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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FACULTY SENATE MEETING
OF OCTOBER 8, 1998**

The special meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by Chairman Devinder Malhotra at 3:03 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 1998, in Room 201 of the Buckingham Center for Continuing Education.

Forty-four of the sixty-four members of the Faculty Senate were in attendance. Senators Baranowski, Bird, C.Buchanan, Clark, Filer-Tubaugh, Fisher, Gelfand, Mormino, Ozanich, Stewart, and Turek were absent with notice. Senators Baldwin, Deckler, Dhinojwala, Gill, Redle, Reed, Reep, and Ritchey were absent without notice.

SENATE ACTIONS

- * **CREATED A TEMPORARY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST/COMMITMENT DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE A REPORT AT THE DECEMBER 3 MEETING**
- * **VOTED TO RECONSIDER A CFPC RECOMMENDATION ON HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**
- * **VOTED TO POSTPONE APPROVING THE CFPC RECOMMENDATION ON HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL UNTIL THE DECEMBER 3 MEETING**
- * **APPROVED A MOTION FOR THE DRAFT OF THE UNIVERSITY WELL-BEING COMMITTEE'S HEALTH PLAN PROPOSAL TO BE PUT ON THE UNIVERSITY'S WEB SITE.**

I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - At the very outset, the Chairman wanted to go on record by saying that the call in the Indians-Yankees game the night before where Fryman had gone to first base had been the appropriate one. Please do not be snowed by Yankee propaganda. On a more personal note, he had an announcement to make. A few months back, Arts and Sciences had advertised for the position of Associate Dean, and he had been a candidate for that job. The search was now completed, and he had been offered the job and was going to take it. Therefore, he was going to resign as Chair of the Senate as of November 1, but he would stay on the Senate until December 31, as his new job did not start until January 1. At the November meeting there would be an election for his replacement. He was not going to be mushy today but would reserve that for the November meeting. He really had had a lot of fun being Chair of the Senate.

The agenda was the next order of business. Because this was a special meeting, no separate agenda had been sent out to members. There were three items of which he was aware for this meeting. There were the reports of the Executive Committee, Campus Facilities Planning and Rights and Responsibilities. Senator Michael Cheung asked that the item "new business" be added to the

agenda, and Senator Elizabeth Erickson noted that there would be a short report from University Well-Being. Senator Peggy Richards added that the President's remarks should also be included. Senator Cheung moved to accept the agenda with those additions, and this was seconded by Senator Richards. The body then voted its approval.

II. REPORTS

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY - President Ruebel gave the following remarks:

"Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Board of Trustees meeting two weeks ago was productive, and I want to share a few of the ideas that were brought up at this meeting. First, the Board approved a renewed effort for a campus development guide using the talents of Sasaki and URS Greiner Consultants. This plan will provide long-term vision to decisions on campus facilities issues, capital planning, as well as capital requests. The development of this plan is one that we have needed for a long time, and regardless of who does it, we had to have some layout here as to what this campus will look like 10 years down the road.

I want to stress that the Board is exploring plans to look at a recreation center and a student center, but they have made no commitments whatsoever as far as buildings are concerned with the exception of Olin II. That's the only one the Board has taken action on. They've made significant progress in making the campus more attractive, and I think by laying out this plan we will be going in the right direction.

Naturally, one of the challenges that the Board faces is the funding for all of the projects that we want down the road right now. We intend to consider all the sources of funding, and I feel that the institution should, including state appropriations as well as private donations. I think that the institution should probably make a more concerted effort toward this area of private donations, because in the past year it has indicated to us that our clientele is willing to give to the University.

The second significant action that the Board has taken is the resolution reaffirming the Board's belief in academic freedom as well as tenure, and this resolution was distributed to you last week, as I think the entire faculty received a copy of this.

Next, I want to congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of our Law School. For the tenth year in a row the Trial Advocacy Team has been named among the top 16 programs in the nation. I also along with this would like to congratulate the colleagues who have been involved in the Medina Distance Learning Project for their latest accomplishments. Yesterday representatives of the University and the Medina County Schools joined with our many collaborators to mark the completion of our fiber network and the signing of a long-term formal master agreement on distance learning. At that ceremony Dr. Steve Myers announced that the project had been chosen for use as a case study by the Microsoft Corp.

Finally, I want to report some good news regarding the following enrollment figures: Overall the head count for the first time in 9 years has flattened out, and the overall credit hr. production is up slightly and freshman head count has increased by 6% over last year. These figures indicate the end of declining enrollment that started nearly 10 years ago, and I believe that we can continue this forward trend as far as the institution is concerned. However, I feel that we should look at the growth pattern that institutions can get too large, and I'm not saying that we have to start curtailing our growth, but I think that before we look at 30,000 as we had at one time, we have to realistically look at what we have facility-wise, what we have faculty-wise, and how many students can we productively handle. I think it's easy to get carried away with how many you have, but I think we have to look at the quality aspect, too. Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report, and I'll be happy to answer any questions."

REMARKS OF THE PROVOST - The Chairman noted that Provost Leathers was unable to attend today because of a death in the family.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Secretary Gary Oller reported that the Committee had met yesterday to discuss the charge given it at the last meeting regarding devising a special committee to look at the draft of the Conflict of Interest Policy. Senator Jack Braun also had attended to discuss some aspects of the motion that he had suggested to the body at the last meeting. The Committee did have a motion to make regarding this under new business.

FACULTY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE - (Appendix A) Senator Tim Norfolk reported that the Committee had met several times and three grievances had been reviewed. One had been extensively reviewed, and a report had been submitted to the President who had accepted the recommendations. A second grievance had been rejected by the Committee after review, and the third one had been found by the Committee to be beyond its purview. It had submitted recommendations to the grievant.

CAMPUS FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE - Senator Erickson, the Chair, reported that the Committee had met on October 2 in order to discuss the capital fund financing program which had been brought to the Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee of the Board at its September 23 meeting. The CFPC had an observer to that Committee, and had the report of that Committee. Mr. Paul McFarland, Vice President for Finance, had reported to CFPC at the Oct. 2 meeting that the proposal and the lists of projects in the report were still under consideration and would not be going to the Board at its October meeting. When it had looked as though the report was going to that Oct. meeting, the CFPC had been concerned about having input before that time. As it now stood, the Board wanted more input including the report of Sasaki and Associates. President Ruebel had just mentioned the role of Sasaki in his remarks. The general ideas discussed in that program were those outlined in the "Beacon Journal" article of September 14, which she was sure many of the members had read. The plan envisaged a series of capital projects on campus costing from \$60 to \$160 million, funded in part by borrowing. Over the past few meetings, the CFPC had

been gaining access to information on this plan. It now thought that it was receiving significant input, and it was being updated on what was still a fluid situation.

Senator Erickson went on to say that the Committee wanted to go on record that there was a real need to update and improve the campus and its buildings, and it therefore welcomed the move to make changes. A number of Committee members were not Senators, but they were long-time members of CFPC who had been trying to get changes on campus for a long time. It looked now as though there might be some changes made, and they were glad that this was happening. It was also the Committee's role according to the bylaws to review construction needs and to provide advice and information on priorities. Now there would be some time to review the plans. The Committee was starting with an evaluation of building priorities and their estimated costs and feasibility in a limited time period. As soon as it had that evaluation, it would present it to the Senate. It recognized that capital projects needed joint consultation with PBC, and the Committee was in the process of organizing that interaction.

UNIVERSITY WELL-BEING COMMITTEE - Senator Erickson, reporting for the Chair, said that the Committee was in the process of developing a health care proposal. It had been asked by the Provost to do that, and this proposal would be presented to this body at the November meeting so it could be discussed in December. In the meantime, there was a draft proposal for which the Committee needed University feedback. Next week there would be a second set of open forums, and she asked Senators to urge their constituents to attend. At the first set of forums about 160 people had attended, of which only 30 were faculty. Perhaps faculty were quite happy to let Well-Being come up with a solution, but the Committee thought that sooner or later someone was going to say, "Nobody told us." The Committee wanted input from the community and urged that everyone look at the proposed recommendations. The list of meeting times for the forums would be coming in the mail. Please urge your constituents to attend.

Senator Lynn Smolen wondered whether the Committee had taken into consideration the suggestions from the first set of meetings and had modified the original draft accordingly.

Senator Erickson answered that it had done this and had used that information to form the proposal which would be discussed next week.

Senator Mary Konkell asked whether the draft would be posted on the Web. Senator Kevin Butler, also a member of the Committee, said that this had been discussed. However, since some of the points in the proposal were controversial and health care was a very complicated issue, some aspects of the proposal would take some explaining. Therefore, the Committee had not opted to put it on the Web, but it would be available in the Faculty Senate office and on reserve in the Library beginning next week. This would be announced in Paul Herold's digest tomorrow.

Since this was a document which was going to be made available in a public venue, Senator Cheung was curious as to how leaving copies in the library and Faculty Senate office differed from posting it on the Web where people could read it at their desks.

Senator Butler answered that his personal feeling had been that it should be on the Web. However, it had been the Committee's feeling that it not go out at this point.

A discussion ensued among Senator William Rich, Senator Erickson, Senator Chand Midha and the Chairman regarding the best way to expedite a decision for getting this on the Web. The Chairman suggested that the body wait and discuss it under new business.

RESEARCH FACULTY PROJECTS COMMITTEE - (Appendix B - Fall 1998 Internal Grants)

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - (See Appendix C.)

III. NEW BUSINESS - The Chairman recognized Secretary Oller, who had an item of new business from the Executive Committee. He stated that the committee had discussed ways of creating a special committee that could look at the draft of the Conflict of Interest proposal. What the Committee had unanimously decided to do was have a committee of 13 members, one each from the degree-granting colleges, one from SEAC, one from CPAC, one from the Library, and one from part-time faculty. It also decided that rather than the Committee trying to decide on names of individuals from each of those units who would be interested in serving and who would be effective in serving, it would be faster for the Senators to caucus in their respective groups and to recommend names today or as soon as possible so that the Committee could be formed and begin to work. He then moved **that a committee to examine the Conflict of Interest document be created with 13 members - 9 from the degree-granting colleges, 1 from SEAC, 1 from CPAC, one from the Library, and one from part-time faculty - who are to be chosen by the Faculty Senators in caucus.** These individuals did not have to be Senators; they could be anybody from the colleges that Senators thought would be effective and interested in serving on this committee.

The Chairman added that this was the same procedure that was followed in PBC elections with the caveat that the representative from the colleges need not be Senators. As a recommendation from a Committee, this did not need a second and now was on the floor for discussion.

Senator Mark Tausig was a little alarmed at the size of this committee. What was the rationale for making it so broad-based?

The Chairman replied that the rationale had been to make the committee as representative as possible, and the Executive Committee had been given the charge that

whatever committee it appointed should have at least one representative from each degree-granting college. Therefore this requirement had come from the body itself.

Since there was no further discussion, the body voted its approval of the motion. The Senate then took five minutes to caucus.

The results of the caucus were as follows: Fine & Applied Arts - Robert Huff; C&T - Elizabeth Kennedy; College of Engineering - Jack Braun; College of Education - Tim Lillie; Arts and Sciences - Frank Falk; CPAC - Douglas Draher; SEAC - Debra Hayes; Part-Time Faculty - Evangeline Varonis; Nursing - Elaine Fisher; Polymer Science - Roderic Quirk; Wayne - Dan Deckler; Business - Susan Hanlon; Library - Jeffrey Franks; Law - Paul Richert. (The Chairman added that Senator Richert was newly elected from the School of Law, and he received a round of applause).

Senator Norfolk thought there were a lot of people who were interested in this issue and would want to attend meetings of this committee. He suggested that it would be a good idea that these meetings be in some form public.

The Chairman noted that some of the newly chosen members of the committee were here and could convey that suggestion to the committee at its first meeting.

Senator Jesse Marquette thought that there should be some sort of time line on this. We did not want this to be like the impeachment inquiry. Therefore he moved **that the Senate require the report of the committee by the 15th of December** and this was seconded by Senator Norfolk. The Chairman commented that we could always have a special meeting of the Senate at that time or wait until the first meeting in the spring.

Senator Dan Sheffer wondered how this time line coincided with the comment that he had heard at the College of Engineering meeting this morning that Dr. Wilson was looking for comments to be in by October 31.

The Chairman thought that the University Research Council had asked for an additional month which took the date to October 31. If this body passed this, it could then be passed on to the President. If he or the central administration thought that they could not wait until December 15, we could deal with it then.

Senator Braun commented that the College of Engineering had decided that in addition to having its representative on this committee, it would have elected committees from every department that would caucus, look at this document, and then give information to the college's representative on the committee. This way there would be the widest possible representation, and everyone who had an opinion would be able to voice it.

As a matter of practicality, Senator John Edgerton proposed that the committee's report be given to the Senate at its December meeting. This was agreeable to Senator Marquette, so the motion was amended to read **"at the December meeting"** instead of "Dec. 15."

Senator Erickson pointed out that this was going to make the December meeting rather busy since the health proposal was going to be dealt with at that meeting as well. Members should set aside a good hunk of time for the meeting.

The body then approved the motion.

The Chairman stated that the Parliamentarian had asked him who was going to convene this committee and who was going to chair it. The election of the chair would be up to the committee itself. The Executive Committee would help arrange and convene the first organizational meeting. Was that acceptable to the body or did anyone have another suggestion? In response to a request for clarification by Senator Lillie, the Chairman said that the Executive Committee would provide a time and a place for the committee to meet, and the first item on its agenda would be to elect a chair.

As the next item of new business, Senator Cheung moved the following: **I move that we reconsider our approval of CFPC's recommendations concerning the use of parts of Whitby Hall and Knight Chemical Laboratories as interim hazardous waste handling facilities.** This was seconded by Senator Norfolk.

Senator Cheung explained that after the September meeting where the Senate had approved those facilities for hazardous waste storage on an interim basis, he had made some inquiries about the underlying assumptions for the recommendation. It had not been his intention to throw rocks. The CFPC had proceeded from an assumption that the original plan which had been approved by this body and the Board for a stand-alone, possibly prefabricated facility could not be done. He had asked Professor Gigliotti to show him, if possible, the reason for that. Professor Gigliotti had been extremely cooperative, although Senator Cheung was sure that he and the CFPC must be sick and tired of the issue. Nonetheless, it was an important issue, and Professor Gigliotti had been unable to provide documentary evidence supporting the underlying assumption. As a result of that, Professor Gigliotti had informed him that the matter was now open for reconsideration, and he and Ted Curtis, University Architect, as well as others, were reconsidering a stand-alone facility. Therefore, he did not think that the Senate a) wanted to be left in a position of having approved something for which they were now looking at alternatives, and b) given the history of this, he would hate for the Senate to leave them with carte blanche approval of the use of Whitby and Knight Chemical Labs when we now had reason to reexamine the underlying assumption that had brought us to the original assumption. His plan was that, if the body approved reconsideration, after a period of discussion he would move to table the matter. Therefore,

the Senate would not have approved the use of Whitby, but neither would it have disapproved it.

The Chairman then stated that he had been informed by the Parliamentarian that the motion to reconsider was not debatable and in effect Senator Cheung was now debating it. The body then voted on the motion to reconsider, and it was approved with three abstentions.

A short discussion followed on the body's next course of action. The Chairman said that what the body had just voted to do was to reconsider the original recommendation on this issue made by the CFPC at the September 3 meeting. Secretary Oller pointed out that the recommendation was contained in the September 3 Chronicle, Appendix D, p. 40. With the consent of the body, he then read the recommendation:

1) That rooms 68, 68A and 68C in Whitby Hall be used as a temporary facility for Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (EOHS); the area will be used for sorting and storing aged chemicals prior to transferring to KNCL 113, recycling, or shipping to approved and regulated waste disposal sites off campus; 2) That the temporary facility in Whitby not be used for processing (sampling, pouring, or commingling) aged chemicals; 3) That EOHS will discuss and provide to the Department of Chemical Engineering the Standard Operational Procedures to be used in that facility; 4) Since it is recognized that Chemical Engineering is a key part of the research base of the University and will therefore be vital in the move to a Research II classification, the use of the temporary facility must not be permitted to impede the renovation of Whitby Hall; 5) That the use of the space and the temporary status of the facility will be reviewed every six months by the CFPC; 6) That a certified chemical fume hood be installed in KNCL 113 to complement improved ventilation and upgraded waste storage containment capabilities; 7) That the pad behind the Computer Center be completed to allow storage of Emergency Response Equipment.

Senator Erickson, the Chair of CFPC, wanted to speak to this issue but noted that the meetings on this had been held over the summer while she was away on vacation. She urged the body to ask for information from other CFPC members who were here as well as Dr. Gigliotti. She thought that the CFPC had made a decision and this recommendation ought to be kept in place until the review with additional information being done by Dr. Gigliotti was done. She had been updated by Dr. Gigliotti on his conversations with Senator Cheung, and Dr. Gigliotti had assured her that he would come back to the Committee with any new information. The Committee then could look at that process and bring it back to the Senate. It was premature to table this particular issue. The Senate should stay with the recommendation that had been made until the extra information came to CFPC when it would consider bringing a better suggestion to the Senate.

Senator Connie Murray, a member of the CFPC, said that this was all very frustrating. She was a new Senator and did not claim to be an engineer, but she did not know what the best thing to do was. It was not acceptable to her to think that we were putting our students

in danger with the presence of hazardous chemicals, and there really could be a crisis. The CFPC had been discussing this for two years, over and over. She was not comfortable with a recommendation where people would be in jeopardy, but there seemed to be no alternative and something needed to be done. We had gotten so bound in bureaucracy that nothing was done until there was going to be a crisis situation. Perhaps it should not have taken so long in CFPC; perhaps there should have been an administrative commitment to take care of this sooner. However, having students in jeopardy was not acceptable.

Senator Cheung stated that he was not speaking against reaffirming the recommendation because the CFPC had made a bad decision. They had made the best decision that they could given the information that had been provided to them. That decision had been founded upon an assumption that if not demonstrably false, was at least not demonstrable. The assumption to which he was referring was that the stand-alone facility appeared not to exist. He did not find that an acceptable way to make decisions. We should not approve a decision founded on a questionable assumption while the assumption was being verified or not verified or alternatives were investigated instead. The alternatives which he saw here were either to refer it back to the Committee, postpone our consideration of it, or reject it at this point.

Senator Norfolk commented that after having had discussions on this matter with Senator Cheung he was even concerned about adopting this as a temporary measure. If there were a minor accident and everything were in Whitby, you would be talking about condemning the building.

The Chairman said that Professor David Buchthal wanted permission to address the body on this issue. The body gave its assent.

Professor Buchthal, a member of CFPC, stated that the Committee had been told that the stand-alone facility was not going to occur and it had to look at the issue that was involved. It looked at the current location and materials stored in Knight Chemical Lab versus the Whitby location and some other facilities on campus. The committee had come to the conclusion that if there were to be no free-standing building, then Whitby would be a safer location for that material than the current situation. If he understood Senator Cheung's proposal, he was proposing that we continue to use the less safe condition until we reached a decision on a stand-alone facility. That did not seem to be the wisest decision either.

Senator Marquette asked the body for permission to allow Professor Gigliotti to speak. The body gave its approval.

Professor Gigliotti, Director of Administrative Services, began by noting that he was not sick of this topic. It was a critical topic which was a problem that had to be solved for our campus. As he had said to Senator Cheung who had agreed, we had to cooperate to solve this problem. It was important to say to this body that his investigations still had led him to

conclude that the data that had been given to CFPC was in no way faulty. He said that Senator Cheung was right; there had been no written response regarding the underlying assumption. The specs. had been sent from the pre-engineered company, and when they had been sent to our former University Architect (now at another University), he had refused to sign them. Until the University Architect signed these, the Ohio Factories and Buildings Group would not issue a permit. The reason that our University Architect would not sign off on it was that there were code violations. He knew the Ohio Code and was aware that these specs. would not pass it. That was the point at which construction stopped, so the information regarding the specs. sat there for a long time and nothing happened. Since we were still not moving forward, the information that had been given to the CFPC this summer was correct and still was correct, and their decision had been in the interest of trying to solve the problem for the University.

Professor Gigliotti went on to say that he was now working with the new University Architect, Ted Curtis, as well as with our safety officers, Corky Calderone and Francois Song. He had also talked to Dr. Wilson and many others. At this point we were trying to find out whether we could get another pre-engineered building for that site which would meet Ohio Code or whether we would actually have to build one from scratch. Having said that, we might have to modify our plans for handling both dry and liquid chemicals, but all of those proposals would be brought to the CFPC for its consideration. If we couldn't find some way of using that structure which had already been started (which President Ruebel wanted something done with), then Whitby 68 was still the most viable alternative. The University Architect, the Vice Presidents, and the President had been told that if we were going to move toward Research II status, we did have to find a more permanent or lasting solution to our handling of materials. Regarding Senator Murray's statement about the safety of our students, faculty and staff, the CFPC had investigated this issue and we had labs all over campus. Were we going to say that those labs were unsafe? The same conditions that were in those labs would be put into Whitby 68. The people who would be handling that room were trained experts, the most expert people on this campus for handling chemicals according to the law. He offered to answer questions.

Senator Cheung asked whether, when Randy Richardson had disapproved this, alternatives had been considered to deal with the code violations, and, if so, how had he documented those considerations.

Professor Gigliotti replied that Mr. Richardson had considered two alternatives. One would have been the erection of blow-out panels. The other was to have blow-out panels going in the same direction as the egress for anybody that might be working in there. Apparently, discussions with the company had resulted in a "we can't do that" response. Again, none of this had been written down but had been reported to him by Architect Richardson. The fact that there was no building there must be evidence that they could not come to an agreement.

Secretary Oller said that, given what the body had just heard from Professor Gigliotti, it seemed to him that the appropriate motion to make at this time was that we postpone consideration of this matter until the CFPC received the additional information that Prof. Gigliotti said was coming in the near future. It might be that the same report would come back to the Senate that Whitby 68 was the only alternative. However, if this was being reconsidered now, it seemed silly for us to approve the original recommendation. We might as well wait to see whether CFPC would have a different suggestion to make. Therefore, he moved **that the Senate postpone action on this recommendation until it had the additional information from CFPC**, and this was seconded by Senator Richards.

Senator Lindgren Chyi, a member of CFPC, was concerned about getting bogged down in parliamentary procedures while a real problem existed here. As a geologist and one who had worked in various chemical labs on campus, he wondered what would happen if we had an explosion in the chemical morgue. Everything would stop, and our master construction plan was going to change too, because the "Beacon Journal" would print stories about this and people were going to ask questions.

Senator Erickson, following up on Senator Chyi's comment, emphasized that while we left everything on hold the chemicals stayed where they presently were located which was the real problem. How long would it take before we looked at this again, and how long would it take before some positive steps were taken with respect to hazardous wastes? If it was to be a free standing building, when was that going to happen? In the meantime, until that was built, would it not be better to use Whitby 68?

Professor Gigliotti responded that he had been told by somebody who knew that if we were able to get a pre-engineered building, it would only be a few months. However, if we had to build it from scratch, it would be a year and a half to two years. He would have a recommendation on this by the December meeting of the Senate.

Senator Edgerton was not sure how to put this in parliamentary form, but he wanted to toss out an idea. It seemed that there were two things which concerned the body. The first was what to do with the chemicals that existed now. It seemed to him that what the CFPC had proposed in their recommendation was the best thing to do with those chemicals now. Perhaps we might be able to amend this report to put in a sufficiently strong statement that the body strongly urged the CFPC to explore a better or a more permanent situation. He thought that the wording for that was already there, but maybe it needed to be strengthened in order to satisfy Senator Cheung's and other people's concerns.

The Chairman said that the body first had to worry about the postponement motion. Depending on how it dealt with that, it could then go back to the original recommendation and possibly Senator Edgerton could suggest modifications at that time.

Senator Cheung wanted to argue in favor of the postponement for a couple of reasons. One, "temporary" at The University of Akron had a peculiar meaning from time to time. Also, once you began to use a facility for this sort of purpose, it became difficult to back out just as a practical matter. You had to convert it to some other use; you had to clean things up which could be difficult. In its normal operation, heaven forbid there should be any spillage, but that would create problems with converting it to another use. While he understood that the use of the Knight chemical morgue was less than ideal, that area had been used for that purpose for some time. To create a second area for that purpose which also would require presumably extensive cleaning and decontamination seemed nonsensical, if in fact a permanent solution was on the horizon. The sticky part was how far away that horizon was. It sounded as though we would know the answer to that within two months, and he was not discounting the possibility that we might end up coming back and approving this recommendation. He would owe everyone an apology, but he still did not like the way we had gotten here. We should not give up control of the situation on behalf of our colleagues and the students of the University.

The Chairman suggested that postponement have a short determinate time. Following what Prof. Gigliotti had said, Secretary Oller, although noting that it already had a busy agenda, proposed that it be reconsidered at the December 3 meeting.

Senator Marquette commented that although we were loading up the agenda of that meeting, an awful lot of the business was going to be facilities planning anyhow, and the \$150 million might have to get spent as a part of this. Therefore we might as well talk about it all at one time. The Chairman queried whether there was no distinction between the Recreation Center and hazardous waste disposal. Senator Marquette replied that money was fungible, and if we spent it on this, we might not have it to spend on something else.

Senator Norfolk wanted to speak in favor of the motion for obvious reasons and wanted to endorse Senator Cheung's feeling about temporary versus permanent on this campus. Once we had created the facility in Whitby, there would be no impetus to move the stuff anywhere else.

Since there was no further discussion, the Chairman reminded the body that the motion was to **postpone the approval of the CFPC recommendation until the December 3 Senate meeting**. In response to Senator Lillie's request for clarification, he stated that there would be no recommendation from this body on this until the December 3 meeting when the matter would be reconsidered. The Senate then voted its approval with three members abstaining.

Senator Forrest Smith brought up the issue of the health plan recommendation which had been discussed earlier in the report of the University Well-Being Committee. He had heard no indication of how Wayne employees, which numbered about 50 or 60, would be able to access that information on the Web.

Senator Rich moved that the University Well-Being Committee be directed by the Senate to publish its current proposal on the University's web site, and this was seconded by Senator Smith. The Senate then approved the motion.

IV. GOOD OF THE ORDER - Senator Konkel asked about the status of the committee which was supposed to be formed to deal with equity and salary compression. Secretary Oller answered that this was a matter which had been sent to the PBC with a direction from the Senate to create a subcommittee to look into the matter. He was not sure whether PBC had met yet this year, but it was one of the first items that they were supposed to deal with. Senator Marquette added that the PBC had not yet met. The Chairman said that when they had met and presented a report to the Senate, we could pursue this.

V. ADJOURNMENT - The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. This was made by Senator Cheung and seconded by Senator Marquette. The body voted its approval, and the meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.

Transcript prepared by Marilyn Quillen

APPENDIX A

Report of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee

A grievance was received by the committee and assigned file number 97-8. the committee has completed its consideration of the grievance and has conducted a comprehensive review and has submitted a report to the President. The President accepted the committee's recommendations.

A grievance was received by the committee and assigned file number 98-1. the committee has completed its consideration of the grievance and has conducted an investigation. The committee finds that further consideration is beyond the purview of the committee and has submitted recommendations to the grievant.

A grievance was received by the committee and assigned file number 98-2. The committee completed its consideration of the grievance and has rejected the complaint.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy L. Stokes, Chair

APPENDIX B

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
INTERNAL GRANTS AWARDED BY
RESEARCH (FACULTY PROJECTS) COMMITTEE
Fall, 1998**

ACCT.#	FRG#	NAME	TITLE OF PROJECT	AMOUNT
2-07388	1425	Dr. Teresa J. Cutright Civil Engineering	Phytoremediation: Mother Nature's Pump & Treat - The Uptake, Selectivity, and Inhibition of Contaminants Treated by Plants	\$3,400.00
2-07389	1426	Dr. Fred Choy and Dr. Minel Braun Mechanical Engineering	Development of a Computer -based Bearing Health Monitoring and Diagnostic System	3,383.52
2-07390	1427	Dr. Therese Dowd and Dr. Kathy Kolcaba Nursing	Correlations Among Six Measures of Bladder Function	3,475.00
2-07391	1428	Dr. Daniel Ely Biology	Development of a Heart Preservation Solution to Minimize Free Radical Injury and Allow 24 Hour Heart Preservation	3,500.00
2-07392	1429	Dr. James K. Hardy Chemistry	Passive Sampling of Organophosphorous Pesticide in Water	2,975.00
2-07393	1430	Dr. Peter N. Henriksen Physics	Imaging Flow Fields and Shock Fronts of Jet Nozzles Using Holographic Interferometry	3,083.80
2-07394	1431	Mr. Robert O ' Neil Art	Waterways in Summit County	2,607.43

TOTAL 7 FALL FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT \$ 22,424.75

APPENDIX C

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting of September 25, 1998

PRESENT: T. Alexander, T. Connell, R. Gibson, M. Konkel, D. Laconi, T. Jolly,
D. McNutt, P. Linberger, B. Mormino, G. Stewart, T. Vukovich

ABSENT: J. Buchanan

The meeting was convened at 10:00 AM in Polsky 192, Advising Conference Room, on September 25, 1998.

Approval of the agenda was moved by D. Laconi and seconded by T. Alexander. The body then voted its approval.

A welcome and introduction of members that were present was done.

Senator Rebecca Gibson was voted as "chair" for the Student Affairs Committee for the 1998-1999 academic year.

Dr. Tom Vukovich, Associate Provost of Student Affairs presented his report. Topics included:

- Plans for a Student Recreational Facility and the updating of the Gardner Student Center. Faculty Senate had two representatives on the Recreation committee this past spring including a representative from this committee. The committee would like to remain involved in the updating of new buildings for students.
- Wearing of honor cords, sashes, stoles, ribbons or medallions at commencements
- Thanked faculty for supporting the 14-day policy for reporting students not registered, yet attending classes.

Doug McNutt, Financial Aid Director reported on the "Student Financial Assistance Summary (See attached). The committee would like to commend the financial aid office and President Ruebel in their active pursuit of financial aid for U of A students. The financial aid office is looking at ways to attract the population that "just miss" getting scholarship assistance.

OLD BUSINESS

Brian Mormino, chair of ASG, withdrew his proposal regarding increasing attendance at ASG house of representative meetings. This issue will be addressed by ASG.

Ron McDonald, Student Development, was still unable to provide the budget for the Graduate, Law, and Non-traditional student groups at this time. The report will be forwarded to the committee and the Faculty Senate office upon its completion.

Ron McDonald, Student Development, invited the Student Affairs committee to consider placing a representative on the Extracurricular Sub-Committee (EASC) which receives the work of ASG and the funding requests for the law, undergraduate, and graduate groups.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Greg Stewart, Director of Admissions discussed residency guidelines and provided the committee with samples of admission brochures.

No additional concerns were addressed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Senator Rebecca Gibson, Chair, Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
Division of Student Affairs
Office of Student Financial Aid

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

JULY 1, 1997 TO JUNE 30, 1998					1996/97 Figures		
	Subtotal Awards	Subtotal Amount	Total Awards	Total Amount	Awards	Subtotal Amount	Total Amount
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS							
Partners in Excellence	168	100,050			183	99,811	
Inside Scholarships	2,988	3,851,288	3,156	3,951,338	2,736	3,065,609	3,165,420
UNIVERSITY AWARDS							
Athletic	304	1,957,016			296	1,816,697	
Land	150	29,655	454	1,986,671	156	31,920	1,848,617
UNIVERSITY REMISSIONS							
Graduate School		12,728,601			N/A	11,870,001	
Miscellaneous		2,091,873	N/A	14,820,474	N/A	1,902,028	13,772,029
TSIDE SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS							
			3,174	4,966,371	2,643		4,230,650
LL GRANTS							
			5,675	9,575,665	5,549		8,694,580
PLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL							
OPPORTUNITY GRANTS							
			3,149	1,402,560	2,688		1,263,171
IO INSTRUCTIONAL GRANT							
Less Than Full-Time			4,174	3,366,965	3,975		2,839,052
			1,476	763,033	1,555		755,401
UNNS							
Perkins	712	1,297,841			658	1,107,880	
Nursing	66	126,593			96	157,111	
Stafford	9,807	29,582,119			9,676	29,998,242	
Unsubsidized Stafford	5,847	19,018,763			4,872	16,798,170	
FPLUS (Parent Loan)	248	1,063,233			235	921,809	
AL (Law Access Loan)	10	41,190			24	119,638	
Alternative Loans	90	404,883			56	194,949	
University Loans	662	210,741	17,442	51,745,363	609	188,358	49,486,157
IDENT EMPLOYMENT							
Regular*	1,598	3,644,665			1,242	3,521,480	
College Work Study	347	1,076,455			427	964,891	
/Community Service	57	86,538					
Graduate/Fellowship Wages	1,074	9,139,447	3,076	13,947,105	1,078	8,869,508	13,355,879
TOTAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID***							
			41,776	\$ 106,525,545	38,754		\$ 99,410,956
Installment Payment Plan**							
1997/98	1997/98	16,451,038	8,592				
1996/97	1996/97	17,433,202	9,705				

Number of awards is students paid for October pay.

Installment Payment Plan not included since repayment takes place during the term.

Reflects number of awards, not unduplicated number of students.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

	1994/95	Awards	1995/96	Awards	1996/97	Awards	1997/98	Awards
FEDERAL FUNDS								
Pell Grant	8,566,717	5,764	8,353,183	6,067	8,694,580	5,549	9,575,665	5,675
Supplemental Grant	978,777	1,808	1,066,941	1,958	1,263,171	2,688	1,402,560	3,149
College Work Study	785,827	465	661,181	397	876,812	361	1,076,455	347
Community Service	101,731	92	77,686	69	88,080	66	86,538	57
Perkins Loan	1,836,114	748	1,268,587	648	1,107,880	658	1,297,841	712
Nursing Loan	92,142	60	189,154	100	157,111	96	126,593	66
Guaranteed Student Loan								
Stafford	28,886,478	9,455	30,612,494	9,729	29,998,242	9,676	29,582,119	9,807
Unsubsidized Stafford**	11,816,261	3,591	14,821,242	4,283	16,798,170	4,872	19,018,783	5,847
PLUS/SLS/LAL								
PLUS (reported separately	1,011,694	313	1,117,260	281	921,809	235	1,063,233	248
SLS* beginning 89/90)	101,328	63						
Subtotal	\$54,177,067	22,359	58,147,728	23,532	59,905,855	24,201	\$63,229,767	25,908
STATE FUNDS								
Ohio Instructional Grant	3,450,164	5,398	3,573,127	5,448	3,594,453	5,530	4,129,998	5,650
Ohio Academic Scholarship	85,000	103	119,667	104	154,500	109	155,000	103
Ohio War Orphans	135,453	51	147,787	51	154,247	50	140,021	45
Ohio National Guard	182,875	119	191,980	127	232,976	148	267,360	155
Subtotal	\$3,853,492	5,671	4,032,561	5,730	4,136,176	5,837	\$4,692,379	5,953
UNIVERSITY FUNDS								
Scholarships	2,632,263	2,861	2,733,918	2,915	3,165,420	2,919	3,951,338	3,156
Awards (Athletic/Music)	1,579,724	413	1,734,376	443	1,848,617	452	1,986,671	454
Fee Remission	11,689,291	N/A	13,152,814	N/A	13,772,029	N/A	14,820,474	N/A
Loans	99,193	421	160,050	590	188,358	609	210,741	662
Student Employment	3,968,548	1,444	3,429,624	1,288	3,521,480	1,242	3,644,665	1,598
Graduate Assistant/								
Fellowship Wages	8,287,767	1,096	8,444,927	1,125	8,869,508	1,078	9,139,447	1,074
Installment Payment Plan	17,292,576	10,568	16,700,967	9,495	17,433,202	9,705	16,451,038	8,592
Subtotal	45,549,364	16,803	46,356,696	15,856	48,798,614	16,005	\$50,204,374	15,536
EXTERNALLY FUNDED AWARDS								
Scholarships	2,600,136	1,862	3,286,109	2,098	3,688,926	2,336	4,403,990	2,871
Alternative Loans			29,452	11	194,949	56	404,883	90
Law Access Loans	122,700	26	40,476	11	119,638	24	41,190	10
Subtotal	2,722,836	1,888	3,356,037	2,120	4,003,513	2,416	\$4,850,063	2,971
TOTAL	\$106,302,759	46,721	\$111,893,022	47,238	\$116,844,158	48,459	\$122,976,583	50,368

1997/98 Unduplicated Federal/State Recipients - 11,420

1996/97 Unduplicated Federal/State Recipients - 11,573

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* SLS eliminated July 1, 1995. **Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program established during 1992/93.



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