



OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

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AGENDA 1976

January 19th, 1977

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I. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1976. Dean then asked for action on the minutes of the previous meeting of November 17, 1976. Elmer Roth moved and it was seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as distributed. The motion passed.

II. Announcements

Robin Pratt introduced the four members of the Board of External Evaluators: Neil Berte, Mick Ferrari, Ohmer Milton and Paul Johnson.

III. Reports

Jim Billick distributed a course description catalog for the Center on Organizations.

IV. Old Business

Bill Meyers announced to the faculty that the nominees for Danforth Fellowships from Ottawa are: Wanda Shumway Term and Richard Goodman.

C.A.R. Proposal on Distribution

Jan Roberts announced that the Faculty/Staff carolling in the residence halls would be January 15th at 10:00 p.m.

V. New Business

Thanked the faculty for responding to his memo on evaluation.

Proposal on Daily Chapel

Hal Garner made the following announcements: (1) students who will be off-campus for Winter term must register December 13, 14 or 15. (2) the Academic Council has the following agenda items before them for discussion: a. course distribution b. second level CORE c. early selection of a depth study.

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting is to be December 10, 11 and 12.

FACULTY MINUTES
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Dean Hal Germer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Dean then asked for action on the minutes of the previous meeting of November 17, 1976. Elmer Roth moved and it was seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as distributed. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sloane Dugan thanked the faculty for responding to his memo on evaluation.

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Peter Sandstrom reminded the Freshman CORE tutors that the rule is that students will take CORE during the January Winter Term; any exceptions must be approved by the Dean of the College.

REPORTS

Jack Maxwell, Dean of Students, made a report on Student Life. (1) The financial aid administrator has been freed approximately 20% of his time so that he can now be available for financial counseling. (2) The career planning

and placement officer has asked that we remind the seniors to come in to register, and secondly that they are considering computerized career information systems. (3) Counseling has been strengthened by an additional staff person. (4) Kansas Baptist women have agreed to raise \$10,000 which will be used for the modernization in the Health Service. (5) Student activities: student government is struggling, so are the student committees. (6) Residence Hall life: Resident Directors and Resident Assistants are all students. During the orientation this fall careful attention was given to helping RA's and RD's understand and buy into University regulations in the dormitories. To a considerable extent this has happened, but students indicate that one of the hardest things for them is to act in the role of policeman. Residence hall occupancy is about the same as it was last year. Social clubs are struggling and doing very little at present, but we do have one of the smaller residence units which is functioning well and is a bright spot this year.

The following questions or comments were raised in connection with this report.

a. Is it relatively easy to move off campus? The answer is that it is not difficult to move off campus, but we want students to stay on campus and we need to make individual decisions. b. Is there a correlation between the calendar and the level of student life activities that we see? Dean Maxwell said that his staff indicates that the answer is probably yes. It was further mentioned that internship and cross cultural experiences etc. cause a lack of continuity in student organizations and student leadership. c. Is there any educational value in living in a residence hall? Dean Maxwell commented about the possibility of having progressive living units and that was commented on both pro and con in terms of segregating freshmen into a dormitory. d. Is there some discussion on whether or not to move the Health Services into a residence hall and the answer was that this was being considered. e. The lack of security in the residence halls is a major problem. f. One faculty member commented that his understanding is that current students are tending to move away from institutional activities. g. Another faculty member raised a question as to who is defining the problem of dorm life; is it simply a problem for the faculty and staff or is it really a problem for the students?

Peter Sandstrom then brought a report and motion from the Committee on Academic Review. (See report distributed.) The report and motion concerned a matter which has been under discussion in CAR for some time, and which was raised before the faculty at this time last year -- the matter of electives or breadth in student contracts. The proposal would require that student contracts must show encounter with the three broad areas of natural science, social and behavioral science, and humanities, ordinarily by enrollment in three courses in each area. No action was requested on the proposal at this point. It was brought for discussion, and is currently under discussion also by the Academic Council. Questions that were raised for discussion related to this are as follows: a. How does this relate to CORE? b. We should have more flexibility in our program and fewer requirements. c. Does this regulation mean that we have given up on the advising process? d. Do we have adequate faculty to implement such a program? e. Is the problem in contract writing actually getting worse? f. This will certainly involve good planning and course offerings. g. Is the number 3 an important number? h. What does the word

"encounter" mean vis-a-vis things other than courses.

Keith Shumway then made a report on attending a Regional AAC meeting in Minneapolis on non-traditional students. O.U. was a part of the program along with Metropolitan State University and Empire State University, and the second part of the program had to do with accrediating associations, e.g. North Central, which is important to us.

Dean Germer then told of attending an AAC meeting in Kansas City with about 12 other institutions, and made the following comments: a. The issue of church relationship affecting curriculum was discussed. b. What makes Christian colleges different from other colleges was also a major issue discussed.

Jim Billick then reported on the MA proposal by simply saying that the two forums were in fact held and that the work is proceeding on the proposal. He said the 3 main issues that seemed to be raised at the forums and in informal conversation with faculty members are (1) accreditation (2) impact on the program on this campus (3) program quality. He indicated that the efforts would be made to have a report to the faculty one week prior to the January 19th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Robin Pratt raised a question about the magazine Pedagogue that is being distributed by the KRCHE organization. Neil Harris responded to a couple of questions by indicating that they would like to see articles about teaching and curriculum development written for this magazine.

The meeting was adjourned by the Dean at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric B. Zook
Faculty Secretary