

ACADEMIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

March 31, 1977

PRESENT: F. Barger, B. Brownlee, E. Foldvary, M. Slavin, and J. Turk.
PRESIDING: DR. BARGER

A meeting of the Academic Events Committee was held on March 31, 1977, 2 p.m. in the CAST building, Rm. 1060. Dr. Slavin moved, B. Brownlee seconded, to accept the minutes of the February 3 meeting as submitted. Unanimously passed.

Dr. Barger stated that he had sent the requested information to Dr. Ameduri but had received no response from him to date.

Dr. Barger received a note from Mrs. Kelty, current Chairperson of the Senate, indicating that our committee is to submit at least one report this year to the Senate so we will have to meet again at least once this quarter to approve the report.

Dr. Barger announced that he would meet with Dr. Edgar at 3 p.m., following this meeting, to finalize plans for graduation receptions after the Spring commencement. He might meet with the Deans' Council at their next meeting to work out details. He will report on the outcome of these meetings at our next meeting.

Dr. Barger sent out a questionnaire on March 22 to distinguished professors, Watson award winners and to members of this committee to get their opinions on an interdisciplinary colloquium series. To date he had received three responses, all of which were favorable.

B. Brownlee, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Graduation Receptions made a report. The committee met with Dr. Looby and Barbara Scott regarding possible funds for the receptions after commencement in the Spring. It was agreed that it was a good idea and Dr. Looby indicated that funds would be available for cookies and coffee or punch. The committee was asked by Barbara Scott, Chairperson of the Public Events Committee, to attend the next meeting of her committee which would be held in about three weeks. Dr. Barger, Dr. Kramer, J. Turk and B. Brownlee attended this meeting. Everyone agreed that the receptions were a good idea and that we should try having them after the Spring graduation. Although Dr. Looby expressed that funds would be available he would not give any indication as to how much money could be used. It was agreed that the next step was to talk with the deans and work out details with them.

Dr. Barger felt that we should have some kind of a form on which an evaluation could be made by those involved with the receptions. He agreed to prepare such a form and added that the evaluations would be attached as an addendum to the report of our committee sent to the Senate.

There was some discussion as to where the funds for the colloquium series would come from but it was agreed that for the present it would undoubtedly have to come from a "slush fund" and then in the future would be allocated in the budget. There was also a question as to whether or not somebody should be appointed to run this series but it was felt that this committee should do it for now and then perhaps turn it over to a department or school. It was agreed that this series should not replace the departmental colloquiums. Mr. Turk suggested that we might even use one of the lecturers who had been brought to the campus, asking that person to give another lecture on a lower level that would be more palatable to the average person. Scholarly lectures were stressed. Broad topics such as economics, politics, etc. were suggested. It was agreed that all committee members bring their ideas for a colloquium series to the next meeting. Target date for the series would be early Fall.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, April 21, 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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