it was suggested that such variations are noted only by chance, and that an equal problem is lack of correlation between high school grade point average and such test scores; Scriven said that ACT/ETS is reviewing the matter; Gillis noted that the Registrar is charged to certify NCAA eligibility, and hence such use of obvious discrepancies in test scores and grades could be construed as a violation of NCAA regulation; Scriven suggested forwarding the matter to the Athletic Academic Advisory Committee, chaired by Dean Ruggles.
- K. Lyons introduced a policy his office will use for petitions to change F to W.
- L. Sutton announced that Ohio State University has become the regional center for net shape manufacturing; YSU is eligible to apply for research funds.
- M. Scriven announced that the Career-Beginning Program, funded by the Commonwealth Foundation; has over 100 high school seniors selected to be part of a two-week program this summer.
- N. Neal reminded people of the SCOPE project, beginning 6/16 for two weeks, in which high school juniors are on campus to increase their awareness of college and to explore careers; Ingrid Lundquist in Student Services is coordinating the program.
- O. Ruggles described the academic component of the Governor's Summer Institutes for Gifted and Talented Students, in which high school sophomores and juniors will explore a number of varied academic areas; in fine and performing arts, workshops in photography, video, music, and theatre will focus on the summer theatre offering, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; the YSU program for gifted and talented students has been awarded \$41,500.
- P. Scriven reported applications, undergraduate and graduate, are higher this summer than last, but lower for this fall; Ruggles noted all education workshops and experimental courses are filled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Lyons
Secretary pro tem

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