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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, 1977-78

University Council Standing Committees

The selection of chairmen of University Council Standing Committees has now been completed for 1977-78:

Procedural: Dr. Noel Leathers

Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar: Dr. Noel Leathers

Athletics: Dr. H.K. Barker

Campus Facilities Planning: Mr. John Monroe

Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Dr. Howard Taylor

Faculty Well-Being: Dr. David Durst

Library and Learning Resources: Dr. William McGucken

Reference: Mr. John Finan

Research (Faculty Projects): Dr. Joseph Walton

Student Affairs: Dean R.L. Hansford

The student members of University Council Standing Committees have been announced by the Procedural Committee for 1977-78:

Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar: Michael Cohen, Richard Kendall, David Meade, Jane Paolano, Matthew Pugliese, Pamela Seubert, Robert Weber.

Athletics: Rosalind Burkley, Scott Whisler.

Campus Facilities Planning: Diane Dunford, John Villo.

Library and Learning Resources: Robert Bidinger, Mary Ann Morris.

Student Affairs: Lois DiVencenzo, Dawn Fogle, Melissa Graham, Carl Lewis, Mark Maley, Michael Mitwol, Chris Zohn.

All-University Committee

University Budget Committee: Mr. R. W. Duff, Vice President for Business and Finance (chairman); Dr. Charles Poston, Director of Institutional Research and Academic Personnel; Dr. Noel Leathers, Vice President and Provost; Dr. H.K. Barker, Dean of the College of Education (1977-79); Dr. Louis Roemer, Professor of Electrical Engineering (1976-78); Dr. Frederick Moyer, Professor of Finance (1976-78); Mr. James Nolte, Assistant Professor of Management Technology (1977-79); Mr. Tony Craig, Student (1976-78); Dr. D.J. Guzzetta, President, ex officio; Mr. Henry Nettling, Controller, ex officio; Mr. E.S. Wysocki, Director of Budget, ex officio.

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Deans' Search Committees

College of Fine and Applied Arts: Dr. Ruth Lewis, Professor of Mass Media-Communication (chairman); Mr. Irving Achorn, Professor of Art; Dr. H.K. Barker, Dean of the College of Education; Miss Deborah Hawanczak, Undergraduate Student; Dr. John MacDonald, Professor of Music.

General College: Dr. John Bee, Associate Professor of Mass Media-Communication (chairman); Dr. Robert Carson, Associate Professor of Mathematics; Mr. Dudley Johnson, Director of Counseling and Advising; Mr. Andrew Maluke, Associate Professor of Physical Education; Mr. Robert Weber, President, Associated Student Government; Mr. Robert Weyrick, Dean of the Community and Technical College.

Graduate Studies and Research: Dr. A. F. Banda, Professor of Finance (chairman); Dr. Theodore Duke, Distinguished Professor of Latin and Greek; Mr. Neal Krause, Graduate Student; Dr. Stanley Samad, Dean of School of Law; Dr. Sherman Vander Ark, Associate Professor of Music; Dr. David Weis, Professor of Education; Dr. Max Willis, Jr., Professor of Chemical Engineering.

UNITED WAY-RED CROSS CAMPAIGN 1977

Dr. Richard Gigliotti, chairman of the campus campaign, reports that as of October 26, the University family had pledged \$35,744, or 82.7 percent of the 1977 goal, this representing 37.5 percent participation. The campus drive will conclude on November 15, and everyone who can is urged to participate so that the University will again achieve at least 100 percent of its goal.

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS

The Research (Faculty Projects) Committee has announced the 1977-78 budget of \$75,800. Applications for research grants to be considered for the first quarter distribution are due in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by November 11, 1977. Deadline for applications for Faculty Summer Fellowships are due before November 18, 1977. Further information is available in the Graduate Office.

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Equipment Operation Workshops are scheduled November 2, 9 and 16 in Carroll Hall 50A. from 2 to 4 p. m. Information and reservations are available through Dr. Elizabeth Hittle, Buchtel Hall 108.

UNIVERSITY DATES

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| November 2 | President's Open Faculty Forum, Kolbe Theatre, 3:30 p. m. |
| November 3-6 | University Theatre presents <u>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</u> , Experimental Theatre, Guzzetta Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 6 | Concert by University Brass Choir, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 3 p. m.
Concert by University Jazz Ensemble, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 13 | World-at-Our-Door Travel Series, "Inside Passage and the Aleutian Islands," with Don Cooper, Thomas Hall, 2:30 p. m.
Concert by University Orchestra, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 3 p. m.
University Gold Series, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 14 | Concert by "Philidor Trio," Guzzetta Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 15 | Tuesday Musical Concert, Eugene Fodor, violinist, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 17 | Regular Meeting of University Council, Leigh Hall 307, 3 p. m. |
| November 18 | Concert by University Glee Clubs, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 20 | Bandorama, Thomas Hall, 3 p. m. |
| November 22 | Akron Symphony Orchestra, University of Akron Singers, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 20, 1977

The first regular meeting of the University Council for the 1977-78 academic year was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3:05 p. m. on Thursday, October 20, 1977 in Leigh Hall 307.

Sixty-one of the 66 members (including two ex officio) of Council for 1977-78 were present. Those absent with notice were Dr. C. Drennon and Dr. R.H. Sandefur. Others absent were Mrs. Virginia Black, Dr. Lillian DeYoung and Dr. T. Gloeckler.

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on May 19, 1977 as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle of June 15, 1977, and of the special meeting of September 27, 1977 as printed in the issue of the Chronicle of October 1, 1977. Dr. Slaughter wished to correct a statement on page 3 of the October 1 issue which had stated that Case Western Reserve started September 20, when in fact it started August 29. Since there were no other corrections, both sets of minutes were approved as printed and corrected.

Dr. D. J. Guzzetta then followed on the agenda's "Remarks of the President." He first referred to the operating budget as provided in Amended Substitute HB-191 for the 1977-79 biennium, with the Ohio General Assembly allocating The University of Akron \$27,045,927 for 1977-78, and \$29,293,917 for the next year. Because this fall's enrollment exceeded our conservative estimates, with 23,121 headcount on the Akron campus, we have already earned more than our subsidy. Several institutions in the state have had increases, so the amount of any overage earned will not be determined until after the first of the year. The President was gratified that the Legislature had passed the Capital Improvements bill as amended by the Senate, and he was hopeful that the Governor would sign it. This bill assigns \$14,300,000 to Akron, with \$8 million for the physical education facilities, \$5 million for property purchases, \$1.2 million for utilities and renovation, and \$100,000 for Wayne State (probably for physical facilities and perhaps a gas well).

The University will later, according to the President, request moneys for parking decks. It appears that the Regents have changed their policy and now do not prohibit such items, as witness their approving that kind of construction at Cleveland State and Youngstown State. Akron is already planning a parking deck for 1,000 cars on E. Exchange Street, to be financed by \$1.5 million in bonds plus approximately \$1,000,000 on hand for that purpose. Another such deck will be needed east of Spicer Street when our physical education facilities are expanded, and this will be included in our state budget request in the next biennium. Also at that time an addition to the Library will be a line item.

Dr. Guzzetta commented on the resolution passed by Akron City Council asking the University to consider moving the location of the proposed physical education facility nearer to the downtown area. He explained the importance of keeping the site of the 7,500-seat gymnasium adjacent to the present physical education complex embracing Memorial Hall and Jackson Field. He noted that in the Regents' guidelines for per capita student space requirements in physical education, 9 square feet is the minimum and Akron has only 4, with Memorial Hall scheduled from early morning to after midnight. Even with the completion of the new building, we will be 8th, as we are now, among the state universities in Ohio. The proposed structure will include classrooms, laboratories and some recreational facilities which are desperately needed to help fulfill our expanding needs, and which could not accommodate extracurricular uses. Although the University was glad to consider all the aspects of the matter, as requested by City Council, the University's primary purposes and responsibilities are to its students.

A recent strike delayed the construction of the new Chemistry/Health Sciences Building somewhat, but it is not too far behind schedule and some occupancy should be possible in the fall.

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The President again congratulated the Council and the faculty for their willing and conscientious absorbing of the unexpected greater influx of students this fall. He noted that the distribution is still about two day to one evening student.

In response to Dr. Dye's query, Dr. Guzzetta said that the exact subvention could not be determined at this time as it would depend on the mix—graduate, undergraduate, and professional. Some schools with lower enrollment have a higher FTE proportion, etc. In answer to Dean Carrino's question, the President said that the Center Street bridge by Thomas Hall and the McDowell Law Center would have to be rebuilt next year, which will create real traffic problems, but the bridge will be enlarged, and will have wider pedestrian malls on either side. It has not been financially possible to implement the 1966 Development Guide Plan completely, but the proposed walkway from the Morley Health Center will connect that parking lot with the ticket office of Thomas Hall and further coordinate campus and downtown relationships. Dr. Guzzetta, to Mr. Finan's question about utilizing Council's advice in making budget allocations under the Regents' new accounting recommendations, replied that certain prerogatives in this respect belong to the administration, but if major policy should be involved, Council's suggestions would be welcome.

On behalf of the United Fund-Red Cross campaign, the Provost read the report from the campus chairman, Dr. R. J. Gigliotti, indicating that by October 19, 1977 the University had reached 74.5 percent of quota, with \$32,166 pledged. Of the 1,737 campus family solicited, 578 had responded for 33.3 percent. Although the community campaign has concluded, the University drive will go into November because of a later start. We are 23 percent ahead of the receipts last year at this time, and Dr. Leathers encouraged everyone to participate in order to maintain the University's fine record of previous years.

Proceeding to reports of the standing committees, the Chairman called upon Dr. Schultz to speak for the Procedural Committee. Dr. Schultz stated that the committee had met on October 3 to prepare the agenda for today's Council meeting, and had also appointed the student members to the 1977-78 standing committees.

Dr. Barker said that the Athletics Committee held its first meeting on October 10 and that he had been elected chairman. The group had reviewed plans for the new physical education facility which will provide needed space for women's programs, and additional activities. The faculty committee which is recommending considerations for the new building plans has met with the Dean (chairman), and will also convey these suggestions to the Campus Facilities Planning Committee and the Vice President for Planning. If anyone wishes to confer with the special planning committee of the College, the Dean or Mr. Gordon Larson would be pleased to arrange it.

In answer to a query, it was confirmed that a connecting bridge was contemplated to join the new and current (Memorial Hall) physical education facilities. Dr. Leathers reminded Council that the advisory committee may recommend what it considers important aspects of the planned structure, but there are restraints imposed by the Regents, and also by the square foot requirements.

Mr. Monroe, the 1977-78 chairman of the Campus Facilities Planning Committee, announced that the organizational meeting had been held, and next month the group would consider Dr. Hanten's report.

Dr. Taylor, chairman of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, said there was no report.

Dr. Durst, chairman of the Faculty Well-Being Committee, informed the Council that the committee had met twice and had formulated the following items for study: 1) the "mandatory retirement

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resolution" of University Council; 2) the creation of a subcommittee to study the availability and needs of mental health maintenance programs within the University and community; 3) analysis of the fringe benefit programs. The committee is working on all three items.

As the new chairman of the Library and Learning Resources Committee, Dr. McGucken said that the group has met to organize and is setting up subcommittees to consider various subjects suggested.

Dr. Finan announced that as the only one eligible, he had been elected chairman of the Reference Committee! The group will review the Faculty Manual for any style changes and possible updating.

As chairman of the Research (Faculty Projects) Committee, Dr. Walton announced that the committee had met once, and was circulating the information as to the availability of Faculty Summer Research Fellowships for summer 1978. The deadline for filing application in the Graduate School Office is November 18, with the recipients of the five awards to be announced by January 6, 1978.

Dr. Makar, as the University's representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, presented a report summarizing the meetings of June, July and September 1977. This report is incorporated in the Appendix to these minutes. Dr. Makar said that he would be glad to answer any questions on the report.

Dr. Taylor, the new Akron representative on the Ohio Faculty Senate, deferred to Mr. Jamison who had attended the last meeting, which was held May 21, 1977 at the Center for Tomorrow, Columbus. Mr. Jamison said that 37 members representing 15 campuses were present. The bulk of the day was given over to a presentation on current legislative issues by Senator Oliver Ocasek, President Pro Tempore of the Ohio Senate. It was announced that at the October meeting several officers will be elected: first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and six members of the executive committee.

Next on the agenda was "Old Business," and Dr. Watt, chairman of the Quarter/Semester Conversion Steering Committee on Interdisciplinary Programs, presented the Certificate Programs and the Interdisciplinary Courses for conversion to semester. These had been distributed earlier today to Council members, and he apologized for their being late. This was due to deliberation on equal evaluation in the Honors Program in both quarter and semester, to maintain the original intent of Council in establishing the program; and to the same number of course credits, not necessarily the number of courses, in the Certificate Program. Dr. Watt moved that the two proposals, as circulated to Council, be approved. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach moved to substitute the word "colloquium" for "seminar" in the titles of interdisciplinary courses, as he considered the word "seminar" more reflective of graduate work. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Leathers felt that the subject should be more appropriately considered in committee than on the floor of Council. Dr. Noble thought that the question should have been raised in earlier considerations, and not be singled out now as a small part of the whole.

The Provost ruled that the motion was out of order.

Dr. Gerlach moved to appeal the ruling. The motion was seconded.

The motion to appeal was put to a vote and failed, with only three votes in favor.

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In reply to Mr. Finan's question, Dr. Watt explained that interdisciplinary courses had been established some ten years ago or more, and it is necessary to code some of the newer courses within departments and some with special interdisciplinary numbers.

The motion to accept the conversion of interdisciplinary programs and courses from quarters to semesters was put to a vote and carried. (These details are on file in University Archives.)

Dr. Gerlach wished to bring up a new item under "Old Business," referring to an action of University Council on September 23, 1976 relative to a statement on Faculty Loads. He asked if this was binding on anyone, and if not, why not.

Dr. Leathers replied that in September 1974 the original codification of existing faculty load policy was issued after considerable faculty input, and circulated from his office for 1974-75. Comments and/or suggested modifications were invited. Nobody had indicated suffering any hardship under it, and some modifications had been proposed, and incorporated in a draft which had been circulated in late summer 1975. In September 1975 this policy was circulated from the Provost's office as the current policy. Council had later acted upon a set of Guidelines presented by the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee in February 1976, and finally adopted after amendments and discussion, by Council in September 1976. However, the Provost continued, the final determination of a load policy is under administration jurisdiction. In consideration of the guidelines voted by Council, there were few variations and the Vice President had not received any complaints from faculty members, deans or department heads, although the Academic Vice President was open to suggestions.

Dr. Gerlach asked if the September 23, 1976 Council-approved Load Policy Guidelines were official policy. Dr. Leathers said, "No."

When Dr. Gerlach asked why the faculty were permitted to draft these guidelines, the Provost said that they were advisory suggestions, which were considered.

Mr. Finan cited Article II of the Bylaws of the University Council pertaining to the transmission of Council legislative action to the Board of Trustees. He assumed that if this action had not been returned from the Board, it indicated acceptance.

Dr. Leathers said this provision was for the Board to be informed.

Dr. Gerlach recommended a clarification of what issues would be sent to the Board, and also why he wasn't informed when his classes were cancelled.

Dr. Noble said there was administrative emphasis on "team leadership," but he sensed more suspicion of faculty and administration, and faculty really weren't included, as they should be for actual team leadership and cooperation. He doubted if faculty had been included in formulating the policy on "part-time" faculty, and on CLEP, another statement just circulated.

Dr. Poston reminded Dr. Noble that Council had approved the CLEP program three years ago after faculty discussion and deliberation on this matter and that there had been no change in policy. If something new has just been circulated he would like to see a copy.

When Dr. Bee inquired if there was a new policy on part-time faculty, the Provost confirmed that there is.

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Dr. Bee moved that the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee be directed to investigate the part-time instructors' load policy and make recommendations to University Council concerning the existing statement of that policy. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dean Samad said that he felt the Chairman was very generous in permitting these discussions which were not on the agenda, and he advocated Council discussing only those items on the agenda. He moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Leathers postponed action on the motion inasmuch as Mr. Finan had been asking for the floor.

Mr. Finan referred again to Article II of the Bylaws of University Council and wanted clarification of actions of Council which would go to the Board of Trustees.

The Provost said that some legislative action of Council was required to be forwarded to the Board, but he regretted that he was not conversant with all the factors relating to Board approval. Some transmission would depend on presidential judgment. The Provost suggested that the Reference Committee, under Mr. Finan's chairmanship, might consider the problem. Mr. Finan thought the President could not refuse to send actions of Council to the Board.

Dr. McGucken, as an item of New Business, moved that Council adopt the following resolution: "That the University Council of The University of Akron urge the Hon. John F. Seiberling to oppose the attempt being made in the House of Representatives to mandate Social Security coverage for all public employees, including professors and university administrators." The motion was seconded. //

Dr. Poston added that the State Retirement System would support such Council action.

The motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously. It was suggested that the telegram be sent to Congressman Seiberling in Washington immediately after the meeting, signed by Dr. Frederick Schultz, Secretary.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p. m.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 20, 1977

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS—Dr. George Makar, Representative, and Dr. Kenneth Siloac, Alternate.

The following report is a summary of the topics discussed at the June, July, and September, 1977, meetings of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Budget

Chancellor Norton indicated that Ohio would be \$10 million short in funding new enrollments—the first time in 10-15 years that the legislature declines to provide for anticipated new students. The continuation budget is some \$35-40 million short. Colleges will likely raise fees, if not fall 1977, then fall 1978. Fee increases may drive off some students.

Although the need for new revenues is apparent, no help will be forthcoming until at least after the next state election. The problem is further complicated by a lack of perceived need on the part of legislators for a significant funding increase in higher education. The Chancellor suggested that a more effective lobby on behalf of higher education in the state is needed. Individual schools do an effective job of lobbying in their own behalf through administrators, alumni groups, etc., but nobody really does an effective job of lobbying for higher education in Ohio as a whole.

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The Chancellor asked the group for ideas in this regard and it was suggested that the Ohio Board of Regents and Chancellor's office might attempt to ally itself with public interest groups and agencies around the state who share a concern for improved public services, including improved higher education, in the state. It was also suggested that the Chancellor might draw on the expertise of marketing experts, etc., within the state's colleges and universities, to advise him on ways and means of promoting higher education and the need for improved funding.

Program Review

The Ohio Board of Regents is committed to review academic programs at regular intervals. OBR declines to approve new programs until institutions have a review process in operation for existing programs. OBR is trying to work out a program to help institutions phase out programs that are bad investments and thus liberate funds for new or existing programs that are better investments.

With respect to "unproductive programs," Chancellor Norton would welcome definition from local sectors. "Productivity" need not be measured in terms of graduates; e.g., a service department may not have majors or graduates and still be productive. "Duplication" of programs is not a major concern.

Management Improvement Program

The Ohio Board of Regents is currently appointing a task force to study management improvement programs. The task force will be charged with the responsibility to choose consultants on management improvement for OBR, to monitor the work of the consultants, and to implement the results.

The mandated task force on MIP will have 15-20 persons. Some key persons have already been invited: Hollis Moore, President of the Bowling Green State University; Marjorie Parham, University of Cincinnati Trustee; John Light, President of Hocking Technical Institute. The task force will represent three major constituencies: the general public, higher education (trustees, presidents and other administrators, faculty), and the legislature.

Reciprocity

Legislation providing for reciprocity (waiver of out-of-state fee surcharges) for the contiguous states has been enacted. Meetings are scheduled in October with representatives from Michigan, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Chancellor Norton sees a need to negotiate means for balancing fee waivers. Parts of the reciprocity arrangements may be operative by September, 1978.

Access to Data

Chancellor Norton is considering appointment of a committee to develop OBR policy on access to raw data relating to Ohio higher education; he is considering production and distribution of a brief description of the kinds of data possessed by the OBR. He would solicit projects that would make use of these data and would pick perhaps three projects that would be granted access to the raw material; funding to come from the applicant not the OBR.

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

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