

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, February 21, 1979  
3:00 p.m. Conference Room, Dean of Engineering

Present: Dr. Hill, Dr. Scriven, Mr. Quinby, Dr. Baldino,  
Dr. Swan, Dr. Richley, Dr. Kougl, Dr. Edgar

Actions:

1. Dr. Swan moved approval of the February 14 minutes.  
Seconded by Mr. Quinby. Unanimously approved.

2. PR Grade:

Dr. Baldino was concerned with what he saw as discrimination, evident in this issue. He continued; I assume this PR grade indicated satisfactory work in progress, where, in fact, it could be failing work. The last quarter senior has an advantage, for example, in employment.

Dr. Scriven pointed out the transcript problems involved in changing a grade after graduation.

Dr. Baldino suggested a check be made on all seniors taking a PR grade.

Dr. Scriven felt that the only way to prevent this would be to outlaw the PR grade after a certain number of hours.

Dr. Hill suggested there will be few seniors involved with PR grades.

Dr. Baldino again pointed out the discrimination against those other students who will receive an F grade.

3. Military Science:

LtC. Shea and Maj. Thorpe were present to discuss the Military Science proposal.

LtC. Shea began by summarizing the differences between the current and proposed programs.

There are two components to the ROTC program, basic and advanced. The basic program is the 500 and 600 level courses, this portion can be waived for veterans or basic camp graduates. The advanced program is junior/senior level and leads to an active commission. This period is contracted by the Army.

The changes are designed to improve the retention rate into the advanced program and provide the most efficient use of faculty and materials. The ROTC program does have a high drop-out rate after the freshman year, and the new courses are designed to benefit the student even if he/she does drop out of the program.

YSU has a high caliber student. 100% of last years ROTC graduates were commissioned. The program here is equivalent to other ROTC programs, and the courses are all transferable to other Universities.

LtC. Shea admitted that there is a marketable side to some of these proposed changes. They are trying to improve their retention rate. The ROTC program is designed to meet the needs within a certain environment, and the new proposal is designed as a total freshman-senior package.

LtC. Shea pointed out that students would enter the ROTC program much more readily during the draft. Now, that negative incentive is not present.

Dr. Hill asked about veterans entering the program, with the basic program waived, how does he/she make up for these hours.

LtC. Shea answered that the student will be guided by University requirements, and will have to take course work outside of his department.

Dr. Scriven pointed out that Army scholarships and student stipends are very much a part of ROTC. He added, the importance of the ROTC program to the University is evident through State and Federal income.

Dr. Baldino asked for some enrollment figures.

LtC. Shea answered, this years enrollment was approximately 245, last years freshman enrollment was 300.

Dr. Richley felt there should not be too many problems in initiating the new program. In fact, it may be applauded by various departments.

LtC. Shea pointed out that the catalog is not very definite in its rulings on the ROTC program. We rely on academic advisors.

Dr. Hill asked if the new program contained less hours.

LtC. Shea answered yes, a three hour reduction.

Dr. Baldino asked about the dropped American History course.

Maj. Thorpe answered that the course did not really apply to what the students were doing. He suggested it might be encompassed into an upper division ROTC management course. He added, he would like to see it resolved before the next catalog printing.

Dr. Swan moved approval of the proposed changes in the ROTC program. Seconded by Mr. Quinby. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Scriven moved that the Chair make an effort to get this proposal on the next Senate meeting agenda. Seconded by Dr. Swan. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Richley thought that anything approved by April 2, would be picked up by University Relations and included in the catalog.

Dr. Hill asked if someone would automatically make the catalog changes, or if we had to move on it.

Dr. Scriven answered that he thought it would automatically be rewritten for the catalog.

#### 4. Honors Program:

Dr. Hill talked with Dr. Altinger. His meeting was postponed until after our meeting next week.

Dr. Richley agreed it would be a good idea to meet with Dr. Altinger next week.

Dr. Hill agreed to invite him and schedule him for most of the meeting time.

#### 5. Nursing Program:

Dr. Hill asked if the new information supplied by Ms DeCapita was sufficient.

There was general agreement that it was.

#### 6. General Education:

Dr. Hill summarized his findings on the motion to set up a committee to study this matter. We can set up an advisory committee, made up of the population we desire, however, they won't have power beyond recommending to the AAC.

Dr. Baldino felt that AAC members should be included in the new committee.

Dr. Richley was very concerned with structuring the new committee. He suggested getting together with the Executive Committee to try and establish guidelines for selection.

Dr. Hill pointed out that the motion called for the AAC Chair to establish the committee.

Dr. Scriven felt that the motion could have included advise from the Executive Committee. He thought this might be Dr. Hovey's viewpoint, also.

Dr. Edgar thought the committee should be advisory, and should report to us, as parent committee.

Dr. Richley again suggested consulting with the Executive Committee to insure a "broadly representative" new committee.

Dr. Baldino disagreed, he did not see any need for consultation.

Dr. Hill asked Dr. Richley if his concern was that certain Schools will be interested in representation according to population.

Dr. Richley answered yes.

Dr. Baldino disagreed, and felt that equal representation is vital. A weighted representation may be compromising.

Dr. Hill asked how we could decide on an equally representative committee. He asked if he should speak with the Deans.

Dr. Swan suggested we continue the discussion, after further thought, next week.

There was concensus with this suggestion.

7. The next meeting was called for next Wednesday, 3:00 - 4:30.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.