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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Meetings of Council

March 1, a special meeting of the Council will be held in Business Administration-Law Building, Room 307, at 3 p. m., for the sole purpose of considering the proposed revisions of the Faculty Manual as submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee.

March 15, the regular monthly meeting of the Council will be held in Business Administration-Law Building, Room 307, at 3 p. m., and will include as an agenda item under "Old Business" the consideration of the entire amended "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities".

MARCH CALENDAR

- March 2-3 University Theatre presents Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, directed by Dr. Wallace Sterling, East Hall Open Stage, 8:15 p. m.
- March 4 World-at-Our-Door Travelog with Edgar T. Jones narrating a color movie, "All Around Australia", John S. Knight Auditorium, 2 p. m.
- Symphony Band Concert, Professor Richard Jackoboice conducting, Memorial, Hall, 8:15 p. m.
- March 9-11 Opera Workshop, directed by Professor David Rohrbaugh, East Hall Open Stage, 8:15 p. m.
- March 12-17 Final Examinations.
- March 19-25 Akron Tennis Open, Memorial Hall.
- March 20 Akron Symphony Orchestra Concert, featuring Professor Paul Biss, violin, and Olga Llano Kuehl, piano, Louis Lane conducting, Akron Civic Theatre, 8:15 p. m.
- March 26 Spring quarter, day and evening classes begin.
- March 28 Open Faculty Forum with President D. J. Guzzetta, Kolbe Theatre, 3:30 p. m.
- March 30 Town and Gown lecture, Evans and Novak, on "Inside Report", John S. Knight Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, February 15, 1973

The regular meeting of the University Council was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3:05 p. m. on Thursday, February 15, 1973, in Business Administration-Law Building 307.

Fifty-six of the 64 members of Council were present. Those who were absent with notice were President D. J. Guzzetta, Dr. W. Crabtree, Dr. W. Heintz, Miss Evelyn Tovey and Mr. F. Williams. Others absent were: Dr. L. Anderson, Mr. F. Rogacs and Mr. L. Vuillemin.

The Chairman called upon the Secretary of Council concerning any corrections in the minutes of the January meetings of Council as printed in the AU Chronicle of February 1, 1973. The following corrections were noted:

In the minutes of the special meeting of January 4, Deans Naes and Sandefur had given advance notice of their absence.

In the minutes of the special meeting of January 11, "Mr." should have read "Dr." Bee in each instance. On the top of page 10, first line, the typographical error should be corrected by changing "it it" to "if it". On page 12, in Dean Hansford's report of the meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, the "Students International Mediation Society" should have read "Students International Meditation Society". In that same subcommittee report it implied that Mr. James Switzer had been absent from the University Council meeting, when he was only absent from the ad hoc committee to revise the language necessary in the Draft Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

In the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, the minutes of the meeting of the Procedural Committee on January 9, 1973 (which had been circulated with the agenda for January 18) were not included in the February 1, 1973 issue of the AU Chronicle. On page 15, following item 3. of "Requirements for Additional Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees", there should have been an additional heading, "Change in Requirements" preceding the next section beginning "To better accomplish its objective, etc."

Dean Hansford moved that the minutes of the three January 1973 meetings be approved as printed in the February 1, 1973 issue of the AU Chronicle, with the above corrections. The motion was seconded and carried.

Since President Guzzetta was in Columbus attending a legislative session, there were no "Remarks of the President", and Dr. Leathers proceeded to the next item on the agenda which was the reports of the Standing Committees.

Dr. Gerlach, for the Procedural Committee, reported that two meetings had been held, one on February 6 to determine the agenda for today's meeting, and to set dates for special meetings of University Council. The next Council special meeting will be February 22 to consider further the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The agenda for the special meeting being scheduled for March 1 will be decided following the February 22 meeting. The Procedural Committee also met on February 12 to consider a revised version of the statement of Functions of Standing Committees of University Council, and is hereby distributed today to Council members. Also, the November 21, 1972 resolution by the faculty of the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences urging Council to consider the establishment of the office of University Ombudsman was late in reaching the Procedural Committee and is hereby distributed at University Council with the possibility of referring it to an Ad Hoc Committee for recommendation. The Procedural Committee felt that the matter of summer teaching loads (brought to its attention by the Buchtel College Council) should be referred to the Academic

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Policies and Curriculum Committee for consideration and clarification before the Council considers it. Dr. Gerlach moved the acceptance of the report which was carried. [These Procedural Committee minutes are appended in this issue of the AU Chronicle, along with the statement of Functions of the Standing Committees of Council, and the Buchtel College resolution regarding a University Ombudsman.]

There was no report of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee Dr. Poston referred to the report hereby distributed to Council concerning the proposed 1973-74 University calendar and senior grades; and to the statement on CLEP (College Level Examination Program).

Since the statement on senior grades affected the adoption of the proposed calendar, he first moved that the following statement be approved:

"Grades for degree candidates must be in by Wednesday evening of the examination week. In no case may final examinations be given before the official end of classes."

The motion was seconded by Dr. Fatemi and carried.

Dr. Poston then moved that the proposed calendar for 1973-74 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dean Rogers. The calendar follows:

Fall Quarter 1973

September 24	Classes Begin
November 22-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Classes End
December 3-8	Final Examinations
December 9	Commencement

Winter Quarter 1974

January 2	Classes Begin
January 9	Founders Day
March 9	Classes End
March 11-16	Final Examinations

Spring Quarter 1974

March 25	Classes Begin
June 1	Classes End
June 3-8	Final Examinations
June 9	Commencement

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Summer Session I, 1974

June 24	Classes Begin
July 4	Independence Day
July 26	Classes End
July 27	Final Examinations

Summer Session II, 1974

July 29	Classes Begin
August 30	Classes End
August 31	Final Examinations

Post-Session, 1974

September 3	Classes Begin
September 24	Classes End
September 25	Final Examinations

Mr. Moldea objected to the winter quarter beginning on January 2 inasmuch as it could present hardship for those students from out of town who would have to travel over the holiday. He asked for alternatives. Dr. Bee observed that classes might start later and go a week later, etc.

Dr. Fatemi moved that the winter quarter 1974 provide for classes to start on January 3. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach inquired how many days of instruction this would mean and how would it affect the Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedules. Dr. Bee said it would mean only 47 instead of the required 48 in the guidelines, and that the quarter in that instance would open on Thursday.

Dean Lively pointed out that originally it had been hoped to have a 50 day quarter, and if this motion passed, the quarter would be shortened much more, and might have to be lengthened into March. He said all these aspects had been thoroughly debated in the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee before the calendar had been proposed to Council.

Dean Samad noted that the Law School had the greatest proportion of out-of-town students and they were not absent this January 2. He observed that there would be a vacation period for everyone from December 8 to January 2, and that as we were already operating on a minimum number of days for accreditation, this change could result in a loss of accreditation. He urged the adoption of the Academic Policies Committee report as presented.

Dean Rogers stated that the proposed calendar represented compromises worked out for students, and that their concern for this one day was not worth ruining the entire year's adjusted schedule.

Mr. Moldea suggested tabling the calendar for one month.

Some discussion proceeded on the importance of that one day and the latitude based on the President's letter this last January about the possibility of excusing some students on January 2.

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In response to Dean Oetjen's query, Dean Hansford estimated that only eight to ten percent of our students would have to travel farther than 35-40 miles.

Dr. Poston emphasized that the General Bulletin is going to press and if it is to include this calendar the vote must be taken today.

Mr. Moldea moved to refer the calendar back to committee. The motion was seconded, but on vote the motion failed.

In answer to a question, it was stated that Founders Day (with some classes) counts as a day of classes. Also, there was no consideration to having a split exam week in March.

The motion to amend the calendar by having the winter 1974 quarter begin on January 3 was put to a vote and lost.

Dr. Bee moved to amend the proposed University calendar to substitute "December 1 for "November 31"! The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Moldea asked if there had been a poll of reactions to the proposed calendar. Dr. Bee said that three types had been submitted to the committee.

The motion to adopt the proposed 1973-74 University calendar as amended by the change to December 1 was put to a vote and carried.

Dr. Poston moved that the following statement, as proposed by the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, be adopted. The motion was seconded. It read:

"The University of Akron accepts CLEP credits and continues as CLEP testing center."

Because of considerable criticism of the College Level Examination Program Dr. Gerlach questioned continuing its use. Dr. Poston commented on its wide use throughout the country, and Dr. Lestingi said the subcommittee had thoroughly studied the matter, and other faculty including Dr. Riede (for General Studies) had reviewed it.

Dr. Fatemi said that CLEP had originally been adopted by the Administrative Committee. He objected to this as this was a presidential committee with no academic authority, and he felt could not legally take this action.

Dr. Poston then quoted the minutes of the Administrative Committee of May 1972. It was the consensus of the Administrative Committee that a generalized statement should suffice for our purpose until the University had had time to process a program through the University Council.

Although Dr. Oetjen was not opposed to the use of CLEP, he asked for clarification of the meaning of the proposal in the light of conflicting statements in Council as to use of transfer credit only, etc.

Dr. Lestingi advocated the acceptance of the statement on CLEP regardless of Administrative Committee action.

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Dean Hansford gave a brief historical review of the University's adoption of CLEP and our obligation to complete our responsibilities under the program. In response to other questions about who would determine the passing grades, the courses accepted, etc., Dr. Poston said that the Academic Policies Committee next Wednesday was meeting to determine these matters, following invited faculty consultation.

The motion to adopt the statement on CLEP was put to a vote and carried.

Dr. Poston answered Dr. Gerlach's query concerning the possibility of reverting to the semester system, by saying that a proposal will go to all 12 state universities for a statewide review of the semester-quarter calendar.

Dean Petry reported that the Athletics Committee had approved the new NCAA eligibility Rules as The University of Akron rules, approved the spring sports schedules, and had recommended certain changes in the rules governing the use of the soccer field.

Dr. Jackson said that the Committee on Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities will circulate its report, but he would here refer to its widely divergent problems: 1) hearing grievances, which Council seldom learns about as many are settled; 2) reviewing guidelines on promotion, retention and tenure, which are discussed with the Academic Vice President; 3) additional benefits (the Financial Vice President has explained that the payments now exceed the premium). Dr. Jackson said that the Committee would welcome comments as they continue their meetings in the next six weeks. [See Appendix for the Committee report.]

Dr. Fatemi asked the Committee to look into the question of the University Council's revision of the probation period for tenure from three to five years. He felt there was some confusion in its interpretation and he thought it was not meant to be a minimum-maximum regulation. He asked Dr. Jackson to report back to Council. Dr. Jackson said that this had already been brought up in the Committee but would be discussed and reported next meeting.

Dr. Richardson advocated that some policy be formulated to cover the event of financial exigency. Dr. Leathers said it should be considered by the Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee, but he hoped it would not be needed.

Dean Hansford reported for the Student Affairs as follows:

The Student Affairs Committee met in regular session on Friday, February 9.

The Committee accepted the report of Mrs. Kathryn Vegso, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Extracurricular Activities. The report recommended recognition of two new groups: Der Deutsche Studentenklub, a German interest group, and a local chapter of a national organization, The University of Akron Student Chapter of The Council for Exceptional Children, of interest to students who are in Special Education; a revision of the constitution of the Biology Club changing its name to "Life"; and a substantial revision of the Theatre Guild constitution.

Mr. Robert Larson, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans, announced that that subcommittee would start meetings on February 16 to review applications for financial aid for the school year 1973-74. He said he is still waiting for word from Washington regarding the University's request

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for supplementary funds for this year's Work-Study Program. He also reported that the funding for Federal student aid programs for 1973-74 at this point is very uncertain, that some of the existing programs may be discontinued, that some may be replaced by another type of program, but that as it now stands the Work-Study Program will be funded; that the Educational Opportunity Grants are not included in the funding recommended by the President and that there may be no direct Federal loan program next year. Mr. Larson said that never since he has been associated with the operation of student financial aid have things been so uncertain so late in the year.

There was a short discussion about a group of students, who are sometimes identified as "Jesus Freaks", and their activities in the Student Center. A considerable number of students had complained about that group's activities interfering with other students' rights, and the University has informed the group that they must cease and desist those activities which deny the rights of others.

The Student Affairs Committee still awaits approval of a Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities so that an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the Committee can be achieved.

Dean Hansford then moved that the report be accepted and that University recognition be given for the Der Deutsche Studentenklub and The University of Akron Student Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children. The motion was seconded and carried.

Speaking as Representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Dr. Fatemi said the group would meet next week. Since he felt there should be an alternate in the event he could not always attend the meetings, he asked that Mr. Blin Scatterday be named as alternate. He considered this appropriate as the Chancellor meets with both two-year and four-year college representatives. He moved that Mr. Scatterday be designated the alternate. The motion was seconded. It was observed that there is no provision for an alternate and that Mr. Scatterday is not a member of Council. [The reason he had to resign from being representative last year.] The motion to elect Mr. Scatterday carried.

Representing the Ohio Faculty Senate, Dr. Merrix announced that his report would be appended to the minutes in the March issue of the AU Chronicle. He did refer to the meeting which he and Dr. Moore (president of the Ohio Faculty Senate) had with Senator Ocasek relative to budgetary matters of higher education. Senator Ocasek expects an increase in the Governor's proposed budget, but students, faculty, etc., must all give evidence of accountability. He urged the faculty to write to members of the House in Columbus regarding the need to support higher education. He hopes for a six percent (or at least five percent) increase instead of three. In response to Mr. Moldea's query that two members of the faculty, two students, two administrators and some from AAUP might combine to work toward this end, Dr. Merrix suggested that they might discuss it, but not necessarily through HECC (Higher Education Conference Committee—in Ohio).

The Ad Hoc Committee to consider a University Faculty Senate, according to Dr. Merrix, had no report at this time.

Under Item 7, "Old Business", Dr. Gerlach moved that Council adopt the statement of Committee Functions, hereby distributed to Council. He explained that the Procedural Committee had endeavored to simplify the statement, and had made no attempt to regulate the subcommittees except within general outlines. The motion was seconded.

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Dr. Lestingi felt that because the Academic Policies and Curriculum had not considered the statement of its functions, and although it may be all right in general, it should be reviewed by the Committee before going into the General Bulletin and the Faculty Manual.

Dr. Leathers told the Council that this summary of the Standing Committee Functions had been compiled from the statements submitted last fall by each committee. Detailed functions had been purposely omitted inasmuch as it was the Procedural Committee's belief that the subcommittees' functions were within the purview of each parent committee.

Dr. Lestingi criticized the inclusion of historical data in the summary rather than an outline of current procedures. Dr. Leathers stressed the importance of each committee having leeway to set up its own procedures.

Dr. Lestingi moved to recommit the list of Standing Committee Functions to the Procedural Committee for further refinement. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach opposed this motion on the basis that the information had been available since October last, and that Dr. Lestingi has not cited any specific fault with the statements.

Mr. Switzer and Dr. Jackson pointed out some items at variance with current practice and wanted to have a month to study the document rather than make many amendments today.

Dr. Bee argued that the document be kept on the floor of Council and not be committed. He felt that it was for the parent body to tell the committees their functions.

Dean Lively urged that the motion be tabled for one month only, which would give sufficient time to consider and report back.

When Dr. Atwood complained that the statement was incomplete because the functions of the Procedural Committee were not included, Dr. Gerlach noted that its functions are delineated in the By-laws.

Dr. Bee moved to table the Statement of Committee Functions until the next regular meeting of Council next month. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the March meeting which the Procedural Committee should consider.

Dean Oetjen hoped that further changes to the statement on Committee Functions could be circulated in advance. It was noted that any suggestions would have to reach the Procedural Committee by ten days in advance of the meeting for inclusion on the agenda and processing.

Under "New Business", Dr. Hittle moved that the "Buchtel College Resolution on University Ombudsman" (hereby circulated to Council) be sent to the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee for study. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Lestingi wondered if it should not go to the Committees on Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities and Student Affairs.

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Dr. Hittle argued that the academic and financial implications of this resolution made it more appropriate to assign it to the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee. Mr. Moldea also expressed approval because of the students on that committee.

The motion to refer the resolution relative to a University Ombudsman to the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee was put to a vote and carried.

Noting that the next meeting of University Council would be a special one on Thursday, February 22, for the sole purpose of completing the consideration of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Dr. Gerlach asked if it is finished, could the Council proceed to the consideration of the proposed changes in the Faculty Manual. The Chair recommended that no provision be made to discuss anything but the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. After the last sections are adopted, then the entire document must be finally approved. Possibly the March 1 meeting can be devoted to the Faculty Manual, but the decision would be made following the amount accomplished at the February 22 meeting.

In concluding the meeting, Vice President Leathers commended Dr. Bee and the Calendar subcommittee for the good and thorough job done in preparing the 1973-74 University calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p. m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, February 22, 1973

A special meeting of the University Council was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3:06 p. m. on Thursday, February 22, 1973, in Business Administration-Law Building 307.

Forty-four of the 64 members of Council were present. Those who were absent with notice were Dr. L. Anderson, Dean H. K. Barker, Mr. D. Durst, Mrs. Patricia Godfrey, Dr. D. J. Guzzetta, Dean R. L. Hansford, Dr. R. P. Merrix, Dr. L. Roemer, and Dean R. Sandefur. Others absent were Dr. W. Crabtree, Dr. R. Ferguson, Mr. G. Gilson, Dr. Paul Hayes, Mr. D. Jenkins, Dean Estelle Naes, Mr. F. Rogacs, Dr. M. Ruebel, Dean S. A. Samad, Mr. L. Vuillemin, and Mr. F. Williams.

The Chairman explained that the call of the special meeting was only "To consider the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities", since the consideration of this document was not completed at the January 1973 meetings of University Council.

Dr. Gerlach moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities exclusive of the Preamble. The motion was seconded.

Upon Dr. Fatemi's inquiry, it was determined that more than a quorum was present.

Mr. Switzer reported for a number of faculty who had raised objections to having no minutes of the discussions during meetings of the Committee of the Whole. Dr. Leathers said that his office had received only one such objection in contrast to many comments favoring this practice since the finished document was circulated, and it was more practical than belaboring the details with the attendant clerical time and paper involved.

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The motion to resolve into the Committee of the Whole was put to a vote and carried.

Dr. Leathers then called the President Pro Tem, Dr. Gerlach, to the chair.

Following the discussion and actions on the remaining Articles of the Statement not previously considered, Dr. Leathers moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report. The motion was seconded and carried, and the Chairman of Council resumed the chair.

Dr. Gerlach reported that the Committee of the Whole had considered and amended Articles IV and V which completed the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, except for the Preamble, which now reads as follows:

IV. Student Affairs

A. Freedom of Association, Inquiry, and Expression.

Students are free to organize and join associations to promote their common interest. A student organization which seeks University recognition shall petition the Student Affairs Committee of University Council, whose recommendation shall be voted upon by University Council, by submitting a constitution, bylaws, a statement of purpose, and criteria for membership. Recognition may be granted by the University Council; however, University recognition does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of the expressions of the organization by the University. It should be noted that day undergraduate student organizations shall first petition the Student Senate of the Associated Student Government.

The terms for recognition of a student organization shall include the following:

1. The purpose, objectives, and activities of the proposed organization shall be consistent with the objectives, rules and regulations of the University and with municipal, state and federal law.
2. The organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or national origin in the selection of its members or in its programs. Further, there shall not be any discrimination on the basis of sex unless some compelling interest related to the object of the organization can be demonstrated.
3. Each organization shall manage its own finances but shall do so according to the rules and regulations of the University.
4. The organization shall file a list of current officers with Vice President and Dean of Student Services. Membership lists shall not be required.

Upon receiving University recognition, the organization shall seek the consent of a full-time faculty member to serve as its adviser and shall recommend the appointment by the President of the University.

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The University Council may suspend or terminate its recognition of a student organization upon evidence of violation of the terms of its recognition, or upon failure of the student organization to adhere to its constitution or bylaws, or upon the recommendation of the appropriate student government unit.

Students and student organizations are free to examine all questions of interest to them and to express opinion publicly and privately. They are free to support causes of their choosing by lawful and orderly means, including peaceful assembly and advocacy. In their public expressions and demonstrations, the students or student organizations have a responsibility to make it known that they do not necessarily speak for or act on behalf of the University. The University has the inherent right and responsibility to protect individuals and property and to assure the continuity of the educational process.

All student organizations may invite and hear speakers of their choosing. Students are expected to follow procedures prescribed by the University in requesting and using University facilities for their programs. These procedures shall be designed to insure that there is orderly scheduling of facilities and adequate preparation for the event. University authorities will not use their control of facilities as a device for censorship. The appearance of a speaker on campus in no way indicates agreement with his views or endorsement of his position by the University or the sponsoring student organization. The sponsoring group has the responsibility to make reasonable efforts to make this fact known to the academic and the larger community.

B. Student Participation in University Governance.

Students are free individually and collectively to express in a peaceful and orderly manner their views on matters of University policy and on matters of general interest to the student body. Students shall be provided the opportunity to participate in the formulation and implementation of University policy, both academic and nonacademic, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the University Council and the Board of Trustees.

C. Student Publications.

The University of Akron regards student publications, campus radio stations and other student news media as necessary aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion and intellectual exploration on campus. They are a valuable means of providing campus communication, of bringing student concerns to the attention of the University community and of formulating student opinion on campus issues and on community and world affairs.

If the University provides the funds or facilities or lends its name to the various news media, it may have to bear legal and financial responsibility for the content and operation of the publications and of the programs of the radio stations. Within the restrictions imposed by this responsibility, the University is committed to freedom of expression in accordance with the following statements of professional ethics: Criteria of a Good Newspaper—Associated Press Managing Editors Association; Canons of Journalism—American Society of Newspaper Publishers; Statement of Ethical Responsibilities—International Conference of The Student Press, July 1963; Radio, T.V. Code of Good Practices—National Association of Broadcasters; and by the rules and

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regulations of the Federal Communications Commission which proscribe libel, slander, obscenity, undocumented allegations and the techniques of harassment and innuendo. WRHA, WAUP-FM and the Radio/T. V. Workshop are governed by regulations imposed by the Federal Communications Commission. The Radio/T. V. Workshop is also governed by the policies of WAUP-FM when broadcasting over the station's facilities.

To ensure the editorial freedom of student publications and campus radio stations, the University to the extent that its legal obligations permit subscribes to the following safeguards:

1. The media should be free of censorship, advance approval of copy and/or programs to be published or aired. The media managers should be free to develop their editorial policy and news coverage.

2. Editors and managers of student news media shall be protected from arbitrary suspension and removal because of student, faculty, administration or public disapproval of their editorial policies or content. Only for proper and stated causes shall editors and managers be subject to removal and then only by orderly and prescribed procedures. These procedures shall be carried out by the appointing authority and include the right of appeal.

All student news media must explicitly state that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the University or its student body.

V. Off-Campus Rights and Responsibilities

University students are both citizens and members of the University community. As citizens they enjoy the same rights such as freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and right of petition, and the same obligations as other citizens; and as members of the University community they are entitled to the privileges and subject to the responsibilities which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. University authority shall not be employed to inhibit the exercise of rights of citizenship, either on or off campus, but neither do students have special rights when in violation of the law. Students shall recognize that away from campus while attending a University-associated event, their conduct may reflect upon the University as well as upon the individual.

Students who violate the law may incur penalties prescribed by civil authorities, but University authority should never be used merely to duplicate the function of general laws. Only where the University's interests as an academic community are distinctly and clearly involved should its special authority be asserted. When the authority of the University is so asserted, the student shall be provided with the procedural safeguards contained in the Student Disciplinary Procedures. The student who incidentally violates University regulations in the course of his off-campus activity should be subject to no greater penalty than would normally be imposed. University action must be independent of community pressure.

The Chair suggested the possibility of a complete and clean copy of the Statement being reviewed by the Reference Committee before final presentation for action. After some discussion, it was not, however, considered necessary to refer the document to the Reference Committee at this time.

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Dr. Gerlach moved that at the special meeting, already scheduled for Thursday, March 1, consideration be restricted to the proposed changes in the Faculty Manual; and that at the regular meeting of University Council on March 15, a review of the complete amended Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, including the Preamble, be the first agenda item under "Old Business". The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

Any comments concerning the contents of AU Chronicle may be directed to the Office of the President or to the Executive Director of University Relations and Development.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, February 15, 1973

Committee ReportsProcedural Committee, January 9, 1973

The Procedural Committee met on January 9, 1973 (8:00 to 9:35 a. m.). The agenda for the regular meeting of University Council on January 18, 1973, 3 p. m., was agreed upon. Brevity continues to be urged for all persons making oral reports at Council meetings; concise written reports are to be preferred.

Acting upon the earlier request of the committee chairman, Dr. Merrix, for a more appropriate name, the Procedural Committee decided that the "Ad Hoc Committee on the Buchtel College Proposal for a University Faculty Senate" should henceforth be designated as the "Ad Hoc Committee to Consider a University Faculty Senate". This reflects the broadened charge given this Ad Hoc Committee by University Council.

Since Dr. Castle has resigned as Chairman of the Committee of Department and Division Heads, it was noted that the new Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Ferguson, should succeed him on University Council, as an ex officio member without vote.

The Procedural Committee discussed with much concern the continuing problem of establishing suitable procedures for expeditiously handling the great volume of University Council business. Long, and in some cases controversial committee reports—currently involving (1) the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, (2) recommendations for the General Studies and (3) the revision of the Faculty Manual among others—threaten University Council with lengthy and frequent meetings throughout the remainder of the academic year if each sentence of each report must be rewritten by University Council members during Council meetings. While no simple solution to this complex problem could be suggested, it was felt that University Council should concern itself more with broad principles than with detailed language. If substantial amendments to any such committee report appear necessary, it may be preferable to refer the entire matter back to the originating committee for re-drafting. Utilization of the Reference Committee, or perhaps another appropriate committee of Council, is recommended to improve the style and language of the final draft without changing the substance. Finally, it would seem advantageous for any committee presenting a long and complex report requiring action by University Council to circulate a draft several weeks in advance of the Council meeting scheduled for its consideration; in this way, Council members and other faculty and administrative personnel might be given the opportunity to offer the committee written suggestions for modification or improvement, and (more importantly) there would be sufficient time for the committee to determine whether such suggestions merit inclusion in the final committee report to University Council. In these ways, it is hoped that more committee reports to Council will be drafted without the need for extensive changes in Council meetings.

C. W. Wilson III, Secretary

Procedural Committee, February 6, 1973

The Procedural Committee met on February 6, 1973 (8:00 to 9:00 a. m.). The agenda for the February 15 meeting of University Council was arranged.

Special meetings of University Council were scheduled as follows: February 22, to consider further the Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities; March 1, agenda to be decided upon following the February 22 meeting.

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Committee Reports, continuedProcedural Committee, February 6, 1973, continued

The next meeting of the Procedural Committee was scheduled for February 12, 1973 at 8:00 a. m., particularly to consider the Statement of Functions of University Council Standing Committees.

C. W. Wilson III, Secretary

Procedural Committee, February 12, 1973

The Procedural Committee met on February 12, 1973 (8:00 to 9:00 a. m.). A revised version of the statement of "Functions of Standing Committees of University Council" compiled by Dr. Leathers was considered. A number of stylistic changes were made in the statements that had been submitted by the various committees. The amended document will be retyped and distributed to University Council members for action at the February 15 meeting.

The November 21, 1972 resolution by the faculty of the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences urging University Council consideration of the establishment of the office of University Ombudsman has been placed on the agenda for the February 15 meeting under "New Business". Copies of this resolution will be made available to University Council members at the February 15 meeting. Appropriate action by University Council might be to refer this resolution to an Ad Hoc Committee for this purpose; however, this is for University Council to decide.

The Procedural Committee decided that the matter of summer teaching loads (brought to its attention by Buchtel College Council in its memorandum dated November 14, 1972) should appropriately be referred to the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee for its consideration, with instructions to report its recommendations back to University Council at the earliest possible time.

C. W. Wilson III, Secretary

Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee, February 15, 1973

The Committee has continued to meet weekly to consider a number of items:

1. "Grievances": several cases are before the Committee in various stages of investigation. The majority are settled either by conciliation, or by the Committee finding no just complaint. In these cases no report is made to Council.

2. The Committee has reviewed all of the existing guidelines for tenure, promotion and retention, and has prepared a tentative summary of the minimal provisions which should be included by all academic units. This will be discussed with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and a report made to Council at its next meeting.

3. The Committee discussed a number of items concerning fringe benefits with Vice President Duff and Mr. Lukacik, Director of Staff Personnel. A number of anomalies concerning health insurance coverage were mentioned (e. g. 'therapy' of brain damaged children, laboratory tests and intensive care) these would be clarified with the insurance company. A new brochure explaining the benefits available under the policy is now in preparation.

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Committee Reports, continuedFaculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee, February 15, 1973, continued

Mr. Duff pointed out that the claims have exceeded the premiums charged for the past two years, and increased premiums can be expected. Possible new benefits including prescription drugs, the gross "deductible" per family were briefly discussed. It was felt that the faculty should be made aware of the fact that "bridge" policies, covering a period between leaving the University and starting new employment could be purchased at reasonable cost, and that all faculty would be reminded of this before leaving the University. The possibility of obtaining liability insurance is being investigated. General comments were made concerning the choice and desirability of some portion of faculty remuneration being made in the form of fringe benefits (which are not subject to income tax).

The Committee would welcome comments from the faculty on these matters.

Functions of Standing Committees of University Council*

(Presented to University Council by the Procedural Committee at the regular February 15, 1973 meeting, for further consideration on March 15, 1973.)

Executive

Functions for University Council as necessary. Members selected by the President in any manner he chooses and as many members as he wishes. Meets at the call of the President for consultation, especially at times when it is not possible or not feasible to obtain a quorum at a special meeting of University Council, or inconvenient to call the entire Council into session. Reports at the next regular meeting of Council any major actions taken between meetings. Appoints a Secretary to keep and distribute minutes and to perform such other tasks as the Committee may designate.

Academic Policies and Curriculum

Established September 1, 1962. Assigned the objectives, duties, and authority of several former committees: The Curriculum Committee (1953-1962); The Committee on the General College (1935-1938 and 1953-1959), and The Committee of Deans (1940-1953).

Its functions are to review curricula and course recommendations of the several Colleges and Divisions and to submit them, with recommendations, to University Council for action; to establish and interpret policy on various academic matters such as admission, retention, and graduation requirements, etc., when the legislative action of University Council empowers it to do so and to recommend to University Council changes for the improvement of the academic program of the University.

*Each Committee has, under Robert's Rules of Order, the discretion to establish and abolish whatever subcommittees it sees fit, and no person who is not a member of a standing Committee may serve as a member of a subcommittee. It is each Committee chairman's responsibility to maintain minutes and pass them on to the incoming chairman.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 2/15/73, continued

Functions of Standing Committees of University Council, continuedAcademic Policies and Curriculum, continued

Its membership has included the Deans of the Colleges and Schools, faculty members, and student representatives under the Chairmanship of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, with the Director of Institutional Research as Secretary.

Considers such items as the mechanics of the academic program, adjustments in admission, retention, and dismissal requirements, changes in the General Bulletin descriptions of academic procedures. Also reviews course changes, proposals, new programs, and recommends such changes and revisions for inclusion in the General Bulletin. Has the additional responsibility of proposing a calendar for each academic year beginning with the first Summer Session and concluding with the following June Commencement.

Athletics

Advises on all University activities relating to Intercollegiate Athletics. Insures that participants in intercollegiate activities fulfill the academic objectives of the University. Approves team game schedules, participation in post-season events, individual player eligibility, general eligibility rules and seasonal game limitations.

Provides advice and counsel to the Director of Athletics on interpretation of policy and such other matters as he may request.

Recommends to University Council policy concerning national association and conference affiliations, and other athletic matters.

Makes recommendation to the Dean of the College of Education concerning the employment of coaching personnel.

Coordinates with other Council Committees wherein a joint concern is involved relating to intercollegiate athletics.

Campus Facilities Planning

Established in May 1966. Is responsible for anticipating the construction needs of the University. Provides faculty and student advice and information for the Planning Department to assist in the establishment of priorities in space needs, to approve changes in present space utilization, and to make recommendations for the use of all facilities. Reports to University Council and to the President for transmission of recommendations as necessary and appropriate to the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities

Reviews grievances of faculty members after the normal channels have been exhausted. After review, makes recommendations to University Council. May also initiate recommendations concerning faculty assessment or evaluation, appointment, retention, tenure, promotion, and matters of faculty well-being (insurance, pensions, leaves, rights and responsibilities).

Membership is limited to tenured teaching faculty representing each degree granting college and tenured librarians.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 2/15/73, continued

Functions of Standing Committees of University Council, continuedLibrary and Learning Resources

Serves as an advisory group to the University Librarian to express the faculty will in the growth and development of the academic support which the Library supplies. Provides the Librarian with guidelines and advice on acquisitions and other matters affecting academic areas.

Reference

Reviews legislation referred to it by University Council to ascertain if it is drafted properly and does not conflict with existing rules and regulations or practices.

Research (Faculty Projects)

Reviews research proposals submitted by faculty members and grants University funds in support of those proposals deemed worthy. Recommends the budgeting of sums for the University's support of faculty research proposals to be funded by this Committee. Establishes policies for funding proposals and guidelines for expenditures of those funded.

Student Affairs

On May 21, 1970, University Council drew together under the umbrella of the Student Affairs Committee the three previous standing Committees of Council which dealt primarily with student matters: 1) Assembly Committee; 2) Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans Committee; 3) Extracurricular Activities Committee. Functions are as follows:

1. Plans and executes all University assemblies and convocations.
2. Makes policy, subject to approval of University Council, regarding the granting of scholarships, awards, grants, and loans to University students.
3. Controls extracurricular activities of all kinds except athletics and proposes regulations concerning such activities to University Council.

Report of Akron Representative on Ohio Faculty Senate—Dr. R. Paul MerrixGeneral:

The Ohio Faculty Senate met on February 17 at Columbus for its Winter meeting. Mr. William Coulter, Acting Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, was the main speaker. Senator Oliver Ocasek also addressed the OFS delegates.

Mr. Coulter's remarks were primarily about the Governor's proposed higher education budget which is 3-1/2 percent lower in full-time equivalent subsidy than the Board of Regents had asked for. Mr. Coulter admitted that the current budget is very tight but he felt that the subsidy may be increased in the General Assembly. There is, he said, considerable sympathy for the higher education section of the budget this year. His hope is that the subsidy will be increased to 5-1/2 percent.

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Report of Akron Representative on Ohio Faculty Senate, continuedGeneral, continued

Mr. Coulter referred many times to the need for long-range planning in higher education and, in response to a later question, admitted that Governor Gilligan's Task Force idea is an attempt to develop some kind of uniform plan in relation to the two primary goals of the Board of Regents:

- 1) to provide an opportunity to all high school graduates to obtain at least two years of higher education, and
- 2) to offer occupational choices to students who desire them (e.g. technical education).

Senator Ocasek, following Mr. Coulter, reminded the OFS delegates that the Board of Regents is not currently the "villain" in higher education. But Ocasek emphatically stated that the 3 percent state subsidy in the Governor's budget is "totally unrealistic" today. "Higher education", he asserted, "has not received its fair share of the budget."

In reply to questions concerning the Ohio Faculty Senate's role in higher education, Senator Ocasek stated that the OFS should serve as a source of information to the Senate and House Committees and as another pressure group among others in Columbus. He expressed pleasure with the document on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities drafted by the OFS (this document was adopted by the University Council) and suggested that faculty accountability would again be the major issue between the General Assembly and the universities.

Legislative Action

Following the talks by Senator Ocasek and Mr. Coulter, the OFS began planning for legislative position papers in relation to the higher education budget. The delegates agreed to meet very soon to prepare testimony for the coming hearings in the House Education Committee and the Senate Finance Committee where final action will occur. To accomplish its goals the OFS agreed to cooperate with the Higher Education Conference Committee (HECC), made up of the major professional higher education groups in the state.

Financial Exigency

After hearing several stories concerning loss of positions and programs due to financial troubles, the delegates listened to a fervent plea by the Chairman of the Faculty Senate at Ohio University to prepare contingency plans for financial exigency. Ohio University has lost 250 positions (faculty, staff and administration) during the past year, including 20 full-time faculty positions on the main campus. It is estimated that as many as 40 faculty may be lost for 1973-74.

