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### FOUNDERS DAY AND BUCHTEL HALL DEDICATION, Wednesday, January 9, 1974

All of the Faculty are encouraged to attend these events:

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10:00 a.m.	Founders Day Convocation, John S. Knight Auditorium.		
	Dr. G. W. Knepper, University Historian, will speak		
	on "Out of the Ashes; Buchtel Rebuilt".		
11:00 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting, front entrance of Buchtel Hall, followed by		
	Open House and tours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m.		
11.00	English and Staff Lumbern Hillton Doom of Condney Student		

11:30 a.m. Faculty and Staff Luncheon, Hilltop Room of Gardner Student to 1 p.m. Center (\$1.00 each).

Annual Faculty Educational Conference, John S. Knight Auditorium. 2:00 p.m. Dr. Stanley W. Olson, Provost, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, will speak on "Medical Education in Northeastern Ohio". Mr. Charles Blair will moderate the discussion.

### UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of University Council will be held on Thursday, January 17, 1974, at 3 p.m. in Business Administration 307.

### UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The University Committee (comprised of elected and appointed members) to search for a new Dean of Graduate Studies and Research has now been constituted. Its membership includes Dr. Howard Slaughter, Associate Professor of Speech (College of Fine and Applied Arts), elected chairman; Dr. Maurice Morton, Professor of Polymer Chemistry (Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences), elected vice chairman; Dr. Howard Greene, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering (College of Engineering); Dr. Kenneth Hoedt, Professor of Education (College of Education); Dr. O. R. Keister, Jr., Professor of Accounting (College of Business Administration); Mr. Albert Farres, Jr., Graduate Student Council; and Dr. R. A. Oetjen, Dean of Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences.

### UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

Additional money has been received for the annual United Fund-Red Cross campaign, bringing the total subscribed on the campus to \$37,755. (A typographical error in the December AU Chronicle did not list the correct amount on that date, which was actually \$37,455.)

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, December 6, 1973

The regular meeting of the University Council was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3:02 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 1973, in Business Administration 307.

Fifty-eight of the 64 members of Council were present. Those absent were Dr. G. Atwood, Dr. J. Coe, Mr. J. Edminister, Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. C. Salem and Mr. J. Thatcher.

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of four preceding meetings of University Council as printed in the <u>AU Chronicle</u> of December 3, 1973; special meeting of November 1, 1973; special meeting of November 8, 1973; regular meeting of November 15, 1973; and special meeting of November 29, 1973.

Dr. Fatemi took exception to the wording in the second paragraph on page 13 of the AU Chronicle pertaining to the minutes of the November 15, 1973 meeting, which read, "Dean Hansford corrected the statement by Dr. Fatemi relative to the Student Disciplinary Procedures, which he observed were handled only temporarily in the summer, and later amended and subsequently approved in the fall by Council." Following a discussion the Council approved the substitute wording suggested by Dr. Gerlach: "Dean Hansford disagreed with Dr. Fatemi's remarks on the Student Disciplinary Procedures; the Dean observed that this was handled only temporarily in the summer, with an interim statement, and that the statement was later amended and approved in the University Council and finally passed by the Board of Trustees."

Mr. Kerr wished to have the record corrected on page 14, as he and Miss Susan Traub had been erroneously listed as being absent from the meeting of November 29, 1973, whereas they were present.

Dr. Gerlach cited the top line on page 14, for the meeting of November 15, 1973, noting that the last sentence was redundant, and it was agreed to delete "The motion was put to a vote and carried."

The minutes for the four meetings, as above amended, were approved.

President Guzzetta then presented his "Remarks" as the next item on the agenda. He first told the Council that the demolition of the houses on E. Buchtel Avenue would begin the next day, in preparation for the construction of the new Humanities and Social Science Building (designated officially in Columbus as "Social Science" Building). Referring to the medical school, Dr. Guzzetta said that, despite newspaper accounts, an operating check had been received, representing 5/12s of the legislative allocation for this year, and the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine was in being as of November 23, with a Provost, a temporary office in Kent, and a Search Committee about to be named to seek a Dean and other staff. The Provost, Dr. S. Olson, has sold his house in San Antonio and is building one in the Kent-Ravenna area, and the Board of Trustees of the School would meet again next Tuesday. Although there might still be a few obstacles to be surmounted, they were taking an optimistic stance since the Governor had signed the original bill and 96 percent of the Legislature had supported it. Mr. John Feudner of Akron will chair the Decanal Search Committee.

The President further stated that the University Board of Trustees at its meeting on November 28 had approved the Affirmative Action Plan submitted, and during this month an Affirmative Action Officer will be identified and a Commission will be appointed. He said this "working document" is to be the University's operational guideline and urged everyone anticipating new employees to "abide by its provisions to achieve the national, state and our own objectives."

He complimented the students who had presented their views on the Student Rights and Responsibilities Statement to the Educational Policy of the Board of Trustees. Four areas had been under special discussion and the Board had accepted two of the changes recommended by the students.

It is hopeful, the President continued, that the special \$500,000 appropriated for library acquisitions will become available, as earlier announced, following efforts to solve some problems, and the item may be on the agenda for the Regents' meeting next Friday.

The summary of faculty salary averages (not compensation), median, maximum and minimum for the four academic ranks is now in the campus mail, Dr. Guzzetta said, with the comparable figures for 1972-73 included. This had been delayed, the Council would recall, from last month because of the necessity to reissue new 1973-74 contracts after the upward adjustment in salaries in October. At the request of Council he did not read the complete scales, but noted that the minimum of \$8,500 for instructor last year was now at \$8,700, and that the maximum of \$25,000 for professor was now at \$28,688.

For the record these are inserted here:

	Profe	essors	Assoc.	Profs.	Asst. 1	Profs.	Instru	ctors
Salaries	1972-73	1973-74	1972-73	1973-74	1972-73	1973-74	1972-73	1973-74
Minimum	\$14,562	\$16,985	\$12,200	\$12,951	\$10,000	\$10,351	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,700
Median	20,000	21,061	16, 200	16,411	12,600	13, 217	10,000	10,600
Average	20,088	21,204	16,031	16,548	12,815	13,449	10, 295	10,803
Maximum	25,000	28,688	20,300	21,559	17,050	17,579	13,900	13,600

In response to Dr. Fatemi's comment about the need for expanded day care facilities, as included in the Affirmative Action Plan, the President said that the administration is aware of this recommendation in the Plan and is considering how it could be implemented—one of the immediate problems being space allocation and financial support.

Dr. Gerlach asked who had been responsible for changing the original wording of the Preamble in the Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities, after it had passed the University Council and gone to the Board. Dr. Guzzetta said that the Board chose to accept a previous draft of this part of the Statement because it seemed more appropriate for our type institution. Dr. Gerlach felt that any changes should again have been reviewed by Council since it had been Council's responsibility to do the work of drafting it. Mr. Kerr stated that the students had really objected to the Board making any changes at all. Dr. Guzzetta pointed out that the document had been five years undergoing changes and the Board felt that the Statement should now be adopted. With reference to the Statement on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities he noted that no alterations had been made by the Board but that it was returned for a Council re-draft.

It was Dr. Fatemi's observation that the Board should limit itself to policy only, and leave details more appropriately to administration and faculty to work out, although possibly a later Board might be more representative of the taxpayers. Dean Samad pointed out that no matter what some people might wish were the Board's prerogatives according to law, it has full authority to function as it does.

Before proceeding to reports of the Standing Committees, Dr. Leathers distributed two documents to Council: one was the report of the meeting of November 28 of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, as prepared by Dr. Ali Fatemi for this Council meeting; and the other was the summary of amendments to the <u>Faculty Manual</u> as proposed by Council's Committee of the Whole through November 29, 1973.

Mrs. Sugarman spoke for the Procedural Committee, noting that it had arranged the agenda for today's meeting; had decided to schedule special meetings to work on the Faculty Senate proposal as soon as the special meetings are completed on the Faculty Manual; and took under advisement Dr. Anderson's earlier request to look into the matter of why some committee chairmen are appointed. This was done she noted as having been based on precedent of prior years and convenience. The request that no committee chair person be appointed, will be forwarded to the members of the Procedural Committee making appointments this next summer and with the suggestion that they review the policy at that time.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Dr. Poston reported that at the December 4 meeting, discussion had centered primarily on the prospects for next year's enrollment. Admissions have not met expectations and a modest decline may occur, although no radical change is anticipated. On this basis, there would be no net increase in faculty. The Committee had also considered plans for Founders Day on January 9, 1974, with the possibility of holding the 10 a.m. convocation in either John S. Knight Auditorium or the Performing Arts Hall. Classes would be held at 8 and 9 a.m. and beginning again at 4 p.m. Notices will go out to the faculty as soon as practical.

Reporting for the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, Dr. Poston said that no curricular changes were being presented. The Calendar Committee had reviewed the request to resume classes on January 3 instead of January 2, but this had been impossible to grant because we are committed to meet the requirement of sufficient teaching days for the winter quarter. Only some 120 students out of 20,000 are involved in the necessity of travel on January 1 to be here for the opening of classes.

Mr. Kerr disagreed, averring that some dormitory students would have to move in on January 1, and he thought Founders Day was a day lost to classes. However, Mr. Jamison, a member of the committee, explained that Founders Day was counted as an instructional day. He assured the students that the committee was not unmindful of the inconvenience to some students, but the alternatives were much more troublesome, such as changing the examination period, and the lengthening of the quarter in the spring, etc.

Dr. Brittain stated that the Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee had been meeting regularly and considering Grievance Procedures and the Statement on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities. He hoped that a report will be ready for the January meeting of Council.

The listing of awards of faculty research grants for the fall quarter was submitted to the Secretary of Council for publication in the January AU Chronicle, according to Dr. Lively, chairman of the Research Committee (Faculty Projects). [It appears elsewhere in this issue.] There were both small and large grants, with but a few in the large category. He said that a similar procedure will be followed in the winter and spring quarters. This fall some 40 percent of the total money available had been allocated, in the two categories of large and small grants. Five proposals had been submitted and only two awarded in the higher bracket and that all five were respectable requests and that in each case the faculty members had appeared before the committee. The committee is considering some possible changes later in the decision making process. In response to Dr. Noble's query whether the

Coordinator of Research could pursue other funding sources for those not granted, Dr. Lively explained that one of the purposes of the program was to assist in local strengthening of proposals for later submission to external agencies.

As Akron Representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, Dr. Fatemi referred to his report of the meeting of November 28 which was then in the hands of the Council (it was circulated today because of the uncertainty of earlier mail distribution) and which is printed elsewhere in this issue. He added that this had been the first formal meeting with Chancellor Norton, and that the committee had also met with Mr. Shawhan, the author of the Personnel Manual currently under consideration. After citing various points in his detailed report, he emphasized the importance of the proposed change in the calendar and the possibility of using a regional calendar common to schools in one area, such as Akron and Kent, etc. He said there was some move to eliminate the 14-day basis for calculating enrollment for the Regents. He requested "deep thoughts" on the part of the faculty and their reactions and suggestions and referred to Professor Del Snider's letter attached to his report.

Dean Lively pointed out that the graduate deans in the state have met a number of times with representatives of the private schools (observing some duplication in programs of Wright State and Dayton, and of Cleveland State and Case Western Reserve). The deans of the public universities would not be averse to review and consideration of programs by the private institutions if they had to abide by the same regulations, but they [the private schools] should not have unilateral veto power on new programs. [This item is discussed in Paragraph 2 of Dr. Fatemi's report.] The deans of the public universities will continue to oppose until the Chancellor agrees with them.

Dr. Guzzetta added that this was the same feeling expressed by the Inter-University Council which had sent a resolution on this stance to the Chancellor. Dr. Guzzetta had not known that the graduate deans had taken this similar action.

Dean Rogers commented that there is also contradiction relative to the two-year level courses where some private institutions are beginning two-year branch programs in locations directly competitive with existing schedules of state universities.

Dr. Fatemi said that Chancellor Norton thought a coordinated review might prove to be a wedge to control new progams of private institutions later. He added that the Chancellor had stressed the increasing importance of productivity in higher education.

Calling attention to the listing of the Citizens' Task Force on Higher Education, appointed by the Governor, Dr. Fatemi noted that two representatives from Akron are members—Senator Oliver Ocasek and Mr. Edwin Parms. He suggested that they be invited to meet with our faculty relative to their understanding of any pertinent local problems.

In response to the request for a show of hands to indicate the preference of Council members for the "early semester" calendar, which would conclude before Christmas, the evidence was overwhelming for this informal proposal. This schedule would make it possible for transfers from schools on the quarter system to enroll at the beginning of the second session at the first of the calendar year. Dr. Fatemi thought it would be helpful to have figures on the possible cost of such a change-over. Dean Hansford observed that a change might be found to save money in not having to have the third registration, etc.

The President left for another meeting at this point, 4 p.m.

In Dr. Coe's absence there was no report on the Ohio Faculty Senate.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Need for a University Ombudsman. Dr. Isobel Pfeiffer, the chairman, stated that Mr.Blair had been invited to the Council with permission to speak, as he had been an ex officio member of the committee. She also read some comments from students who had expressed their feeling that an ombudsman was needed. She then moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach moved to limit debate to half an hour, to terminate at 4:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dean Samad commended the good efforts of the committee, but reaffirmed that he was still unconvinced of the need or use for an ombudsman. He wished the minutes of Council to record that his statements on the subject had appeared in <u>The Buchtelite</u>, Vol. 85, No. 30, page 5, columns 1-6, on November 30, 1973. He felt that the institutions cited in support of any need for an ombudsman were, by their nature, not effective comparisons for our university. He believed there was insufficient evidence to justify the case here and he disagreed with the bases. He noted that he felt that there are already enough channels of communication and information available on this campus at all levels, at the present time, and that an open door policy prevails. Moreover, the proposal promised to be unnecessarily expensive.

In answer to Dean Hansford's request that the committee identify the students' concerns, it was stated that students fear reprisals in grades if any criticism is voiced about an instructor, and that the instructor may tell colleagues who may also hold malice toward such students. Students are not aware of the channels open for information, and fear that secretaries screen their requests and deny them access to the administrators.

Dean Lively stated that he resented the students' remarks and considered that students' fear of reprisals have little or no basis in fact. He was opposed to an ombudsman, arguing that it was idealistic in theory but impractical and that the report assumed a structure not in existence on this campus, where adequate devices for dealing with problems are already provided. He recommended going directly to the source of a problem and not having an intermediary. He considered item 2.c. of the report too broad; Item 3 destroyed confidentiality; and Item 5.b. denied priority.

It was Dr. Noble's observation that the report would provide a mechanism to get the student referred to the proper channels without undue delay and misinformation and he advocated listening to their request.

Mr. Kerr considered Dean Samad's review of the existing channels as pinpointing some of the problem in that there were too many avenues and a single channel would simplify proper reference. He felt that an ombudsman was not only to hear grievances, but to take some action. He contradicted Dean Lively's reaction regarding students' fear of reprisals and said he knew of whole classes which entertained this sentiment. He also considered that the ombudsman would serve not only students, but faculty and administration.

Mr. Rostan stated that not all people know their authority and because of this indecision or lack of understanding people are often referred needlessly step by step through the bureaucracy.

Dr. Hart expressed the feeling that fear was not a problem for students only, but also for untenured faculty.

Dr. Gerlach agreed generally with the statements of Dean Samad and Dean Lively, and also noted inconsistencies in the report between provisions in Item 1 and Item 5.c., and Item 7 regarding responsibilities to President and Council as earlier delineated. He considered the whole thing meddle-some, especially as no channels are blocked at present; some items of the report he thought would endanger proper academic order, and other solutions should be sought if needed. He asked the Council to vote against the report.

Dr. Fatemi said that some of the concerns voiced might be due to a lack of familiarity with the ombudsman process. When he served on the Committee for Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities, he had learned the needs of students. He thought it not always possible to go to the source directly, as in the case of a Dean who may be hard on the instructor. The Statement on Student Rights is helpful in this regard, he observed.

Dean Hansford rose to a point of personal privilege to explain the procedures used in the Office of Student Services to assist students who make inquiries. He said that secretaries ask questions about problems and do not seek to put off the students, but to know their problem in order to refer them to the proper person. This, he observed, is to save their time and to get them appropriately referred in the first place.

The motion to adopt the report on the Ombudsman was put to a hand vote and lost by 19 to 33-34.

Dr. Leathers thanked the committee for its report and thanked the other members of University Council for their consideration.

Mr. Rostan voiced concern that the vote had thrown out the report after only one-half hour's discussion. He wondered where they could turn now.

Dr. Hayes said that many students have come to him for assistance because they do fear reprisals and that there is fear on the campus. He was opposed to having an ombudsman, but he advocated that the situation be corrected.

Dr. Noble wanted the matter reconsidered and to have a roll call vote. Ensuing parliamentary discussion concerned the proper procedure for calling for another vote. Dr. Brittain, who had voted against the adoption of the report then moved to reconsider and to have a roll call vote. He then withdrew his motion and moved that a roll call vote be taken on the original motion. It was seconded and carried.

The secretary then called the roll and the vote was 20 for and 34 against the report recommending an ombudsman. The tabulation follows:

#### AGAINST the report FOR the report L. Anderson R. Adams E. Corneille H. K. Barker A. Farres B. Bayless A. Fatemi M. G. Briner A. Hart T. Brittain T. Chandler P. Haves M. d'Amico R. Keller E. Kerr D. Dobrindt

FO	R the report,	continue
R.	P. Merrix	
A.	Noble	
I.	Pfeiffer	
H.	Pinnick	
L.	Ridley	
F.	Rogacs	
B.	Rostan	
P.	Stuyvesant	
L.	Sugarman	
H.	Taylor	
S.	Traub	
R.	Zangrando	

AGAINST the report,	continued
J. W. Dunlap	
D. R. Gerlach	
R. L. Hansford	
M. G. Harrington	
J. G. Hedrick	
J. D. Huggins	
D. L. Jackson	
D. Jamison	
E. L. Lively	
I. R. MacGregor	
C. J. Major	
E. B. Naes	
R. A. Oetjen	
W. M. Petry	
A. R. Pollock	
C. F. Poston	
D. I. Rich	
M. A. Ruebel	
S. A. Samad	
R. H. Sandefur	
H. P. Schrank, Jr.	
F. Schultz	
T. Sumner	
E. Tovey	
A. Voorhees	

AGAINST the report, continued

Dr. Leathers suggested that the Student Affairs Committee consider the problem and try to find solutions for the students.

J. Watt

- Dr. Gerlach moved that all the proposed amendments to the University Council <u>Bylaws</u> listed on today's agenda under 'Old Business' be taken from the table. The motion was seconded.
- Mr. Kerr inquired if these items would appear on the agenda for the next meeting of Council if action was not completed today, and Dr. Leathers assured him they would.

The motion to take the amendments off the table was put to a vote and carried.

The first amendment under agenda item 7, was a. Article II. Power and Duties. To add a sentence, "Legislative action of the University Council will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees and will be considered as approved by the Board of Trustees unless the Board returns said legislation to the Council with recommendations for revision within 90 calendar days of the date of transmittal to the Board."

Dr. Jackson, recalling the suggestion of Dean Samad at the last meeting that it might be preferable to recommend to the Board in the form of a resolution for consideration, moved that a preamble be added to the proposed amendment which would then read as follows:

Be it Resolved, That the following resolution be forwarded through the President of the University to the Board of Trustees for consideration

and that if approved by the Board, it be added as a last sentence to the University Council Bylaws, Article II. Power and Duties, "Legislative action of the University Council will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees through the President of the University [underscored words now added] and will be considered as approved by the Board of Trustees unless the Board returns said legislation to the Council with recommendations for revision within 90 calendar days of the date of transmittal to the Board."

The motion to amend was seconded.

Dr. Poston questioned whether 90 days would always be sufficient, while believing that a progress report would be indicated.

Dr. Leathers felt that the consensus of Council would be that the Board would normally send reports of its progress in deliberation on a given matter.

Dr. Hart thought that the Board did consider statements, etc., but that the function of the Board was to consider and send back to the Council those measures to which it might have objections or questions.

The motion of Dr. Jackson's to amend the proposed Bylaw amendment was put to a vote and carried.

A discussion ensued as to whether this constituted an amendment to the <u>Bylaws</u> or just to the amendment, and whether sufficient notice had been given. Dr. Gerlach pointed out that Council's action in effect would be a request to the Board of Trustees to amend Council's <u>Bylaws</u>, and therefore it would require not a majority vote of those present but a majority vote "of the Council membership" as stated in Article IX of the <u>Bylaws</u>.

The motion to approve the amended Article II of the Council Bylaws was put to a hand vote and carried, by 45 to 3.

The next item was 7.b., Article III. Composition of the Council. Section b.

Dr. Sumner moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried, at 5:03 p.m.

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

## APPENDIX TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES, December 6, 1973

## Projects Approved by the Faculty Research Committee 1973-74 (as of December 6, 1973)

(as of December 5, 1575)	
	Amount
Professor Mary Ellen Atwood, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. J. Rankin and	\$ 666, 20
Mrs. H. Herskowitz	11
"Assessment of student competencies at two different nursery school laboratory sit	es
Dr. Harry Chu	948.55
"Determination of the energy overlap and the energy gap in a semi-metal and their	
dependence on magnetic field"	
dependence on magnetic meta	
	750.00
Dr. Charles Dye	
"Rutherford B. Hayes: his contributions to American education"	
	and the same
Dr. James Egan	595.00
"More certain apprehension: the varieties of style in Milton's prose"	
Drs. Fred Fanning and Harold Seaton	802.82
"An analysis of the effects of visual perception training on beginning reading	
achievement"	
	0.05 0.0
Dr. T. H. Forsyth	385.00
"Load transferral studies in artificial hip joints"	
Dr. H. Roger Grant	795.00
"Years of struggle: the farm diary of Edgar G. Powers 1931-36"	
Dr. William S. Hendon	361.00
"Permit data as a proxy for value impact of parks on urban residential property	
values"	
	C14 49
Dr. Theodore Herbert	614.43
"MBAs in organizations: performance and perceptions"	
Dr. Elaine Lasky	841.80
"Effects of varying rate of presentation on processing stimuli of increasing	
linguistic complexity"	
Inparance combineral	
Do Toronto C. Takana	425.00
Dr. Joseph C. Latona	120.00
"Effectiveness of manpower development of Training Act programs in the State	
of Ohio"	
Dr. David Louscher	900.00
"L. Mendel Rivers and The Armed Services Committee"	
Dr. Lazarus Macior	2,453.00
"The pollination ecology of the California Sierras"	
The Pottimeton cooled of me amount and	
D. T Much heat	415.00
Dr. Jerome Mushkat	110,00
"The reconstruction of the New York Democratic Party 1861-1872"	

### Projects Approved by the Faculty Research Committee 1973-74, continued

	Amount
Drs. Joseph Padovan and Thomas Brittain	\$ 700.00
"Inter-laminar stresses in composite materials"	
Dr. Jonathon Rakich	458.00
"Development and test validation of an instrument to measure perceived job autonomy"	
Dr. Ernst von Meerwall	3,320.00
"Mossbauer investigation of zero-valence iron organometallics, such as C $(NC_6H_{11})_3Fe_2(CO)_6$ "	\$15 A20 00
	\$15,430.80

### Curriculum Changes

### School of Law

Pursuant to prior University Council authorization (Minutes, February 19, 1970, page 12, <u>Faculty Bulletin</u>, March 5, 1970 issue), I certify that the following course changes have been duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the Faculty of the School of Law at its November 7, 1973 and December 5, 1973 meetings, and are submitted for filing with the University Council Minutes.

The following changes are effective Summer 1974:

### Change in Title only:

920:619	From To	Agency-Partnership I, 2 credits.  Basic Business Association I, 2 credits.
920:620	From To	Agency-Partnership II, 2 credits.  Basic Business Associations II, 2 credits.
920:653	From To	Municipal Corporations, 3 credits.  Local Government Law, 3 credits.
920:665	From To	Seminar in Land Use Planning, 3 credits.  Land Use Planning, 3 credits.

The following changes are effective Fall 1974:

### Drop:

920:651	Social Legislation, 4 credits		
920:677	Legal Problems in Business Planning, 5 credits.		

### School of Law Curriculum Changes, continued

### Add:

920:658

Seminar in Business Planning I. 3 credits. Prerequisite, 920:672 and 920:688. An advanced course using the problem approach in the planning of business transactions in the light of the applicable corporate, tax, and securities law consideration. (May be taken independent of 920:659.)

920:659

Seminar in Business Planning II. 2 credits. Prerequisite, 920:658.

An advanced course using the problem approach in the planning of business transactions in the light of the applicable corporate, tax, and securities law considerations.

### Change in Credit Hours:

920:649

920:642	Civil Procedure II, from 4 to 3 credits.
920:643	Civil Procedure III, from 4 to 3 credits.
920:679	Commercial Transactions: Secured Transactions, from 3 to 4 credits.
920:698	International Law, from 3 to 4 credits.

### Change in Course Description and Prerequisites only:

920:662	Seminar in Estate Planning, 4 credits. Add the following: "Prerequisite, 920:673, 674, 687, 688."
920:605	Contracts I, 4 credits. Nature and purpose of contract law. Formation of contracts. Consideration. Contractual alternatives. Reality of consent. Contractual capacity. The Statute of Frauds.
920:606	Contracts II, 4 credits. Prerequisite, 920:605. Construction of contracts. Breach of Contract and associated remedies. Resolution of contract disputes. Discharge of obligations. Third Party interests.

Law of Consumer Credit, 3 credits. Prerequisite, 920:631; recommended prerequisite, 920:632. Study of consumer sale and consumer credit transactions and their regulation with special attention given to the Consumer Credit Protection Act of 1968, the proposed Uniform Consumer Credit Code, the National Consumer Act, and administrative approaches dealing with problem of individual consumers and classes of consumers.

920:650

Seminar in Product Liability, 4 credits. Prerequisite, 920:618; recommended prerequisite, 920:632. A research and writing course devoted to the study of legal issues associated with liability for defective products and the developing legal theories and remedies. Examination of government regulation of dangerous and defective products.

## Report of Akron Representative on Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents-Dr. Ali Fatemi

The Faculty Advisory Committee met with Chancellor Norton at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 1973, at the Board of Regents office in Columbus. The following is a summary report of the topics discussed at the meeting.

- 1. Management Improvement Program (the Manual): The Chancellor indicated that letters will be sent to the Presidents asking for appointments to the Advisory Task Force on revisions and implementation. The revision process will be on a continuing basis as deemed necessary by the Advisory Task Force. The question of definite amendment procedures will be dealt with at the January 31 meeting of the Task Force. All suggestions for changes in the revised manual are due by January 15, 1974.
- 2. Task Force on Higher Education: Chancellor Norton stated that the Inter-University Council has raised concerns regarding certain aspects of the Task Force's direction. He indicated, for instance, that the IUC is concerned about having the graduate deans of private schools included in review of new programs by both public and private schools.

He further stated that while the Board of Regents has a definite say about new degree programs in public institutions, it has very little authority over new programs in private institutions.

As far as private schools are concerned, the Chancellor stated that he doesn't think money from public schools will go to the private institutions. He said the problems which exist are usually conflicts between private and public institutions which are located in very close proximity of each other; for example, Wright State and the University of Dayton. Recently Wright State had a new program proposal which the University of Dayton considered a duplication. The Board had to examine this and did approve that particular program.

There have been some misunderstandings between the IUC and the Chancellor. However, he said he met with the Executive Committee of IUC yesterday (Wednesday, November 28) and he thinks future continued communication will eliminate the possibilities of misunderstandings. The FAC membership will be placed on the mailing list to receive announcements of their activities and will receive full biographies of the Higher Education Task Force.\*

3. Common Calendar: The question of a common calendar for the public institutions was briefly discussed and it will be brought up again in the January meeting of FAC. Miami delegate, Professor Del Snider, will provide a proposal for FAC consideration. \*\*

<sup>\*</sup>See Attachment "A" on following pages of this issue.

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Attachment "B" on following pages of this issue.

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The Chancellor asked that we consider the following questions related to calendar issue:

- a. Cost of change over.
- b. Total calendar autonomy and the problem this will cause for transfer students.
- c. Possible circulation on a regional basis (e.g., schools in Northeast Ohio have the same calendar).
- d. The question of subvention.
- 4. State Support: At this point the discussion turned to the question of alternatives for the present state subvention systems. The Chancellor said he is asking all of us in higher education to help him by thinking about these issues and making suggestions. He talked about how to measure the productivity of a university. He emphasized that he needs help on this issue. He needs good, deep thoughts, not casual reflection.

Should we use the number of students as a measure of productivity? He said at every level of government this question is being raised and he doubts that without some good answers the problem will simply go away.

The next meeting will be in January 1974. As representatives of this University, Blin Scatterday, who is my alternate, and myself, would like to receive comments and suggestions from the University Council members and our other faculty colleagues.

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Attachment "B"

Proposal regarding Common Calendar

To: Members FAC From: Del Snider

For at least two years we have had periodic discussion within our own group of the calendar question. Specifically, in the past we have agreed on the principle of calendar autonomy for each institution of higher learning. This was discussed with former Chancellor Millett during the last months of his tenure, but a conclusion was not reached before his leaving the post. In the meanwhile, discussion of the subject has been suspended, pending the appointment of a new Chancellor and changes in the membership of the Board of Regents. I feel that the time is now ripe for reopening the question with Chancellor Norton.

President Shriver of Miami University has formally requested Dr. Norton to consider permitting Miami, and any other institution so desiring, to switch to an early semester calendar, the first term of which would end by Christmas, removing any difficulty of transfers after the first term from or to schools on quarter calendar. Norton has indicated he has an open mind on the matter and has promised consideration of the request.

I earnestly solicit your strong support for a petition to the Chancellor to permit each institution the option of remaining on the quarter calendar or of adopting an early semester system. This would be a more restricted request than one asking for complete calendar autonomy. My impression is that the latter would have much less chance of being accepted than a more limited option. The early semester system seems to have very great advantages over possible alternatives, is becoming very popular across the country, and as a single alternative would disentangle the calendar issue from the wider issue of autonomy in general.

Please give some thought to the above proposal. Regardless of whether your particular institution would find it worthwhile to change the calendar, I think that we all have an important stake in the principle of having some choice. In the case of Miami, changing to an early semester system would without doubt make the greatest contribution to academic efficiency and to reduced costs of any single measure.

I propose that we place the question on our agenda for the first meeting following that of November 29.