

AGENDA FOR FACULTY MEETING

January 16, 1974, 5:00 p.m.

The December Faculty Meeting was held in the University Union at 9:

I. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (December 19, 1973)

Stephen Biddle, Carl Ebbish, Laurel Diaz, Janet Eichner,

II. Announcements

Harold Carter, Fred Gibson, Thelma Lee, Alice Joy Lewis, Veroni

III. Reports

Dean Report of Committee on Committees

Report on UPS for action on the minutes of the previous meeting

Report on Core and Centers Developments

reported. The action was carried.

IV. Old Business

Dean Diaz then called for announced agents, and the following were for

V. New Business

faculty (meal) would receive a refund for the meal being served

FACULTY MINUTES

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

December 19, 1973

The December faculty meeting was held in the University Union at 9:40 o'clock in the morning. All members of the faculty were present except for the following: Peter Armacost, Stephen Biddle, Carl Bobbish, Laurel Diaz, Janet Eichner, Peter Flusser, Harold Germer, Fred Gibson, Mercile Lee, Alice Joy Lewis, Veronica Morgan, Jack Patty, Lora Reiter, Barbara Richards, and Connie Zook.

Dean Justo Diaz called the meeting to order at 9:51 A.M., and led in prayer. He then called for action on the minutes of the previous meeting.

Elmer Roth moved, second heard, that the November 28, 1973 minutes be approved as reported. The motion was carried.

Dean Diaz then called for announcements, and the following were forthcoming.

1. Ronnie Averyt asked whether those faculty who had previously paid for faculty dinner meals would receive a refund for the meal being served in conjunction with the present meeting. The answer is yes. Dean Diaz added that faculty paychecks for the month of December are available today.
2. Bill Frear announced that the gymnasium will be closed from Friday, December 21 until Wednesday, January 2. The pool will be open during the vacation period, he said, but will then be closed for repairs until January 7.
3. Dean Diaz expressed the regrets of the college that Joe Hutchinson is leaving, and wished him well in his new position.

The Dean then introduced Dr. Charles Rich, who reported on the Academic Center Development, as follows.

Referring to a document which had been previously distributed, and which was dated December 14, 1973 (see appended), Dr. Rich said that the proposals contained in it would be discussed subsequently by the faculty. He suggested that from the document may come concrete proposals aimed at restructuring our organization. He summarized the contents under three heads: 1) the tasks of the Academic Center; 2) results which might be expected from Academic Center organization; and 3) the implications that this kind of organization might entail. The FIPSE proposal projected the establishment of the Center as a demonstration unit, to be a pilot program development project, he said. But it became necessary to think about restructuring our academic organization as a whole. Dr. Rich gave credit to members of the Academic Center Task Force for ideas contained in the document, and also to many others who assisted in giving the ideas their present shape.

Dr. Rich said that in looking at the "Blue Book," it appeared that issue-oriented centers could be the best basis for reorganization, even though centers have not been used in this way by other institutions. He said that the concept of the Center as a unit for supporting the Ottawa academic program is particularly useful when considering the educational aims of the students. The selection of four centers (Organizations, Individuals, Environment, and Communications) was not entirely arbitrary, he said, but also reflects the concern already evident in the Core programs. The Centers are projected as "collegial units;" they are not divisions in the sense of being constituted of departments, he said. Faculty would have dual appointments, in their department or discipline and in their center. The Centers would provide structure for students to make decisions concerning their contracts and careers, and would also focus on the general educational objectives of students. They would also serve the advisement program, would sponsor core course development interdisciplinary courses, and other academic programs, Dr. Rich explained.

After the presentation, Ed Morrissey asked if faculty silence on the Academic Center document at this time will be construed as assent to it. Dean Diaz said that it will not, and suggested that faculty members consider that Dr. Rich is suggesting a general framework at this time. Tom Adams asked if it is possible that implications in the document concerning Core might take effect as soon as next September. Dr. Diaz answered that they might, and Dr. Rich pointed out that consolidation of and changes in Core can take place under the direction of the Core Subcommittee, without action on the present proposal. Wayne Angell expressed thanks to the Academic Center committee for the holistic thinking which has been done, and Dean Diaz expressed the appreciation of the faculty to Dr. Rich for his work.

Dean Diaz then announced that George Waddell, who is Coordinator of Art at Graceland College, has been given a leave of absence and will be taking over art courses which Dr. Hutchinson was to teach during the spring of 1974, with a possible change of one course to printing.

The Dean then called for old business, but none was presented.

The Dean then called on Keith Shumway for presentation of a motion concerning Ottawa University's external center. Referring to a memo which was dated December 17, 1973 and which had previously been distributed to the faculty, Mr. Shumway gave a brief explanation (see appended memo). Michael Sancho asked about the nature of the powers for which the motion asks, and Mr. Shumway explained that the motion would enable the Task Force for External Programs to act for the faculty, although the faculty can put limitations on the Task Force later. The Task Force will not grant degrees. Mr. Shumway said that a preliminary draft for the organization of an external center now exists and is in a process of revision. The Task Force would need to examine, revise, and improve upon the present model, he said. No chairman for the Task Force has been chosen as yet.

The motion, made by Keith Shumway and seconded by Bill Myers, reads as follows: "The task force for external programs is recognized as having appropriate faculty authority for necessary faculty decisions for external programs until May 1975. The task force will report to the Ottawa University faculty in April 1974, November 1974, and April 1975, and such other times as necessary."

Discussion on the motion ensued. Mr. Shumway said that the Task Force needs to have decision-making power when it convenes. Dean Diaz said that he sees the report-back function of the Task Force as one of reporting its own actions and for guidance from the faculty as a whole. Mr. Shumway then said that the task force is really an ad hoc faculty committee, and said that faculty members' opinions would be solicited by the task force. He insisted that there is not any subversive action implied by the motion. A vote on the motion was then taken, and it carried, no dissent being heard.

Ronnie Averyt then moved, David Bernels seconding, that the Self-Study Committee be directed to study the question of continuance of the 2-2-1-2-2 academic calendar, and to make a report on the same at the February faculty meeting.

Dean Diaz observed that the Self-Study Committee has many other concerns and may not be able to have a substantive report by the February meeting. Dr. Averyt noted that the motion would direct the Committee to deal with the issue substantively. Ed Morrissey asked when the Self-Study Committee would be bringing a report, and Dean Diaz said that it would do so at the January meeting. The Dean explained that the Committee's present agenda concerns the questions of strategic staffing and projected faculty size. John Bacon asked whether the present motion would entail other calendar considerations and received an answer of "yes." Neil Harris asked if the faculty has the power to set the agenda for the Self-Study Committee and received an answer of "no." Wayne Angell asked whether this committee is the place for this kind of study, since it might not be sympathetic to faculty concerns' he suggested that an ad hoc committee might be preferable. Dr. Averyt said that present problems ought to be looked at, in addition to future ones. Peter Sandstrom suggested that the present Office of Educational Facilitation, with its committee, might be a more appropriate place for discussion of the issue presented in the motion.

Bill Myers then moved, Bill Ballinger seconding, to amend Dr. Averyt's motion, to make it refer to the Office of Educational Facilitation rather than to the Self-Study Committee. This amendment carried by majority voice vote. Dr. Averyt's motion, as amended, was then carried by majority voice vote. Lloyd Gladman then requested that a list of the membership of the task force for the Office of Educational Facilitation be distributed.

Bill Ballinger then moved, seconded by Michael Twedt, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Justo Diaz for his leadership as Dean of the College. The motion was carried by the faculty's standing assent and acclimation, as demonstrated by applause. Dean Diaz then addressed the faculty briefly, saying

that if anybody can succeed in making education fit the needs and hopes of students, then we are the ones to do the job. He observed that being Dean is a lonely task. We have had a lot of deans, he said, which is a burden to the institution. It behooves us to support Hal Germer, as the new Dean, and to try to understand the difficulty of his task, Dr. Diaz remarked. His words were followed by applause.

John Bacon then moved, Bill Myers seconding, that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Faculty Secretary