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UNIVERSITY SENATE

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, September 29, 1969
Senate Room, CAC
3:30 PM

AGENDA:

- I. Seating of new Senate members.
- II. Report of Committee on Committees: Mr. Graham
- III. Report of Interdisciplinary Studies Committee: Mr. Hines
(Report attached)
- IV. Report of Disability Insurance: Mr. Incas
- V. As may arise.

To: Members of the University Senate
From: James Nickel, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies
Subject: Committee report and recommendations

Attached is the recommendation of the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee concerning the development of an interdisciplinary studies program at WSU. You will recall that the Committee's original proposal was returned to the committee with the recommendation that it be refined and that the resources available for such a program be investigated and that long term plans for an ongoing IS program be developed. The Committee feels that these tasks have been completed and that it is now prepared to make a recommendation and report to the Senate.

The new proposal differs from the original one in the following respects. (1) Instead of describing specific courses for an IS program it offers a number of general course headings under which specific courses can be planned and offered. The pattern being followed here is similar to that of the Honors Program. (2) Instead of the original recommendation that all IS courses be team-taught by three faculty members--all receiving full teaching credit, the new proposal allows for the possibility of such courses being taught by less than three faculty, perhaps with the unpaid assistance of other faculty members. (3) Instead of recommending a permanent program the committee is now recommending that an IS program be instituted for a trial period and that it be rigorously evaluated at the end of this period. If the trial is successful a permanent program can be inaugurated at that time.

With regard to resources the Committee feels that any new program of this sort is likely to be dependent on existing departments and resources, but the load in this regard is somewhat reduced by recommendation (2) above. It may be possible to get some outside funding for such a program, but this will only be possible when the program is already approved and when there is a coordinator to do the work involved in making applications for such funding.

With regard to long term plans the Committee feels that these can be developed best during the trial period and after the results of the evaluation are in. The IS Committee is prepared to work with the IS coordinator in developing these plans.

I am pleased to report that the present proposal has received endorsements from the Student Senate and from the Curriculum Committee of the University Senate. It also appears likely that the IS program will complement and be helpful to the Black Studies Program and the Teacher Corps Program in the College of Education.

I am also pleased to report that 98 WSU faculty members expressed interest (in response to a recent questionnaire) in teaching IS courses. Another 34 said that they might be interested in participating and 26 said that they would not.

I think that there is a great deal of support on campus for an interdisciplinary studies program and I hope that you will give our proposal your serious consideration.

UNIVERSITY SENATE
Wichita State University

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1969

Those present were: Misses Boardman, Burgess, Duggan. Messrs. Bernard, Blake, Bontrager, Breazeale, Buess, Chaffee, Childs, Comstock, Cress, Duerksen, Dybdahl, Epstein, Farnsworth, Foster, Friesen, Genova, Gleason, G. Graham, K. Graham, R. Graham, Harder, Herman, Homburger, Jabara, Jakowatz, Lewis, McBride, Magelli, Merriman, Murphey, Nelson, Pate, Rogers, Rounds, Savaiano, Schrag, Snyder, Sowards, Stucky, Tasch, Unrau. Not present: Ahlberg, Allegrucci, Gleason, Hanson, Hardy.

- I. Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order.
- II. The following nominations for the Senate were announced by Mr. Nelson: Ben Rogers--1 year, AT LARGE; R.W. "Jaddy" Blake--UNASSIGNED. Mr. Sowards moved to approve the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snyder and passed without a dissenting vote.
- III. Mr. Nelson welcomed two new student members to the Senate, Scott Stucky and Michael Epstein.
- IV. The minutes of the meeting of May 12, 1969 were read. Mr. Merriman moved that they be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Genova and was passed without a dissenting vote.
- V. The president announced the membership of the Committee on Committees to be the following: Graham--chairman, Sowards, Pate, Snyder, Bernard. He also announced that the agenda committee would consist of the current officers and all past chairman of the Senate who are on campus and members of the Senate. They are: Messrs. Nelson, Graham, Cress, Genova, Sowards, and Harder. Mr. Nelson reported that he has asked Mr. Harder to serve as Parliamentarian for the Senate.
- VI. A report from the Committee on Committees was given by Mr. Graham. The committee will meet this week and announce replacements on standing committees at the next Senate meeting.
- VII. A report from the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee was given by Mr. Hines. A copy of the report had been distributed to all Senators at the time of the mailing of the Senate Meeting Notice. A copy is attached to the original minutes. Mr. Hines then moved "that the University Senate approve the recommendations of the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee in principle, and that the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee consult with the University Curriculum Committee and the Vice President for Academic Affairs toward instrumenting the set of courses recommended as soon as possible." There followed extensive discussion during which several questions concerning the implementation of the proposed ISP were raised. Mr. Rogers moved that the report be

returned to the committee for refinement and to provide the Senate with: A. Details of the resources on which the ISP can draw; and B. The ongoing plans for the implementation of the program as a long-term commitment. The motion was seconded by Jakowatz. After further discussion, Mr. Stucky moved the previous question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Epstein and passed. Mr. Roger's motion was approved. Miss Burgess then moved that each member of the Senate respond to the ISP committee with regard to that committee's recommendations and that this response should be made before the next Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snyder and approved.

- VIII. A report on disability insurance was made by Mr. Adkisson. He reported that while neither faculty members nor employees of the Physical Education Corporation now have disability insurance, all other employees on campus are insured either on a TIAA or KEPERS plan. A plan for faculty has been proposed and included in next year's budget. Employees of the Physical Education Corporation are eligible for inclusion in the TIAA Plan.
- IX. Mr. Harder reported for the Traffic Committee. He announced that a complete review of current traffic regulations is being undertaken.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.