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Youngstown State University

Faculty

Academic Events Committee

The Academic Events Committee meeting was held March 8, 1978, at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, F. Barger, who asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting as recorded by B. Hulsopple. The February 22, 1978 minutes were approved as submitted.

Present

B. Scott, F. Barger, Slavin, Hulsopple, Hedrick, Roderick, Foldvary, Rossi, and Brownlee.

Absent

Byo, Szirmay, Reid, and Curry.

Old Business

F. Barger informed the Committee that Taylor Alderman, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said that proposals for honoring retiring faculty should be submitted to the Senate Committee. Alderman further added that he does not anticipate any problems concerning the proposals.

Appointment of Chairperson for Academic Events

F. Barger announced that he had a volunteer for the chairmanship of this Committee. Hedrick has agreed to become the new chairperson. F. Barger moved that the Committee accept Hedrick as the new chairperson. Foldvary seconded the motion.

Honors Convocation Report from Barbara Scott

B. Scott helped with the program for the first time last year. She feels that the program is perfunctory. She asked the Committee members to express their opinion of the Honors Program.

Responses:

1. Brownlee pointed out that some faculty members felt the ceremony was too long; however, the students were impressed.

2. Hedrick commented that last year's ceremony was an improvement over the previous year's.

3. Foldvary added that the main speeches were too long.

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Barbara Scott:

A. B. Scott proposed to have the names of the class honor recipients read by the Deans. The students would remain standing in place until all the names were read and each student recognized. The Honors Program would be shortened.

B. The Special Awards will be presented individually to the students on stage.

C. B. Scott reported that Dr. Edgar informed her that OEA awards will be presented at the May Honors Convocation.

D. The presentation of faculty awards on Honors Day has not been officially determined.

E. B. Scott strongly suggested that the main speech at the Honors Convocation be given by a distinguished professor of a previous year.

New Agenda for Committee

Brownlee suggested that the Academic Events Committee study the rules and regulations for computing class honors. Furthermore, faculty should be aware of the method. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Placement of Faculty Awards

There was an intense discussion concerning the placement of faculty awards; i.e., OEA awards, Watson award, and the recognition of ten (10) distinguished professors.

Slavin moved that the Academic Events Committee question the wisdom of honoring the 10 distinguished professors at the May Honors Convocation. Roderick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Furthermore, Slavin questioned the method by which the Watson recipients were selected. Also, he feels that this Committee should consider the possible criticisms of presenting the faculty awards at different ceremonies. Roderick supported Slavin.

Reminder

Hedrick will be contacting Committee members for their schedules next quarter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.