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Dean of C & T Search Committee

James Taggart, Business Technology, CHAIRMAN  
Dorothy Jackson, Deputy Mayor for Inter-Governmental Relations  
Kenneth McCormick, Criminal Justice Technology  
Nanette Phillips, Student, Business Management Technology  
Stanley Silverman, Associate Studies  
John Watt, Acting Dean, College of Education  
LaVerne Yousey, Allied Health

**DAVE ROBINSON, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY**

Changes in University Council Membership

College of Fine and Applied Arts: Dr. Ralph Turek replaces Dr. Linda Moore  
Community and Technical College: Dr. Russel Davis replaces Dr. Fred Sturm  
Part-Time Faculty Representative: Mrs. Linda Weiner

Deadline: For Faculty Research Grants to be awarded in the Spring of 1986:

February 19, 1986

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MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, November 7, 1985

The regular meeting of the University Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senior Vice President and Provost, Dr. Frank Marini, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 1985, in Leigh Hall 307.

Fifty-three of the seventy-seven members of Council (including three ex officio for 1985-86) were present. Those absent with notice were: David Barr, Don Bowles, Michael d'Amico, Claibourne Griffin, Ginger Lynch, William Muse, John Serafini, Fred Sturm. Absent was: Helen Cleminshaw, John Cole, William Fleming, Elton Glaser, Valerie Hill, Richard Jackoboice, Don Jenkins, Jacqueline Johnson-Chambers, David Kessler, Gerard Knieter, Nancy Milford, Ralph Turek, Walter Morton, Norma Pearson, Rita Saslaw.

The Chairman, in calling for consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of the University Council of October 3, 1985 as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle of October 23, 1985, noted the following corrections:

Page 9: Dean of Education Search, title for Dr. James Hardy should read, Assistant Superintendent of Akron Public Schools. Mrs. Barbara Jordan should be Miss Barbara Jordan.

Page 19: Course number 9200:626 should be 9200:628

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Dr. Marini then said that the President was unable to attend today's meeting and that he would like to make a few remarks in his place. He announced that the College of Fine and Applied Arts elected Dr. Ralph Turek as their replacement for Dr. Linda Moore who is serving an American Council on Education Fellowship this year. He also announced that Mrs. Linda Weiner was elected as the part-time representative to University Council and that Ms. Lynn Heberling was elected as the alternate should Mrs. Weiner be unable to complete her term.

Dr. Marini then said that it was the custom for the President to announce at the November meeting of Council the overall statistics on faculty salaries for the current year. He distributed a copy of the statistics and announced that the President was sending a letter containing the statistics to all faculty. The average salaries by rank and compared with 1984-85 are as follows:

Professors		Associate Professors		Assistant Professors		Instructors	
1984-85	1985-86	1984-85	1985-86	1984-85	1985-86	1984-85	1985-86
\$40,083	\$42,417	\$31,606	\$33,233	\$26,289	\$28,214	\$22,031	\$23,274

Dr. Marini announced the membership of the Search Committee for the Dean of the Community and Technical College as indicated on page one of this Chronicle.

Reporting for the United Way Committee, Dean Carrino said that the goal this year was \$81,000. Gifts totaled \$83,888.37 or a total of 103.5% of our goal. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Beginning the reports from the standing committees, Dr. C. Frank Griffin stated that the Procedural Committee met once since the last Council meeting and established the agenda for today's meeting.



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Mr. Baldwin reported that the Academic Policies Curriculum and Calendar Committee was working on a 1986-87 calendar and that a motion to approve a tentative 1986-87 calendar without a mid-year commencement was approved. The Policy Subcommittee will report to APCC in November. A motion was made in APCC to delay a recommendation regarding mid-year commencement until after the 1985 mid-year commencement had been evaluated. ✓

Dr. Arms reported that the Athletics Committee met on October 24 and discussed NCAA rules and regulations as they apply to student athletes. A description of the program conducted on this campus to assure academic standards was provided by the Director of Athletics.

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Campus Facilities Planning Committee met on November 5 and continued their examination of physical and environmental problems in the various buildings on campus particularly with regard to the classroom situation. The committee started deliberations concerning establishing a recommended minimum for future use of classrooms.

Dr. Jackson indicated there was no report from Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

Dr. Burton reported that the Faculty Well-Being Committee met on October 18. The first item under old business was a report from Don Bowles about asbestos in campus buildings. He provided the committee with copies of reports from 1983 and 1985 which are available for reading. The second item was Dr. Burton's meeting with the Provost expressing concern about the need for improved liaison with the administration. The third item was a memo from the Ad Hoc Committee on Part-time Faculty. The committee suggested several improvements to the procedures for the election of a part-time faculty representative to University Council. Dr. Burton subsequently met with Dr. Helmick who indicated these suggestions were well received. New business of the committee included faculty complaints about the dirtiness and inadequacy of current athletic facilities for faculty. Faculty were encouraged to voice their concerns to Dr. H. Kenneth Barker and to Mr. Bowles. The second item under new business was "Guidelines for the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Academic Units." There was a question regarding Assumptions on pages 3 and 4 of this document; the question was forwarded to the Provost who has responded. The third item was reasonable charges for medical bills.

Dr. Burton was asked if the committee had discussed the confusion that existed among members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Part-time Faculty and who they reported to and their charge. She said she did not know if the committee reported to the Provost or to University Council. The charge to the committee; however, was in the March 18, 1985 minutes of Council. The Ad Hoc committee was originally to report in Spring; but that deadline has since been changed to December. ✓

Dr. Marini said that he has reviewed the record and discovered that the committee was appointed by the Provost and that the Provost assigned specific questions for investigation. It was clear that at the time the appointments were made that the Ad Hoc committee reported to the Provost. He further stated that when the committee reported to him in December, he would share the report with University Council and with the part-time faculty.

Mrs. Weiner said there was a second problem because the Ad Hoc committee was asked to look into health insurance benefits as well as the entire question of part-time faculty contracts, rules, regulations, rank, ratings, etc. by Acting Provost Watt. She wanted to know if this was still the charge to the committee. Dr. Marini said it was.



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Dr. Gwinn asked the status of The University of Akron's participation in a health maintenance organization.

Dr. Burton said she visited such an organization during the summer with Dale Foster and expected to be asked to visit several others; however she did not receive any calls. She said she had heard that a consultant had been hired to review these organizations.

Dr. Marini said that this may be under consideration. He said there was a need for a liaison between the administration and the Faculty Well-Being Committee and asked Dr. Helmick to serve as this liaison and act as an ex officio member of the committee.

Reporting for the Library and Learning Resources Committee, Dr. Gwinn said that the film collection which the University loaned to the Akron Public Library would be returned to campus during Christmas break. He indicated that the Akron Public Library may keep several of the more popular films. The LLRC also requested more information about the amount of money available for books and serials and the number purchased for the last five years and would have a more detailed report for Council later. He further indicated that this year, the LLRC decided to establish new subcommittees. One would look at the requirements for membership in the Association of Research Libraries and make recommendations as to how we might move in that direction. A second subcommittee was established to look at computer software policies on campus; another subcommittee would deal with departmental libraries. Some of the departmental libraries are extensive and perhaps should be tied in with the main library. Finally, a committee would look at faculty borrowing privileges. A policy has been established wherein if the book was not returned by the due date, a fine of twenty-five cents would be levied up to a maximum of \$6. Borrowing privileges would be suspended if fines accumulated to \$100.

Dr. Ma reported for the Reference Committee in Mr. Miller's absence. He said that their committee met on October 14 and elected Mr. Miller chairman. There have been no other activities to date.

Dean Gent reported that the Research Committee met on October 28 and 29 to review 37 applications requesting \$76,280. The committee approved funding 18 projects for a total of \$32,640.17. The committee will meet again on November 12 and 13 to consider 24 applications that have been received for summer research projects. Dean Gent reminded Council that the deadline for receipt of applications for the second round of these grants was February 19, 1986.

Dr. Dubick reported that the Student Affairs committee met on October 10, 1985 and he was elected chairman. He stated that the committee divided into two subcommittees: Extracurricular Activities (which met for the first time on November 5 and distributed materials dealing with registration of student groups and the allocation of extra-curricular activity funds) and the subcommittee on Scholarships, Grants, Awards and Loans which will meet for the first time on December 3.

Dr. Mendenhall presented the report of Dr. Fleming, the representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. His report is on page seven of this Chronicle.

Dr. Marini then proceeded to Old Business and the recommendation of APCC that Council retain the 48-hour rule regarding the submission of final grades.



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Dr. Hinckley spoke in opposition to this recommendation. She felt it reflected greater concern with administrative convenience than concern with the grading and evaluation of students. She indicated that people having finals at the end of finals week were under a great deal of pressure to get their grades turned in on time. This was particularly true in the summer when all finals are given on Friday. She said that this could lead to submission of grades on Christmas Eve and was opposed to this motion.

Mrs. Heinzerling said she polled the faculty in the College of Fine and Applied Arts. She had a 33% response rate, and 55% were in opposition to the retention of the 48-hour rule.

Dr. Jackson asked for clarification of the motion on the floor. Dr. Marini said the motion was to retain the present rule--that the 48-hour rule regarding submission of final grades remain in effect. Dr. Jackson asked what the original motion was. Dr. C. Frank Griffin said that the May 15, 1985 Chronicle referred to a motion by Mr. Baldwin to accept the recommendation of APCC that the 48-hour rule remain in effect. This motion was seconded by Dr. Barker.

Dr. Marini suggested a new motion might be made. As a substitute motion, Dr. Jackson moved that final examination grades will not be due to the Registrar until two clear working days after examination week. The motion was seconded by Dr. Merrix.

Dr. Jackson said that the current rule undermined the whole examination process and governed the type of examination which faculty could give because of the time constraint; it certainly discouraged the opportunity to give essay type examinations. He strongly supported giving the faculty the option as to the type of examination they wished to give, enough time to grade them and enough time to make a fair assessment of student performance.

Mr. Baldwin said he was neither in favor nor opposed to the motion but wished to clarify a few items. He said that faculty who traditionally wished to have essay-type exams could offer the course at a different time and thus have a different exam schedule. He stated that the University had a tradition of giving the student a diploma with his/her name on it and that required a great deal of time. The Registrar's office starts processing grades at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday and continues up to commencement. If grades were not turned in until Tuesday, in essence Tuesday is lost for processing. This would also adversely affect students who needed advising or special counseling.

Dean Dunlap said that the University was locked into the calendar this year; and suggested as a friendly amendment that this new rule would go into effect in September 1986. This was accepted by Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Oller asked if we were concerned with educating students or processing them? He spoke in favor of the substitute motion.

Mr. Baldwin said that processing was not his only concern. He said students want to receive their diplomas when they graduate and are entitled to them. He said we were supporting students, not the Registrar's office; and we had to get to students who were in academic difficulty not just graduating seniors.

Dean Ruebel said that his office had to consider approximately 2,000 students at the end of each term to decide whether they remained in school or not; and shortening the time for advising delayed the total process.



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Mr. Elsass asked if seniors could be tracked and an adjustment made whereby seniors were graded first? Mr. Baldwin said that we were currently identifying seniors early; that all faculty have received letters from his office requesting that grades be turned in on December 17 for the December 22 mid-year commencement. Faculty were notified on the fourteenth day of class to assist in scheduling early exams for the degree candidates.

Dean Hill said we were in a situation where nobody would give. He liked the idea of two full working days; but said we were committing ourselves to a change in calendar because of the need for good examinations; however the students needed good advisement as soon as possible.

Dr. Jackson said that only one day was being added, not two. Dean Ruebel asked Dr. Jackson if he thought this would eliminate the problem with some faculty giving exams early, and Dr. Jackson said that was a problem that the Provost could handle administratively.

Dr. Beyer asked if having grades submitted by noon on Tuesday would help with the process; Mr. Baldwin said it would not because the Computer Center required a full night to process grades.

Dr. Watt then called Council's attention to the fact that the 48-hour rule was voted by this body in 1972 in conjunction with the change in the calendar from quarters to semesters, and the basic thrust of that motion was the concern with final examinations being scheduled during final examination week.

Mr. Elsass asked if faculty could track seniors in class and turn in their grades early. Dr. Jackson responded by saying this, in effect, asked faculty to turn in grades before the final was given.

Mr. Baldwin said that the two full working day rule would affect only Friday exams. Dr. Jackson said that perhaps Mr. Baldwin misread the motion; that it said final exams shall be recorded not later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday following the end of examination week. Mr. Inman agreed with Dr. Jackson and said he thought that most faculty would submit grades as early as possible and not wait until the following week. Mr. Baldwin indicated that he received approximately 93% of the grades on Monday of exam week despite the 48-hour rule.

Dr. Watt called the motion that final grades are not due to the Registrar's office until two clear working days after the end of final exam week. The motion carried with 31 in favor, 13 opposed, 4 abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, November 7, 1985

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

At the morning session of FAC on 30 October 1985, Vice Chancellor William Napier spoke about several items of pending legislation. In the U.S. Congress, a bill to mandate public employee membership in Social Security is opposed by almost all Ohio legislators. A few, however, favor mandatory Medicare. This will cost each employee 1.4% of salary, to be matched by each employer.

In the Ohio legislature, H.B. 700 (Hinig) would continue the State's provision of immunity, indemnity (to ca.\$2 million), and defense counsel, and would retain jurisdiction in the Court of Claims, in civil actions against any State officer or employee. The original law (passed in 1980) is to expire soon.

Soon after the legislature reconvenes on November 12, H.B. 296 (Peterson) should come to the floor. This bill would, among other things, prohibit use in research of any animal not specifically bred and raised for that purpose.

Also soon, Speaker Riffe is expected to introduce legislation creating the 13th State University by changing Shawnee State Community College to Shawnee State University.

H.B. 497 (Pringle), a bill to ensure the oral English competency of all classroom instructors, is quiet at the moment but could be revived if schools do not address the problem. (Note that the bill's language does not limit its application to TA's as previously suggested.) (I have copies of H.B. 700, 296 and 497 if anyone is interested.)

The new level of State support for higher education has moved Ohio to about 16th in current gains, but probably has not significantly affected our rank in the lower 25% among the states. Faculty, administrators, and trustees were apparently effective in helping stave off the tax roll-backs threatened last spring. The new, more aggressive advocacy of OBOR also helped.

Vice Chancellor Napier acknowledged the value of city-sponsored visits to local campuses by groups of legislators. Such visits help legislators see more clearly the need for public investment in higher education in general and in specific campus projects in particular.

At the afternoon session, Chancellor Coulter reported that OBOR would probably ask the legislature for about the same amount next biennium as was budgeted this time--some \$300 million. He stressed the importance of not losing ground from the present level of support as a maintenance-base.

In response to a question, the Chancellor firmly denied any OBOR moratorium on new programs or degree offerings. Each proposal will be weighed on its individual merits.

Finally, Chancellor Coulter stressed the importance of faculty enthusiasm in promoting and continuing the Excellence programs--importance to the public, to OBOR, and to the legislators.



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CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS (continued)

[The University of Akron has been allotted eight Excellence proposals for the academic year 1986-87: six for main campus, two for the Community and Technical College. No substitutions may be made in program allotments, and programs which received this award for this year will not be eligible again until the 1987-89 biennium.]

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Fleming



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RESEARCH (FACULTY PROJECTS) COMMITTEE  
(awarded October 29, 1985)

<u>RG#</u>	<u>NAME AND DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TITLE OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
897	William Brian Arbuckle Civil Engineering	"Predictive Correlations for the Adsorption of Toxics"	\$ 1,200
898	Paul Colomy & Huey Chen Sociology	"Volunteer Satisfaction"	\$ 400
899	James Egan English	"The Evolution of Novelistic Techniques in Seventeenth-Century English Prose Writing"	\$ 1,200
900	Gasper A. Garofalo and Devinder M. Malhotra Economics/Arts & Sciences	"Input Prices and Regional Capital Formation"	\$ 1,500
901	H. Roger Grant History	"North Western Lines: A History of the Chicago & NorthWestern Railway System"	\$ 2,000
902	P. D. Gujrati Chemistry	"Fractal Nature of Tumor Growth"	\$ 1,800
903	James K. Hardy Chemistry	"Determination of Metallic Priority Pollutants by Liquid Chromatographic Separation of their Dithiocarbamate Complexes"	\$ 2,700
904	Tom T. Hartley Electrical Engineering	"Adaptive Control of Nonlinear Robotic Systems"	\$ 1,600
905	Martha M. Kory Biology	"Isolation of <u>Bacteroides fragilis</u> Bacteriophages from Humans Infected with <u>Bacteroides fragilis</u> "	\$ 2,100
906	Maryhelen Kreidler, V. Ruth Gray and Martha Conrad, Center for Nursing	"Relationship Between the Older Adult's Perception of Quality of Life and His Participation in a Family Health Wellness Program"	\$ 2,500
907	Nada Ledinko Biology	"Effect of vitamin A and analogs on in vitro invasive ability to human cancer cells"	\$ 3,000
908	Joseph Padovan and Fred Choy, Mechanical Engineering	"Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis of Rub Events in High Performance Turbomachinery"	\$ 2,100



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RESEARCH (FACULTY PROJECTS) COMMITTEE (continued)  
(awarded October 29, 1985)

<u>RG#</u>	<u>NAME AND DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TITLE OF PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
909	James F. Reed, III and David B. Stark Mathematical Sciences	"Robust Estimator of Location: A Review of Princeton and Post- Princeton Study Adaptive Estimators, Monte'Carlo Simulation and Analysis"	\$ 600
910	Garnette Ryland and M. J. Braun, Mechanical Engineering	"Fluid-Structure Interaction of a Whirling Shaft in a Fluid Medium"	\$ 2,500
911	Dale L. Schruben Chemical Engineering	"Beneficiation of Stability and Rheological Characteristics of Coal-Water Slurries"	\$ 1,000
912	Michael J. Taschner Chemistry	"Synthetic Approach to the 3-Acyltetramic Acid Antibiotics"	\$ 2,800
913	Monte E. Turner Biology	"Regulatory Gene Variation in <u>D.</u> <u>pseudoobscura</u> "	\$ 1,614.17
914	Ronald E. Viola Chemistry	"Mechanistic Studies of Matabolic Disorders"	\$ 2,000



APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, November 7, 1985

Summer, 1986

FACULTY SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Research (Faculty Projects) Committee completed its review and evaluation of the applications for Faculty Summer Research Fellowship on November 12, 1985 and made Fellowship awards to the following faculty members:

Mr. Lloyd C. Anderson, Law

"Civil Rights Class Action Consent Decrees: History, Third-Party Rights and Termination."

Dr. David Bernstein, Music

"The Scoring of an Original Work for the Musical Theatre."

Dr. Robin Riley Fast, English

"Women Poets, The Natural World, and The Creative Process."

Dr. Rudy Fenwick, Sociology

"English-French Earnings Inequality in Canada and in Quebec."

Dr. Lee Kai-Fong, Electrical Engineering

"Analysis of microstrip antennas with air gaps mounted on curved surfaces."

Dr. Robert B. Kent, Geography

"Cadastral Mapping for Property Taxation."

Dr. Ronald E. Viola, Chemistry

"Aluminum Ion Involvement in Alzheimer's Disease."

Mrs. Donna Webb, Art

"Integration of Form, Surface and Meaning in Ceremonial Vessels."

The committee reviewed 24 applications, distributed among the Colleges as follows: Humanities - 4, Social Sciences - 5, Natural Sciences - 6, Law - 2, Fine & Applied Arts - 5, and Engineering - 2.

Amount: Summer stipends of \$4,000 each plus \$500 faculty research grant each - \$36,000.

The committee made 8 awards out of 24 submissions.



