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UNIVERSITY DATES

November 1	Blue Series presents <u>Chinese Acrobats of Taiwan</u> , Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. Concert by <u>University of Akron Brass Choir</u> , Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m.
November 1-21	<u>Department of Art</u> presents display of pottery and crafts by Paula and Robert Winokur, Davis Art Gallery
November 4	<u>Travel Series</u> presents "Three Faces of Mexico", with Curt Matson, Thomas Hall, 2:30 p. m.
November 5	Concert by <u>University of Akron Jazz Ensemble</u> , Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. <u>President's Open Faculty Forum</u> , Kolbe 55, 3:30 p. m.
November 6	Concert by <u>University of Akron Glee Clubs</u> , Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m.
November 9-11, 16-18	<u>Tuesday Musical</u> presents Emil Gilels, Pianist, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. University Theatre presents <u>Promises, Promises</u> , Kolbe Theatre, 8:15 p. m.
November 10	<u>Bandorama</u> , Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
November 15	<u>Regular meeting of University Council</u> , Leigh 307, 3 p. m.
November 16	Gold Series presents <u>The Acting Company in "Elizabeth"</u> , Thomas Hall 8:15 p. m.
November 17	Gold Series presents <u>The Acting Company in "The White Devil"</u> , Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
November 20	Concert by <u>University Chamber Orchestra and Concert Choir</u> , Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
November 22-24	<u>Thanksgiving Recess</u> .
November 27	<u>Akron Symphony concert</u> with Miriam Fried, Violinist, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
November 30	<u>President's Holiday Open House</u> , Gardner Student Center, 3-5 p. m.
November 30- December 1	Milwaukee Ballet Company presents " <u>The Nutcracker</u> ", Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 18, 1979

The first meeting of University Council in the 1979-80 academic year was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3 p. m. on Thursday, October 18, 1979, in Leigh Hall 307.

Fifty-five of the 67 members of Council (including one ex officio, for 1979-80) were present. Those absent with notice were Mr. H. Allan, Dr. C. Carrino, Dr. H. Christman, Dr. W. H. Cone, Dr. L. DeYoung, Dr. J. Dunlap, Dr. G. Knieter, and Mr. H. P. Schrank, Jr. Others absent were Dr. P. Gerhart, Dr. C. E. Griffin, Dr. C. J. Major and Mr. G. Rahrooh.

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the meeting of University Council of May 10, 1979 as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle of June 1, 1979. The minutes were approved on motion.

Dr. Leathers then introduced the new members of Council: Dr. Chiou-Shiun Chen who succeeds Dr. C. Kashkari from the College of Engineering; Miss Dorothy Dobrindt and Miss Jean Haspeslagh who succeed Miss Eldonna Shields and Miss Winifred Walter from the College of Nursing; Interim Dean A. S. Rakas who succeeds Dr. S. A. Samad from the School of Law; Miss Priscilla Harding from the Evening Student Council; Mr. Ghobad Rahrooh, president of Graduate Student Council (absent). Dr. Leathers also noted that the following had been elected chairmen of Council's standing committees: Dean Barker, Athletics; Dr. Taylor, Campus Facilities Planning; Dr. Cone, Library and Learning Resources; and Dr. Chen, Reference.

The next item on the agenda was "Remarks of the President". Dr. Guzzetta announced that there were several points he wished to discuss. The first was the record enrollment for this fall, with a head count of 23,364, and the fact that the number of student credit hours produced was also a record. All but three of Ohio's state universities showed an increase this fall, with Toledo having the largest number and percentage. Because of the general increase across the state, the distribution of extra funds for over-budgeted F.T.E.'s may not be as generous as might have been hoped.

The President then referred to the capital improvements budget. He recalled that the Ohio Board of Regents had recommended \$10 million for The University of Akron which included \$7 million for the Library and Learning Resources Center, \$2.6 million for utilities and renovation and \$400,000 for a Child Study Center. This was part of the \$150 million package proposed for the entire state. The Governor had submitted a package of \$488 million for Ohio's state universities, with Akron's share to be \$28.3 million, without the Library. This amount, however, was to include \$6 million for a Natatorium, \$6.5 million to complete the Physical Education building, \$2.7 million for parking deck, \$3 million for land acquisition, \$5.1 million for utilities, renovation and HTW* conversion, \$2 million for Recreation Centers in Akron, \$2 million for Physical Education and Recreation at Wayne and \$1 million for a Child Study Center. The House had approved the Governor's proposal, but the Senate is still considering the bill. Last Friday all the state universities were asked to prioritize their list of capital improvements for submission to Columbus by Tuesday. It is doubtful if all the institutions will receive their full requests. On October 11 Akron went out for bids on the Physical Education building (not an arena) for six basic contracts. The \$8 million formerly allocated, with inflation, will not cover all the original plans, but the results will provide some guidelines for planning its completion. Bids have also been advertised for the renovation of the former Akron Cotton Products, Inc. building for our Computer Center. Since the plans to renovate the Olson Warehouse for the Department of Art at an estimated cost of \$4.5 million exceeded the \$1.4 million available in this biennium, the architect was instructed to prepare specifications for a first phase within budget.

*high temperature water

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Last summer, the President continued, the Board of Trustees had reaffirmed its Regulations for faculty retirement at age 65 (until the federal law is effective July 1, 1982 for changing the age to 70). The Ohio Legislature, in August, however, passed a bill making the 70 retirement age mandatory November 13, 1979. This bill went through apparently unknown to the Ohio Board of Regents and the Inter-University Council. The University of Akron's position of maintaining the age 65 was obviously legal as demonstrated by the Assembly's passage of a law to officially extend retirement age to 70. The President said he would request the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on October 24 to change its Regulations to comply with the new state law, effective November 13, 1979. He reminded the Council that our Board's Regulations continue to provide that administrators will still leave their positions at age 65.

Dr. Lehrman inquired whether this new law would affect other provisions in the Faculty Manual, particularly the new phased down retirement program. The President responded that it did not.

In reply to Dr. d'Amico's question, the President said that a department head is an administrator.

When Dr. McGucken asked if the administration went to Columbus to lobby for additional funds for the Physical Education complex, Dr. Guzzetta said that he, Board members and other administrators were "requested" to go by the Governor to explain why the cost estimates on the new Physical Education Building had escalated so dramatically. He stated that when the planning was begun a year ago, the costs were \$38 per square foot, and now they are estimated at \$75. He did not know how the Governor chose the items on his list for the \$28.3 million. Some, he answered Mr. Jamison, had been on our list, some not. He would have expected the Library to be included. In his letter responding to Senator Meshel's request for priorities, he emphasized the continued need for an addition to the Library.

Mr. Finan wondered if a faculty member could request the phased-down retirement program at age 55. Dr. Guzzetta said it was applicable at any age for a five-year period.

As the President left for another meeting, Dr. Leathers suggested that any faculty members with questions concerning retirement should consult with Dr. Poston.

Mr. James Nolte, chairman of the campus 1979 United Way-Red Cross campaign, reported that 13.4 percent of the University's goal has been achieved to date. The campaign deadline is October 31.

Dr. MacGregor inquired why the pledge cards had not been included with the monthly paychecks, as this had been a very successful method of solicitation in the past. Mr. Nolte said that he had wished to follow this procedure, but the United Way firmly discourages this practice generally.

Dr. Leathers informed the Council that thought is being given to establishing a standing committee (possibly using the Procedural Committee) to consider aspects of conducting the United Way campaign, and to establish a policy for next year. It is very important that the University maintain a good public image in this community endeavor. Last year our Board Trustee, Mr. Pilliod, was general chairman, and this year Professor Emeritus Ocask is government and schools division chairman. He urged participation of the entire campus family.

The Chairman then proceeded to call for reports from the Standing Committees.

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Dr. Bruce Holland stated that the Procedural Committee had met on August 14, September 17 and October 1. The first two meetings were devoted primarily to making the 1979-80 committee assignments, following the custom as far as possible, of balancing the requests of Council members with representation of various colleges and groups on each committee. The agenda for today's meeting was set at the October 1 session.

As a result of other discussion during these meetings, the Procedural Committee wished to introduce two motions and also to make a recommendation regarding Council minutes and committee reports. The first motion was that the Calendar Subcommittee of Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee make a recommendation on the advisability of changing Council meetings (effective 1980-81) to the first Thursday of each month, with no regular meetings in September or January. The rationale: the present meetings on the third Thursday in 1979-80 (as in 1978-79) fall during examination periods and vacations; and if committees have their organizational meetings during September, the committees would be ready for business at the first Council meeting the first week of October.

The second motion was that the Reference Committee review the present standing committee system and make recommendations regarding the size and composition of committees, the transfer and final disposition of records, the election of chairmen and other officers, and if appropriate, the functions of committees. When these questions arose during the Procedural Committee's assignments to committees, it was evident that the Council Bylaws were not always explicit, and that a review would be in order.

At the October 1 Procedural Committee meeting, the topic of Council minutes and committee reports was discussed. It was recommended that on a trial basis the minutes of Council as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle identify official actions taken and summarize the points made, rather than provide a running paraphrase or abstract of each speaker's comments. The Committee also recommended that committee chairmen provide the Secretary of Council with a written summary of their reports along with the actual wording of any motions made.

Regarding the Procedural Committee's first motion, Dr. Richard Roberts thought that the Council itself could make the change.

Dr. Leathers suggested that the matter be referred to the Calendar Subcommittee for discussion and possible referral to the University Council through APCC. The motion was seconded and carried.

Concerning the second Procedural Committee's motion, Dr. Rogers asked whether consideration had been given to reducing the number of Council committees, but was told that it had not.

Dr. Dye suggested that an effective date might be incorporated for the receipt of committee reports.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion of the Procedural Committee's recommendations on Council minutes and committee reports followed.

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In response to Dr. Lehrman's question as to the reason for the recommendation, Dr. Holland voiced the opinion of the Committee that a summary might be more readable and logical.

Dr. Dye expressed opposition to the motion, favoring the more detailed record as currently provided. Dr. Brittain concurred in this view.

The Chairman reminded the Council that the present practice is to paraphrase much of the action and discussion, but summaries of committee action are frequently submitted.

Dr. Lehrman also noted that printed minutes are available for possible correction.

Mr. Finan observed that "the logic of the members of Council is always impeccable; although the premises may be wrong."

Dr. Saslaw, in deference to the former member of University Council, stated, "In the absence of Dr. Gerlach, I recommend we keep the same format."

Dr. Leathers then summarized the consensus of the body that the present practice would be continued, except that the committees would be expected to submit their meeting reports and write out their offered motions.

Dr. Poston stated that material from the Academic Policies Committee would be forthcoming.

On behalf of the faculty of the Department of Home Economics and Family Ecology, Dr. Bee presented a recommendation that the deadline for fall 1979 grades be extended to January 2, 1980. He moved that the Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee deliberate the matter and make a recommendation at the November meeting of University Council. The motion was seconded. It was noted that the mandatory 48 hours deadline for submitting grades after the end of final exams would work a hardship over the Christmas 1979 weekend. The motion was carried. ✓

Speaking for the Committee on Athletics, Dean Barker reported that the organizational meeting took place on October 19, when he was reelected chairman. The Committee had reviewed the University's Statement of Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics, had adjusted its eligibility rules to conform to the semester requirements, and discussed the future of the Physical Education building.

Dr. Taylor said that the Campus Facilities Planning Committee had been convened on October 1, electing him chairman. Dr. MacGregor had briefly reviewed the status of various construction projects. Last spring the committee invited faculty and staff to make suggestions for improving campus facilities. Dr. MacGregor provided the committee with a summary of the responses, which the committee expects to review. The committee will meet again in November.

Miss Knight, the reelected chairman of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, stated that the organizational meeting had been held and there will be a further report next month.

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Dr. Saslaw, who continues as chairman of the Faculty Well-Being Committee, informed the Council that the membership of the Committee has not been completed, pending the necessity of electing another representative from one of the colleges. The group reminded the faculty that faculty liability insurance is available at \$25 and the only regret is that the administration could not finance this for the faculty. She noted that the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents had learned that there is an Ohio bill in process which would allow Board of Trustees to indemnify faculty. Our Faculty Well-Being Committee is working closely with Mr. Duff and Mr. Mallo on this matter.

Dr. Leathers congratulated Dr. Saslaw and her committee on their effective work and the excellent job they have done on behalf of the faculty. He felt that the faculty owe the entire group a real "thank-you".

In the absence of Dr. Cone, Dr. Carl Lieberman reported for the Library and Learning Resources Committee. The group had first met on October 9 and elected Dr. Cone as chairman. Subcommittees had been named. One of the most pressing problems confronting the Library is how to deal with the rising costs of serials.

The new chairman of the Reference Committee, Dr. Chen, announced that the committee work is in progress.

As chairman of the Research (Faculty Projects) Committee, Dr. Gent said that the group would meet the following morning. [The first deadline for the submission of grant proposals will be November 19, 1979. The total funds available to this committee for the 1979-80 year will be \$70,000.]

The Chairman congratulated Dr. Gent on being the recipient of the prestigious 1979 Adhesives Award of the American Society for Testing and Materials on October 11, in Monterey, California.

Dean Hansford reported that the first meeting of the Student Affairs Committee took place on October 16, 1979. The membership of the two standing subcommittees was established—Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans; and Extracurricular Activities. The only other business of the meeting was a brief report by Mr. Robert Hahn, Director of Student Financial Aids, on the program for the current year. The projections for 1979-80 call for approximately \$12 million in student financial aids, to be distributed to approximately 8,000 students in the form of over 16,000 awards.

The report of the Akron Representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Dr. Sherman Vander Ark, included two meetings—May 30 and October 4, 1979. He distributed copies which are also recorded in the Appendix to these minutes. Dr. Vander Ark emphasized in his oral summary the part which will be played by University administrators in the FTE Formula Revision Study—Vice President R. Wayne Duff is serving on the Committee on Formula Restructuring, and Vice President Noel Leathers on the Academic Issues Committee. Dr. Leathers will also be the liaison between the two committees. This revision is needed for the 1980s.

Dr. Lehrman, the Akron Representative on the Ohio Faculty Senate, reported that the Senate, which had not met in 1978, would not meet in 1979, although the state secretary had assured him that the organization was not defunct, just not functioning. A 1980 meeting is anticipated!

Dr. Bee was asked by the Chairman to read resolutions memorializing two former members of the University Council who had passed away in July. The resolutions follow:

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Resolution in Memory of Dr. Rogler

WHEREAS Dr. Charles C. Rogler joined the faculty of The University of Akron in 1949, and became Head of the Department of Sociology in 1952, and was appointed Professor Emeritus of Sociology in 1962; and

WHEREAS he served many years on the University Council, with loyalty, effectiveness, and dedication; and

WHEREAS his deep concern for his students and for high standards of academic disciplines and research continued after his "retirement"; and

WHEREAS he always maintained a lively interest in the development of The University of Akron, in the achievements and well-being of faculty, colleagues and friends; and

WHEREAS his death on July 3, 1979, concluded a long and successful career: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the University Council express its sympathy to Mrs. Rogler and his family with its sense of appreciation for his many contributions over the years; and cause this resolution to be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, October 18, 1979.

Resolution in Memory of Dr. Duke

WHEREAS Dr. Theodore T. Duke joined the faculty of The University of Akron in 1945 and became Head of the Department of Classics in 1948, and was appointed also Distinguished Professor of Latin and Greek in 1971; and

WHEREAS he served many years on the University Council, with loyalty, effectiveness, and dedication; and

WHEREAS he exemplified a high regard for the teaching profession, for research, for the well-being of his Alma Mater (The University of Akron), and especially for the development of his students; and

WHEREAS he was a friend and counselor to his many faculty colleagues; and

WHEREAS his untimely death on July 16, 1979 deprived the University community of an esteemed associate: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the University Council express its sense of profound loss and sympathy to the family and cause this resolution to be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, October 18, 1979.

It was moved that the resolutions be adopted, and members of Council stood in respectful acceptance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 18, 1979

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS—Dr. Sherman Vander Ark

Meeting of May 30, 1979

The Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) met as a committee in the morning session to discuss issues for the afternoon meeting with Chancellor Moulton.

The following points were stressed by Dr. Moulton:

Instructional Fee Freeze. OBOR is seeking to have the Senate permit schools to raise fees to \$795. However, no school would be permitted to raise fees more than \$50/year. Therefore, Dr. Moulton stressed there is a fee freeze at \$795 for the maximum, but with a provision that schools may choose to adjust no more than \$50/year toward the maximum.

Ohio Incentive Grants Program. The OIG Program is a priority item for this biennium.

Reciprocity. The exchange program has run at a deficit for Ohio. Dr. Moulton stressed that educational exchanges must run at a balanced budget. He plans to resolve this deficit with Toledo and Eastern Michigan.

Availability of Tests. There is a bill before the House which seeks to give students test results from standardized tests, including ACT and SAT. Testing groups are concerned over this bill because of the potential problems for their validation of their testing techniques.

Financial Aid. Charles Seward of the OBOR staff reported to FAC that the federal government is attempting to develop a standard application form within one or two years.

STRS. In reference to specific questions about HB-204, Dr. Moulton reported that OBOR has supported the notion that participation in the STRS for part-time faculty should be left up to the individual. He also cited studies which conclude that the idea of absorption of STRS into the Social Security System would be deleterious to STRS members. The outcome of this HB-204 should be announced at the October FAC meeting.

Future Enrollment Formula. The OBOR staff is working on a "Study Guide for the Revision of Subsidy Payments" which is to be presented at the next OBOR meeting. Dr. Moulton seeks to incorporate a merit/quality reward basis for financial subsidy in the future.

Meeting of October 4, 1979

The FAC met with Dr. Moulton on October 4, 1979, to discuss the following issues:

HB-204. It was announced that HB-204 was passed with the basic provision that faculty retirement be mandatory at age 70. The other numerous provisions of HB-204 include: the removal of phase retirements for higher education and restrictions for the number of classes a retired person can teach.

HB-74. This bill provides for professional liability insurance. The bill passed the Senate and is in the House.

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REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS, continued

Capital Improvements Budget. The CI budget approval by the OBOR was approximately \$150 million. Approximately one-third was spent for renovation, one-third was spent for replacement, and one-third was spent for new buildings. Dr. Moulton said that the budget has provided for a rather broad base of educational needs.

FTE Formula Revision Study. Three committees have been appointed to study subsidy formula models and to respond to the evolving enrollment changes in education for the next two decades. The three committees and their functions are:

- 1) Committee on Academic Issues - This committee will study the philosophy of subsidy and goals funding of universities.
- 2) Committee on Formula Revision - This body will convert the goals into a funding subsidy formula.
- 3) Committee on Policy Review - This group will review the subsidy process, and inform the community about the new formula.

It was a pleasure to learn that Dr. Noel Leathers is on the Academic Issues Committee and that Mr. R. Wayne Duff is on the Committee on Formula Restructuring.

The FAC expressed interest in having a representative on the Academic Issues Committee. Dr. Moulton saw "no problem," and FAC submitted the name of Dr. George St. Pierre of The Ohio State University for this position. FAC will request the appointment of a faculty member to the other two committees also.

Dr. Moulton's beliefs about future FTE priorities are for the system to reward quality and to deal with the concept of a critical minimal size. Priority decisions are to be made about these factors by institutions.

FAC Membership. Dr. Moulton is seeking to have the FAC a discussion-size group, and in August, 1979, sent a letter to all FAC members announcing that the two-year institutions place their members on a rotating basis. However, several two-year institutions had elected/appointed their representatives in spring, 1979. As a result, there were a few elected members present who were not to be representing their schools this year. Apparently, Dr. Moulton intends to permit them to be present this year. After considerable discussion, it appears that the issue will be resolved by the November 14, 1979, meeting of FAC.

MRS LINDA JOHNSON
VICE PRESIDENT & PROVOST