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DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT 1974

The annual midyear Commencement will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1974, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The graduates will hear an address by His Excellency The Honourable Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British Ambassador to the United States. The traditional reception for students and their families and faculty will take place the preceding Sunday afternoon, December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Edwin J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall.

UNIVERSITY DATES

November 1 Reception honoring Dr. Emily Davis, Professor Emeritus of Art, and opening the Emily H. Davis Gallery, at 181 E. Exchange Street, the University's new campus Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m. There will be an exhibit of art works by the faculty of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, beginning at 6 p.m. that day. The exhibit will continue through December 1.

University Theatre season opens with "The Diary of Anne Frank", Kolbe Theatre, 8 p.m.

November 7 Town and Gown Lecture Series, with talk by Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.

November 9 Annual International Rubber Science Hall of Fame installation, noon, Student Center.

November 10 Concert by University Singers and Choral Ensemble, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.

November 17 Concert by University Orchestra, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.

November 22 University Theatre begins presentation of "Cabaret", Kolbe Theatre, 8 p.m.

November 24 Bandorama (Symphonic Band, Marching Band, and Lab Band), Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.

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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date

The regular meeting will be held Thursday, November 21, 1974, at 3 p.m. in Room 307, Business Administration Building.

Personnel Changes

The listing of membership of University Council for 1974-75, as printed in the October 1974 issue of the AU Chronicle, should be corrected to reflect the following changes:

Dr. Claibourne Griffin, as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, succeeds Dr. Edwin Lively.
Mr. Keith Gwyn, a representative from Evening Student Council, succeeds Mr. Leon Ridley.

The elected chairmen of standing committees of University Council have been chosen:

Athletics—Dr. H. K. Barker; Campus Facilities Planning—Mr. Joseph Edminister; Library and Learning Resources—Dr. Isobel Pfeiffer; Reference—Mr. Michael d'Amico.

Changes in standing committee assignments: Academic Policies and Curriculum—student, Miss Pat Hegedus succeeds Miss Sue Becker; Student Affairs—students, Mr. Keith Gwyn succeeds Mr. Leon Ridley, and Mr. Michael Pernice has been added, ex officio.

[Note: On the Library and Learning Resources Committee, the name of Mr. Alvin Lieberman was incorrectly spelled in the October listing.]

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

The Advisory Committee for International Programs is constituted as follows for 1974-75: Dean H. K. Barker, chairman, Dr. Larry Bradley, Miss Ruth Carver (undergraduate student), Dr. James F. Dunlap, Dean J. W. Dunlap, Mr. Robert Grumbach, Miss Mary Jean Johnston, Dr. Robert Jones, Miss Joanne Marchione, Mr. Albert Rakas, Mr. Edward Schwartz (graduate student), Mrs. Cathryn Taliaferro, Dr. Noel Leathers (ex officio).

The updated list of the members of The University of Akron Advisory Committee on the Bicentennial of the American Revolution is: Dr. Don R. Gerlach, chairman, Dr. Abdul A. Al-Rubaiy, Mr. Charles V. Blair, Dr. Larry G. Bradley, Mr. Frank Bradshaw, Col. Thomas N. Britton, Mrs. Ruth Clinefelter, Dr. Dale Doepke, Miss Pearl Drews, Mrs. Charlotte Hanten, Mr. John Kaiser, Mrs. Walter P. Keith, Dr. George Knepper, Dr. Carl Lieberman, Mr. H. Paul Schrank, Jr., Mr. Maurice Smith (student), Dr. Wallace Sterling, and Mr. John Wilson.

The University Coordinating Committee on Lifelong Learning and Development has elected Dr. Harvey Sterns as its chairman.

The University Budget Committee is now complete for 1974-75 with the election by the College of Fine and Applied Arts of Mr. William Neumann, Associate Professor of Art, as a faculty representative.

[Note: On the Advisory Committee, Center for Peace Studies, the name of Dr. Howard Taylor was incorrectly spelled in the October listing.]

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 17, 1974

The first regular meeting of the University Council for the 1974-75 academic year was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3:04 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 1974, in Business Administration 307.

Fifty-four of the 64 members of Council were present. Those who were absent with notice were Dr. Bill Frye, Dr. D. J. Guzzetta, Dean R. L. Hansford, Dr. R. Mravetz, Dr. H. Pinnick, Dr. W. A. Rogers. Others absent were Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. W. Sremack, Mrs. A. West and Dr. R. Zangrando.

Since this was the opening meeting of the year, the Chairman wished to make two announcements. The first was that there was to be no smoking during the Council meetings; the second was the introduction of two new members of Council—Dr. Claibourne Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and Mr. Keith Gwyn who succeeded Mr. Leon Ridley as vice president of Evening Student Council and member of University Council.

On motion the minutes of the following meetings of University Council were approved as printed in the AU Chronicle of June 14, 1974:

Adjourned Regular Meeting of May 2, 1974 (from April 18, 1974)
Special Meeting of May 14, 1974
Regular Meeting of May 16, 1974
Special Meeting of May 30, 1974
Adjourned Special Meeting of June 6, 1974

The Chair announced that Dr. Guzzetta was attending a regular meeting of the National Council on Educational Research out of town, and therefore it would be necessary to dispense with the next item on the agenda, "Remarks of the President".

Speaking on behalf of the UF campaign campus chairman, Dr. Joyce Sullivan, Dr. Stephen Bayless reported that over 50 percent of the University family have responded, but he urged a prompt response from everyone who has not yet sent in a pledge card. Last year this University had the highest per capita pledge in its quota range throughout the country, and he emphasized the need to maintain this record in support of the UF-Red Cross drive this fall.

The other announcement on the agenda was read by the Council Secretary, Miss Harrington, forwarded by Dr. S. A. Samad, Dean of the School of Law:

"Pursuant to prior University Council authorization (Minutes, February 19, 1970, page 12, Faculty Bulletin, March 5, 1970 issue), I certify that the course change reported herein has been duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the Faculty of the School of Law at its April 11, 1974 meeting, and is submitted for filing with the University Council Minutes forthwith. The course change is effective the first Summer Session 1975, and thereafter, as a change in course number, course title and credit hours, with the course description and course outline remaining unchanged, as follows:

From 0920:654 Domestic Relations. 3 credits.

To 0920:656 Family Law. 4 credits."

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Proceeding to the summaries of the Standing Committees, Dr. Leathers called upon Mrs. Linda Sugarman to report for the Procedural Committee. She stated that the committee had met on October 3, to arrange the agenda for today's meeting, and had instructed Dr. Leathers to send letters to the College Deans asking them to hold elections for their representatives on the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee and on the Faculty Well-Being Committee. She said further that it has been the policy of the Procedural Committee to recommend that no individual serve on more than one committee of the University Council. Since it seems possible that an individual who has already been appointed to a committee of Council by the Procedural Committee might also be elected to one of the above committees, the Procedural Committee wished to request that any individual elected to either of these committees resign from any other Council committee he may be on. She moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded.

In response to a query as to the rationale, she replied that any Council committee can be extremely time-consuming, and therefore service would be better restricted to one committee.

The motion was put to a vote and carried.

On behalf of the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, Dr. Poston read the following, which had been today circulated to the Council: "The Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee recommends that the Commencement date be changed from June 22 to June 15, 1975." He moved the adoption of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barresi, who also suggested that consideration be given to moving the Summer Sessions earlier by a week, accordingly, so that the conclusion of SS II would not conflict with early fall school openings which now preclude registrations for the second session by some school teachers involved.

Mr. d'Amico felt that changing the date of graduation would give favoritism to seniors and force some professors to make special arrangements contrary to their preferred course plans. Dr. Merrix, in asking for the rationale, learned from Dr. Poston that the Committee had heard from the students who objected to the week's time lag between the end of the quarter and Commencement; and that there was also the possibility of obtaining a speaker of national prominence at the earlier date.

Mr. Pernice confirmed that the students definitely do not want the later date as it would interfere with many of their plans for work, study or other arrangements for summer.

Dr. Gerlach felt that the only logical consideration should be academic, and that if the students wished, they could graduate in absentia.

The motion to move Commencement from June 22 to June 15, 1975 was put to a vote and carried.

As the newly elected chairman of the Athletics Committee, Dr. Barker stated that the committee had met, held elections, including Dr. Mravetz as secretary, and that the group intends to make a study of the needs and goals of athletics on this campus for the next ten years.

Dr. MacGregor, who had presided at the organizational meeting of the Campus Facilities Planning Committee on October 11, announced that Mr. Joseph Edminister had been elected chairman and Dr. Walter Arms secretary. Each member had received a copy of the Capital Improvements Requests, 1975-1981, as submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents in June 1974 from his office, and also copies of "Instructions to Assist Departments and Colleges in Programming for a New or Remodeled Building". The committee discussed the need for a campus-wide survey of buildings in order to prepare plans for improving accessibility and utilization by the handicapped. The next meeting will be called by the new chairman.

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Dr. Brittain deferred to Dr. Paul Merrix for a report from the Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee. The latter said that two Colleges had already elected their members for the two new Faculty Committees, in succession to the original one and he understood that the others would follow.

Vice President Leathers referred to his letter of August 28, 1974 to all members of University Council relative to the responsibilities of these two new committees, and also to the latest version of the Faculty Grievance Procedures which had been attached, and which needs Council approval prior to definitive action by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. d'Amico, chairman of the Reference Committee, replied to Dr. Brittain's query that his committee had not considered the Procedures inasmuch as they had met prior to August 28. However, the few changes incorporated in this document by Dr. Brittain's committee during the summer were those that the Reference Committee would have suggested.

Dr. Wood suggested that the statement, "The complaint must be filed within six months of this date" should be changed to "within one year of this date". Mr. Shedlarz thought that the phrase "should become aware" might help to clarify the matter.

Professor Finan asked whether the word "validity" in Section 1. Filing of Complaint meant the date he became cognizant of the grievance or the actual date of the grievance. He also felt that "upon request" should read "on notice" in the sentence beginning "Any member of the University community shall appear before the Committee as a witness upon request and shall cooperate fully as long as the matter...." He further suggested that "as long as" should be replaced by "if". He recommended that the document be referred to the Reference Committee. Mr. Shedlarz also agreed that it should go to the Reference Committee to check legal procedures.

Dr. Wood moved that the Grievance Procedures be returned to the Reference Committee. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Schultz asked when these procedures would take effect.

Dr. Merrix replied that the Council was still operating under the old guidelines until these new ones should be passed. He said that the committee would be glad to have an attorney advise them on the legal language of the document, and urged that Mr. Finan be invited.

Dean Oetjen asked for clarification of the function of the Reference Committee. It was his understanding that it was not their responsibility to make any substantive changes, but to check wording only.

The chairman of the Reference Committee, Mr. d'Amico, substantiated Dr. Oetjen's interpretation, but said that certainly a lawyer could check the language.

Dean Samad liked the document because it was so vulnerable, and he felt that even "grievance" was not defined.

Dr. Gerlach thought that the matter should not be referred to the Reference Committee, but referred to the lame duck Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee which had been working with the document. He thereupon moved to amend Dr. Wood's motion to read "Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee" instead of "Reference Committee". The motion was seconded. On a hand vote, the motion carried to amend. The amended motion was put to a vote and carried.

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The Chair recognized the members of the Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee who had worked long and diligently on this document, and wished to thank them publicly (at this meeting and for the record) for their contribution and for the great amount of extra time they had expended over the summer on that assignment.

Dr. Pfeiffer, the new chairman of the Library and Learning Resources Committee, reported that the committee had met, organized and was working.

Mr. d'Amico stated that the Reference Committee had gone over the amended draft of the Faculty Manual (Part I) and it was being typed for later circulation to the Council. He said that all the "he's and she's are fixed". The committee had asked for any suggestions from the Council, but only Dean Samad had responded. Dr. Leathers noted that there were some items to be updated on the basis of current changes in legislation and policy, and Dr. Brittain observed that the new sick leave policy and other details would be included. The other two Parts, submitted by the Ad Hoc Faculty Committee to Revise the Faculty Manual, could be considered following the adoption of Part I, according to Vice President Leathers.

The Research (Faculty Projects) Committee will hold its first meeting October 18, Dean Griffin announced. The guidelines for submitting proposals, which will probably not vary substantially from previous practice, should be ready in about ten days. The budget for 1974-75 is estimated at \$35,000 which is an increase over that of last year.

In the absence of Vice President Hansford, the Secretary read the report he had submitted as chairman of the Student Affairs Committee:

"The first meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the University Council for the academic year 1974-75 was held on Friday, September 27, 1974. The primary purpose of this meeting was to organize the committee, its subcommittees, and to establish regular meeting times for the academic year. Each member of the committee received his or her preference for membership on the Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans (ASGL) or the Extracurricular Activities (EASC) Subcommittees. Mrs. Kathryn Vegso and Mr. Robert Hahn respectively were named as subcommittee chairmen of the EASC and the ASGL.

"The chairman informed the membership of the functions of the Student Affairs Committee, as approved by the University Council on May 31, 1973. The subcommittee chairmen spoke to the areas of responsibility of their respective subcommittees.

"During the spring quarter of 1973 the Extracurricular Activities Subcommittee voted to recommend University recognition by the University Council for a Student Chapter of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. This recommendation could not be presented to University Council until a copy of the national constitution had been received. In July 1974 a copy of the national constitution was received by the Office of Student Services; therefore, I am recommending University recognition for the group.

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"I should also like to recommend University recognition for La Comunidad Hispanica (Spanish Club), which club was approved by the EASC at its October 4, 1974 meeting. A telephone polling of the other members of the Student Affairs Committee has been made, with those polled voting in favor of University recognition."

Miss Harrington moved the adoption of the report and extending recognition to the two groups recommended above. The motion was seconded and carried.

As the University representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Dr. Ali Fatemi presented highlights of the meeting of October 8, 1974, a summary of which appears as an appendix to these minutes. The complete document can be perused in his office. A copy of the full report has also been sent to all department heads.

There was no report from the Ohio Faculty Senate.

Dr. Brittain asked for clarification as to the responsibility for reviewing the Grievance Procedures. It was his understanding that the Faculty Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities Committee had already discharged its duties. He suggested its reappointment as an ad hoc committee if it continued this work. Dr. Gerlach opined that it legally could continue until successor committees were appointed, and that Council had just recognized it by referring the document back to it for further consideration.

Dr. Merrix said that the two new committees would probably be completed soon, but he thought an ad hoc status might be advisable. No action was taken.

Dr. Jackson suggested that there be an opportunity to ask questions of those people giving reports to Council, and he wondered what was happening to the provisions for out-of-state students and the subsidy. Dr. Poston said that there was no current change in the undergraduate rates, and that graduate students still are counted for subsidy. Proposed changes are still under study in the Chancellor's office, but there are not any such possibilities in the current budget.

Dr. Leathers invited comments on the Regents' report or any other reports.

Proceeding to New Business, the Chairman asked Dr. Gerlach to present his proposed amendments. Dr. Gerlach moved that Council adopt the amendments proposed to the University Council Bylaws under Item 9 of Council's agenda today. The motion was seconded. The proposals follow:

- a. Article III. Composition of the Council. Add new Section f. to read "Chairmen of the University Council's Committees on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities and on Faculty Well-Being, who shall be nonvoting members for reporting purposes only unless they are regularly chosen as members of the Council."
- b. Article IV. Elections. Section e.2). Replace the words, "last spring meeting", with the words, "regular May meeting".
- c. Article VII. Meetings. Section e. Replace the words, "a majority of the total membership of the University Council", with the words, "forty percent of the membership of the University Council not including those special members who have a voice but no vote."

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- d. Article VIII. Amendments. Add to the end of the first sentence: "excluding those persons who are nonvoting members of the Council."

Dr. Wood considered proposing a friendly amendment to the first amendment, to replace "Chairmen" with "Chairpersons". Dr. Gerlach objected because of the resulting inconsistencies in the wording of the balance of the present University Council Bylaws, and declined to accept the proposed amendment.

Asked for a rationale for the suggested changes in the Council Bylaws, Dr. Gerlach explained that the new Section f. in Article III would simply bring that Article into harmony with the provisions already delineated in Article VI. Section d. The change in Article IV was self-evident. Relative to the proposal for Article VII, he considered 1/20th too low for a quorum, but thought that Council had been hindered in conducting its business when 50 percent was required for a quorum. On Article VIII, he felt that clarification would eliminate some uncertainties in ascertaining a voting quorum.

Dr. Poston observed that there was only once last year when a quorum was not present to complete Council business, and he failed to see the necessity for reducing the number to 40 percent.

Dr. Schultz could see the advantage of clarifying status on nonvoting members, but felt that faculty and students should accept their responsibility of being present at Council meetings, and that by passing this amendment it would be an admission of retreat from responsibility.

Dr. Bee noted that no clarification of nonvoting members is needed inasmuch as the Bylaws provide that Robert's Rules of Order apply, which clearly shows the classes of members and that ex officio are nonvoting members. Dr. Bee was of the opinion that the proposed changes in Article VII and Article VIII were both unnecessary.

Dr. Gerlach took exception to Dr. Bee's arguments.

Dr. Gerlach moved to lay the motion to adopt the four amendments on the table. The motion was seconded and carried.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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

APPENDIX TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES, October 17, 1974

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

At 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 1974, the Faculty Advisory Committee met with the Chancellor at the Board of Regents' new offices on the 36th floor of the State Office Building in Columbus.

1. The Budget. We all received a copy of the Higher Education Biennial Budget Recommendations for 1975-77 as proposed by the Ohio Board of Regents. It is a 141 page document. An annotated summary is enclosed. The Chancellor made the following points in regard to the Recommended Budget:
 - a. Inflation: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) has been revised upward from 8%.
 - b. Student-Faculty Ratio: General Studies I student/faculty ratio has been reduced from 36/1 to 25/1.
 - c. Change in Faculty Mix: Increase in number of faculty in higher ranks.
 - d. Faculty Compensation Improvement: Moving the faculty salaries from the 50th to the 60th percentile of the AAUP survey. This would require a 9.4% real increase in the salaries. (See page 137—Appendix A. of the Budget.)
2. Enrollment. Enrollment throughout the state is up with the exception of Ohio U and Central State.
3. Prospects for the Budget. The Chancellor seemed to be optimistic. He told us that he has had several meetings with the legislators and while there have been questions raised the general reception has been warm and encouraging. The Governor's reaction also has been encouraging. He has publicly committed himself to improving the status of higher education in the state. If he sounds limiting at times that is because he doesn't have all the budget figures yet. It is possible that once all budgetary facts are determined the higher education relative share of the total budget would not change very much.
4. Collective Bargaining. The State Office of Administrative Services is writing legislative proposals for Collective Bargaining Law for State Employees. The Board of Regents Staff has been in contact with them as resource people for higher education sector.
5. Sabbatical Leaves. In the new budget there will be funds for Faculty Development Leaves.

[Note: A copy of the full report has been sent to all department heads.]

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR 1974-75

[amended]

Fall Quarter 1974 (48 Instructional Days)

September 23, Monday	Day and Evening Classes Begin
November 27, Wednesday, 5 p.m.	Final Instructional Day
November 28-30, Thursday-Saturday	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
December 2-7, Monday-Saturday	Final Examination Period
December 7, Saturday, 5 p.m.	End of Fall Quarter
December 15, Sunday	Commencement

Winter Quarter 1975 (50 Instructional Days)

January 6, Monday	Day and Evening Classes Begin
(To be arranged) 1/8 - 1/15	Founders Day Ceremonies
March 15, Saturday, 5 p.m.	Final Instructional Day
March 17-22, Monday-Saturday	Final Examination Period
March 22, Saturday, 5 p.m.	End of Winter Quarter

Spring Quarter 1975 (49 Instructional Days)

March 31, Monday	Day and Evening Classes Begin
(To be arranged)	May Day
May 26, Monday - 1/6	Memorial Day Holiday
June 7, Saturday, 5 p.m.	Final Instructional Day
June 9-14, Monday-Saturday	Final Examination Period
June 14, Saturday, 5 p.m.	End of Spring Quarter
June 15, Sunday	Commencement

Summer Session I, 1975 (23 Instructional Days)

June 23, Monday	Day and Evening Classes Begin
July 4, Friday	Independence Day Holiday
July 24, Thursday	Final Instructional Day
July 25-26, Friday-Saturday	Final Examination Day and End of Session I

Summer Session II, 1975 (24 Instructional Days)

July 28, Monday	Day and Evening Classes Begin
August 28, Thursday	Final Instructional Day
August 29-30, Friday-Saturday	Final Examination Day and End of Session II