

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 30, 1979
3:00 p.m. - Room 2067 - Cushwa Hall

Actions:

1. Dr. Hill identified the new committee for the 79/80 school year: Drs. Hill, Kougl, Richley, Baldino, Hovey, Edgar, Scriven, Hahn, Khawaja, and Munro. The new committee will be put into effect at this meeting.
2. Nominations for the new Chairman were opened. Dr. Kougl nominated Dr. Hill. This was seconded by Dr. Baldino. Dr. Hahn moved to close the nominations, Dr. Munro seconded. A vote was taken and Dr. Hill was unanimously approved as Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee for the 79/80 school year.
3. Dr. Baldino moved acceptance of the minutes of May 9. Second was by Dr. Kougl. The minutes of May 9 were unanimously approved.
4. Orientation of New Members:

Dr. Hill invited the new members to meet with him to discuss pending business. Such issues as the Honors Proposal and the Continuing Education Unit may require a synopsis of discussions and actions taken. Dr. Hill asked the new members if they would wish to receive copies of the minutes of the past year. They answered affirmatively. Back copies of the minutes of this committee are available and have been on file in the library in the past. Now they are to be filed in CAST.

5. Advisory Committee on General Education:

Dr. Hill summarized its development. The format for organization that the AAC decided upon was one representative from each school, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Chairman from among membership of the AAC.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to study the Y.S.U. general education requirements and make recommendations for change, if any, to the AAC.

Perhaps the greatest concern is that the University general requirements as originally conceived are apparently not being followed, and some related procedures are not the most desirable.

Dr. Baldino added, in Ohio a number of schools have gone to total electives or drastically reduced general education requirements. A major question is do these courses really represent what the students need for a sound general education at the undergraduate level?

Mr. Quinby was concerned with the problem of opening floodgates to various courses which may not truly qualify as general education.

Dr. Hill continued, the committee has been formulated by the Chair, with recommendations from the Deans. Dr. Baldino, as a member of the AAC, will serve as Chairman for the Advisory Committee. The other

members will include:

Dr. Almond	Business
Dr. Feitler	Education
Dr. Gardner	CAST
Dr. Gould	Fine & Performing Arts
Dr. Khawaja	Arts & Sciences
Dr. Zager	Engineering

Since Dr. Khawaja will be a member of the AAC, Dr. Hill said he would ask Dean Yozwiak to consider recommending a new individual for the Arts & Sciences representative.

Dr. Baldino was concerned that it might be difficult to select only one representative from a school as diversified as Arts & Sciences.

Dr. Hill replied, the Academic Affairs Committee was adamant to have only one member from each school, difficult as it may be.

Dr. Hill requested approval to go ahead and appoint the new committee member to replace Dr. Khawaja. Consensus was given.

Dr. Hahn asked what other matters are involved in the general education study.

Dr. Baldino was interested in the fact that some state schools have eliminated almost all general education requirements, and half or slightly less of all state schools have none. However, one school which had none is now in the process of going back to core requirements.

Dr. Hahn added, a major reason for the requirement change here four years ago was that the professional schools wanted a loosening of requirements.

Dr. Baldino commented that Dr. Roberts suggested we invite the Chairman of Harvard's Committee to study general education, to speak early in the fall quarter as an introduction to our work.

- 6. Dr. Hill asked if we should identify a meeting time for next year or wait until the first week of fall quarter. There was general agreement to wait until fall.
- 7. Dr. Baldino moved for adjournment. Seconded by Dr. Kougl. Unanimously approved.