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WELFARE COMMITTEE END-OF-YEAR REPORT 1973-1974

Several issues were brought to the attention of the Welfare Committee during the year, plus the continued interest in off-campus teaching guidelines.

1. Liability Insurance

- a. Survey sent to faculty, staff and students about liability insurance (See attachment #1).
- b. Request to the president to support liability insurance for all state regents institutions as a faculty benefit paid by the State.(See attachment #2).

2. Forgivable Loan

The Welfare Committee again sent a request to the Senate for a forgivable loan policy to be initiated. The Senate supported the proposal (See attachment #3).

3. Faculty Salaries

AAUP data was tabulated for Senate members to compare Wichita State University salaries and compensation to other Missouri Valley institutions, IIA universities in urban settings, public IIA institutions, all IIA institutions, all IIA institutions and the Kansas universities (See attachment #4).

4. Off Campus and On Campus Teaching

A summary of present university and regents policies were included in the report. Recommendations stating a consistent travel policy plus a goal to have off campus teaching salaries to be set on an 1/8 to 1/10 of salary were accepted by the Senate (See attachment #5).

5. Collective Bargaining

A letter was sent to the State of Kansas Personnel Employee Relations Board to inquire about the method for initiating a program (See attachment #6).

Annette TenElshof
Welfare Committee Chairperson

Wichita State University

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To Nancy Millett and Jimmy Skaggs ✓ Date April 5, 1974
From L. M. Benningfield, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research *LB*
Subject University Research and Publications Committee Report for FY 74

Attached is a memo prepared by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs describing information on University Research and Publications Committee actions for FY 74. In addition to the statistical information contained in this summary report, I feel it appropriate to add the following information.

In an effort to clarify and simplify the preparation and submission of research proposals to the University Research and Publications Committee, the attached new form was prepared and used.

I would be happy to provide any further information you might deem necessary.

LB:db

Attachments

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To Fred Sudermann Date March 28, 1974
From Diane Lewis
Subject Dean Benningfield's report for University Senate

The University Research and Publications Committee met twice last year to consider faculty requests for University-supported research for the 1974 fiscal year. The committee made 60 awards for a total of \$63,613. Individual awards ranged from \$80 to \$3,750.

Research committee funds are provided by the General University Fund, the City of Wichita and the National Science Foundation.

The breakdown of awards by individual colleges was:

<u>College</u>	<u>No. of Awards</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Liberal Arts	45	\$51,316	75
Business Administration	4	5,940	6
Education	4	3,592	6
Engineering	2	1,109	3
Fine Arts	3	793	5
Other Institutional	2	863	3
Total	60	\$63,613	100.0

In the past 10 years there have 559 grants totaling \$465,603.

The committee will meet later this spring to consider requests for research funding for projects for fiscal year 1975. It is anticipated that the amount available to the committee will be approximately \$62,000.

Members of the committee are Dr. David Fransworth, Dr. Elmer Hoyer, Dr. Phillip Thomas, Dr. Kae Chung, Betty Welsbacher, Dr. Phillip Wahlbeck, Dr. Kenneth Burke, Rosa Lee Ireland and Thoburn Taggart, Jr. Dr. Lloyd Benningfield is chairman of the committee; Fred Sudermann is secretary to the committee.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To University Senate Secretary, Mr. Skaggs Date April 4, 1974
From John H. Wilson: Chairman, Court of Student Academic Appeals
Subject Annual Report to the University Senate

Members of the Court: John Millett - Faculty; Jeneva Brewer - Faculty; Richard Thode - Student; Susan Loger - Student.

The Court of Student Academic Appeals consists of three members of the university faculty and two students. The usual appointment procedures employed by the Senate are used to select faculty and student participants for this Court.

After the April 18, 1974 meeting of the Court eleven (11) appeal cases will have been processed for the academic school year 1973-74. This number is a typical load of cases that come before the Court in one school year. For every case heard this year there has been a high level of cooperation from students, faculty, and administrators who have been involved; again typical, in my experience as a member of the Court.

The charge of the Court continues to be that of assuring students a final hearing audience where complaints, usually concerning the assignment of letter marks, against the instructor can be clarified. The jurisdiction of the Court and procedures for conducting the Court's operations are found in the Faculty Handbook.

Appeal hearings are closed to anyone outside the university community, held in an informal environment, and recorded on tape. The tapes are kept, but are treated in a confidential manner. Appeal decisions, which are final, and the reasons for the decisions are reported in writing to all parties who are involved in the appeal. Majority and, when necessary, minority opinions are included in the report. Changes in letter grade assignments are directed to the Dean of Admissions Office.

J. H. W.

End of the year report - Student Faculty Relations Committee

The Student Faculty Relations Committee has met either once or twice each month during the school year. The committee's function this school year has concerned itself mainly with investigation of matters arising from student complaints that have been brought to our attention.

Topics under consideration by the committee included:

1. The study of the availability of information concerning graduation requirements in the various colleges, the clarity of graduation requirements, and the advising of students in the various colleges with respect to graduation and major requirements.
2. The possibilities connected with making information available to students of the changes in instructors for classes after the "schedule of classes" has been printed, so that students would have this information during registration time.
3. The complaint that textbooks for several classes in the fall of 1973 had not arrived in the bookstore in time for the start of fall classes.
4. Several items about campus traffic problems.
5. Core electives schedule conflicts in the school of Engineering for Spring, 1974.

In each of these and several other topics the committee is forming or has made recommendations to appropriate colleges, standing committees or other bodies about suggested remedies or other appropriate action.

Stephen W. Brady
Co-chairman