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Name of Committee Academic Affairs Committee  
Chairman Dr. Khawaja

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Date of meeting June 2, 1981

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Formal motions passed:

1. Approval of the minutes from May 26, 1981.

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MINUTES FROM  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 2, 1981

Present:           Dr. Baldino                           Dr. Lateef  
                  Dr. Dunsing                   Dr. Munro  
                  Dr. Hahn                           Dr. Scriven  
                  Dr. Khawaja                   Prof. Simmons

Guests:           Members of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on General Education Requirements:  
  
                  Prof. Hugh Earnhart (History)  
                  Dr. Fred Feitler (Education)  
                  Dr. Steve Gardner (Eng. Tech.)  
                  Dr. Ronald Gould (Music)  
                  Dr. Stanley Zager (Engineering)

Previous  
Minutes:

On the first page, under Proposal for B.F.A. in Musical Theatre, #3 was modified and now reads: "...this degree. For example, Wooster and Kent offer such a degree." Under the same topic #4 was modified and now reads: "...Musical Theatre at YSU." And, in #5, the word "degree" was changed to "option." Dr. Baldino moved and Dr. Dunsing seconded to approve the amended minutes of May 26, 1981. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Subcommittee  
on General Ed.  
Requirements:

At this meeting the Subcommittee on General Education Requirements was present to discuss the final proposal that they have prepared. All of the members of this committee were present and willing to answer any questions dealing with this final proposal:

- 1) Dr. Gould, chairman of this committee, introduced this proposal. He summarized the steps that the committee took in order to prepare this final proposal. They are:
  - a) They began 1½ years ago with the summary of general requirements as found in all State Universities in Ohio as provided by Dr. Yozwiak. This gave them a break down of all the general requirements in Ohio Universities.
  - b) They also looked further into private and state institutions for information on their requirements. They then began to compare these with the YSU requirements.
  - c) Then a self study was conducted by the members of the subcommittee representing specific colleges within the University. Through this self study they developed an agreement about the segment of education which should be common for all students graduating from YSU.
  - d) The subcommittee worked on individual areas such as English, Math, Speech, etc. During this time meetings were held with various departmental representatives such as English, Math, etc.

Based on information gathered through these meetings and further analysis of the objectives of general education a proposal was developed. The final proposal represents a general consensus of the subcommittee members.

- 2) Dr. Gould pointed out that Dr. Almond from the School of Business retired last year and therefore withdrew from the subcommittee. His replacement did not show up for the meetings and therefore there was unfortunately no one to represent the School of Business.
- 3) Dr. Gould also mentioned about the amazing degree of agreement between the members on every aspect of this proposal. He added that there was always a global university perspective in mind when they drew up this proposal.
- 4) In talking about the Communications section of the proposal it was pointed out that a student must reach the achievement levels of the Nelson Denny Test prior to taking any 700 level courses. It was stressed that the reason for this is because many students fail to complete the English sequence until their last quarter before they graduate.
- 5) It was pointed out that the H & PE requirements were dropped because the subcommittee members failed to see them as academic requirements.
- 6) It was pointed out that the Computer class is essential because of the widespread use of computers today.
- 7) It was also pointed out that requirements for the History and Social Sciences are now in terms of areas (eg. Economics) instead of specific course. This leaves the flexibility up to each individual school.
- 8) It was stated that the Natural Science requirements (12 hrs.) now include a course in which a lab is required.
- 9) Some of the more important items discussed were:
  - a) It was suggested that two natural science courses be required.
  - b) Why Physical Geography was eliminated as a science requirement.
  - c) Areas such as Engineering would be required to have additional hours in general area requirements under this proposal.

At the end of this meeting Dr. Khawaja spoke on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee and expressed its appreciation on the work that this subcommittee has done. Dr. Gould then pointed out that the subcommittee can be available if any issues concerning this proposal need to be clarified when it goes to the Senate.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.