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FACULTY MEETING

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AGENDA FOR FACULTY MEETING

April 17, 1974, 6:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes of March, 1974 Faculty Meeting
- II. Announcements
- III. Reports:
- A. Report from the Committee on Committees - Dr. Morrissey
 - B. Report from Core Committee - Dr. Rich
 - C. Report on Cross-Cultural - Dr. Sancho
 - D. Report from the Task Force on the Off-Campus Center - Mr. Shumway
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business

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The March faculty meeting began with a dinner in the University Union at 6 o'clock p.m. President Peter Armacost called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. He called on Dean Harold Germer for a prayer. All members were present except for the following: Stephen Biddle, Bill Boucek, Cliff Burke, Laurel Diaz, Janet Eichner, John Lehner, Alice Joy Lewis, Jack McCracken, Jack Patty, Annabelle Pence, Barbara Richards, Joyce Stuermer, Dale Watts, David Wesner, Bence Williams, and Connie Zook.

President Armacost called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting, February 20, 1974. He noted two corrections to the distributed copy of the minutes, those printed at the bottom of the agenda page for the present meeting. Elmer Roth then moved, Ron Averyt seconding, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was carried.

The President then introduced and expressed welcome to three guests, as follows: John Dornberg, an American journalist who was speaker at the day's University Program Series event; Peter Jensh, former Executive Director of the Division of Publishing and Business of the Board of Educational Ministries for the American Baptist Churches who now works in organizational development for ABC - USA; and Walter Craig, who is a visiting professor in the Art Department.

The President then called for announcements and the following were made:

- 1) Peter Flusser announced that this coming Saturday there will be joint meeting on our campus of the Mathematics Association of America and the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics. He asked that faculty notify advisees who might be interested in attending this meeting.
- 2) Emory McKenzie announced that friends of Margaret Burger, former teacher at Ottawa University, are sponsoring in her memory a fund for the acquisition of new objects for the Kansas University Art Museum. He said that some of our faculty may wish to contribute to this fund.
- 3) Dean Germer spoke on behalf of the Committee on Academic Review, reminding faculty advisors that no students will be allowed to graduate until all of their graduation requirements are met.

President Armacost then asked for reports, and the following were made:

- 1) Fred Zook reported on behalf of the Committee on Committees. He presented a motion as follows: The Committee on Committees recommends the name of Michael Sancho to the faculty for election and recommendation to the President for his appointment to Campus Council. The motion was carried.
- 2) Fred Gibson reported on behalf of the Religious Life Programs Committee. He distributed a handout which listed the religious life programs for the academic years of 1972-1973 and 1973-1974 (see appended). Chaplain Gibson explained that the RLPC coordinates religious life on campus. He said that, of the 12 UPS events presented each session, 4 of them are religious in nature. He said that the total yearly budget for the Committee is \$1145, which is less than \$100 per event. There is a Norwood L. Jones fund which provides additional help to the Committee. Chaplain Gibson spoke briefly about the religious events coming up in Session IV, stressing their significance.

Neil Harris said that some of his advisees had complained to him about the recent religious event featuring Neal Dorsch, and asked whether an event like this serves the purposes of Ottawa University. The Chaplain replied that when variety is sought there is no assurance of quality in each event even though the Committee tries hard to attain it. Bill Kloster spoke in support of the need for variety. Mr Gibson then gave some information about how Mr. Dorsch was secured to speak, and said that he believed that the students were able to see the event for what it was, and said also that Dorsch was a man who said what he believed. Dean Germer observed that it is pertinent to look at each single event in the context of other events, and said also that the Dorsch presentation had precipitated student reactions leading to important discussions. Chaplain Gibson then said that the faculty response to the previous religious report had been appreciated, and he invited further faculty participation, and further faculty questions.

- 3) Bill Myers reported on behalf of the Winterterm Committee. The Committee is asking that courses and descriptions to be offered during next Winterterm be submitted by April 15. Student-initiated courses should be submitted by October 15. During December, it is planned to hold a meeting where Winterterm teachers can get together with students to discuss with them the content of the Winterterm courses to be offered, he said. There was some discussion of this report.
- 4) Peter Sandstrom reported on behalf of the Office of Educational Facilitation. He spoke concerning a memo from the OEF which had been distributed through the campus mail, about "The Interpretation of the Results of the Questionnaire on the Academic Calendar." He said that the calendar question had not been easy to isolate from other questions regarding our program. He mentioned specifically items in the memo which show that (1) there is some interest among the faculty and administration in alternatives such as the 4-1-4 system and a "flexible calendar" system, and (2) there is a clear sense that the faculty/administration feels that under the current calendar (as compared to the former calendar) there is a noticeable increase in load, pressure, and non-teaching responsibilities, and a significant decrease in the time and opportunity available for personal and professional development. He stated that, as shown in the memo, the OEF recommends that the Dean of the College take up the question of faculty load in consultation with the Faculty Affairs Committee. (See appended OEF memo.)
- 5) Michael Sancho reported on behalf of the Cross Cultural Committee. He described the experience of the students participating in the program in Morelia, Mexico, saying that it is going better than expected in some ways. There are difficulties surrounding the fact that the director of the American Center in Morelia has not done all that he said would be done, Dr. Sancho reported. Spanish language and area studies courses are quite successful, and cultural experiences are positive, he said, although history courses have not been supplied adequately as yet. The program should improve next year. Advisors should advise students to apply early for next year's program, he said.

Dr. Sancho said that the Cross Cultural Committee has developed a preliminary preparation course called "Field Experience" which will be available during the summer for students contemplating participation in the cross cultural program. The course will be an attempt to validate the cross cultural experience academically. Interested students should contact Dr. Sancho or Rosi Reisig during Session IV, he stated. In response to a question, Dr. Sancho said that the cross cultural experience may appear on the transcript either as academic credit or else in the "notations" column. He added that some O.U. students are participating

actively in Mexican cultural life, one in a symphony orchestra and another in a dance group.

President Armacost then called for items of old business, but there were none presented. He then called for new business, and two items were forthcoming, as follows:

- 1) Bill Myers, on behalf of the Winterterm Committee, presented a motion as follows:

"Since January, 1976, marks the beginning of the Bicentennial Year of American Independence, all Winterterm classes for that particular year, both on and off campus, should relate in some way to the Bicentennial. Exceptions shall be made only in respect to Educational Explorations, Senior Seminars that cannot be held at other times, and those areas finding it impossible."

Dr. Myers presented a brief rationale for the motion. Horton Presley asked why this was a motion rather than a recommendation; he expressed his concern for attracting students to the Winterterm, now that Freshman Core is no longer there. Dr. Myers said that the Committee will want to recommend later that 3 out of 4 Winterterms be required for graduation. Carl Bobbish said that the UPS Committee is working on gathering programs for the Bicentennial and Marion Rieth said that the Library is also assembling materials. Mike Sancho said that the Cross Cultural Committee will continue to sponsor the Winterterm in England during that time. Martin Meade spoke against the motion, because of its restrictiveness. There was some debate about this point. Dr. Meade then moved, Michael Twedt seconding, a substitute motion as follows:

"Since January, 1976, marks the beginning of the Bicentennial Year of American Independence, it is recommended that the faculty focus on the Bicentennial Year in developing courses for Winterterm, 1976."

Dr. Meade said that this motion endorses the idea, but it doesn't carry the obligatory nature of the previous motion. A vote was then taken on Dr. Meade's substitute motion, whether or not to accept it as a substitute. The faculty accepted the substitute, by a division of the house, 22 for and 16 against. The faculty then voted on the substitute motion, and it was carried, a few dissents being heard.

At this point, Carl Bobbish announced that the UPS Committee will be distributing a brochure concerning a forthcoming conference on human sexuality. He invited faculty to participate.

- 2) On behalf of the Faculty Scholastic Committee, Bill Kloster moved that the academic policy, and the faculty advising book statements concerning Summa cum Laude and Magna cum laude requirements be revised to state, as follows:

"Summa cum Laude
3.8 and distinction in one category
Magna cum laude
3.5 and distinction in one category."

Mr. Kloster explained that the reason for the change is that students were complaining that some could be very close to achieving Summa cum Laude but still not meet requirements for Magna cum Laude. He referred to a memo which the Committee had mailed to the faculty earlier. Dean Germer asked whether the motion is intended to apply to this year's graduating class. Mr. Kloster then stated that the Committee amends the motion to make it apply to classes after this year's class. He also said that the purpose of the motion is not to help more students to receive graduation honors, but rather to clarify the policy so that there will not be any discrepancies. There was further discussion, during which Dean Germer gave a brief history of the honors program which has been offered in the past. The motion was then carried by voice vote, a few dissents being heard.

Neil Harris then raised the question concerning Student Handbook regulations concerning nudity, whether the regulations have been adopted, and he asked what force they had behind them. President Armacost stated that we are under mandate from the Board of Trustees to have a complete set of student conduct regulations and that the regulations carry whatever force and effect that the Trustees and therefore the administration can give to them. He indicated that the absence of formal faculty action is undesirable, but that we must all live with this statement of regulations unless and until the Board, upon recommendation of the administration and faculty, approves a different set of policies. Dr. Armacost expressed an openness to further discussion of the matter. Dean Meade then spoke about the Student Life Policies Committee and its handling of the code of conduct regulations and said that the present statement is simply a clarification of previously existing Board approved policies. Mike Sancho expressed concern for the process under which students are disciplined for incidents such as public nudity. Dr. Meade said that in the "streaking" affair the process was straight forward, guilt being established and students being placed on disciplinary probation. He further noted that in October 1970 the Board of Trustees took action further clarifying University policy against any activity which disrupts university activity, especially academic activity.

Ron Averyt then asked whether there is going to be a recommendation to change the Sophomore Core forthcoming soon. He spoke of time considerations and the need to plan now for next year. Charles Rich said that there are several motions which the Core Subcommittee has made to the General Education Committee, but that none has been made yet concerning the Sophomore Core.

Dean Germer then asked that faculty who will be offering summer school courses to submit to him course descriptions for these offerings.

No other business was presented and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard L. Meyers
Faculty Secretary