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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY SENATE

AGENDA

Meeting Notice: February 11, 1980, 126 Clinton Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

- I. Calling of the Meeting to Order
- II. Informal Proposals and Statements
- III. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of January 28, 1980,
(Vol. XVI, No. 9).
- IV. New Business:
 - Dr. Martin Bush, Vice President for Academic Resource Development.
 - Dr. Thomas Maher, Director for the Center for Professional Development
 - Report from the Committee on Admissions and Exceptions - - Vice President Rhatigan
- V. Adjournment

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To: University Senate February 7, 1980
From: James J. Rhatigan, Chairperson, Admissions and Exceptions Committee
Subject: Annual Report

The purpose of the Admissions and Exceptions Committee is to consider applications from students who do not meet University standards for admission, and to consider exceptions to existing rules for students filing such requests. The Committee has met eighteen times since July 1, 1979, and has ten additional meetings scheduled, to June 30, 1980.

The major time commitment centers on the Committee's admissions function. The Committee will review approximately 650 cases during the current year. Many are routinely admitted or denied as a result of college recommendations while other cases receive extensive time and attention. The Committee will also review approximately 700 petitions from students seeking exception to one or more University rules, and will process about a thousand drop/adds.

Four factors are taken into account in reviewing an admissions' application: (1) high school grades, (2) previous college work, (3) ACT scores, (4) written statements. Most of the individual colleges provide an interview before making recommendations and this information is also available. The Chairperson of the Committee typically meets with 50-60 persons during the year who feel that they need a personal hearing.

Many people have worked to make the University Catalog a clear, precise document. While progress has been made, it is still a difficult document for students to follow. The Admissions and Exceptions Committee is frequently called upon to resolve questions arising out of catalog interpretations. Requests which frequently recur are seen as policy issues and are referred to the Committee on Academic Standards and Practices for resolution.

The Admissions and Exceptions Committee reviews a number of its cases each year and the results have consistently been favorable. Readmitted students generally do acceptable college work. The Committee has not found it possible, however, to conduct any comprehensive longitudinal studies on the results of its work. If staff were available this would be a very desirable exercise. Records have been maintained for the past fifteen years, for any interested researcher.

The Committee is indebted to Mrs. Katie Pott for her thoroughness in preparing the extensive materials necessary for the agenda of every meeting. Mrs. Pott served in an interim capacity with the Committee following the death of Dr. Worth Fletcher, and she has agreed to continue on a permanent basis.

Committee Members: Anneke Allen, John Harnsberger, Stan Henderson (ex officio), Roger Kasten, Robert Knapp, Don Malzahn, Lori Manning, Anne Mohr, Dan Pfeifer, Jim Rhatigan, Felix Ricard, Savina Schoenhofer, Nancy Scriven, Dean Vickery.

UNIVERSITY SENATE

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 1980, (Vol. XVI, No. 10).

Members Present: Aagaard, Ahlberg, Alley, Case, Chaffee, Childs, Dreifort, Duell, Graham, Greenberg, Ingmire, Kasten, Kenyon, May, McBride, McKibbin, McLeod, Millett, Mohr, Myers, Nelson, Olivero, Paolillo, Parker, Perel, Poe, Rhatigan, Rodgers, Schrag, Scriven, Soles, Stevens, Thomann, Throckmorton, Welsbacher, Wright, Zandler, Kukral.

Members Absent: Bardo, Benningfield, Breazeale, Brewer, Felkner, Gosman, Hufford, Hursh, Kehoe, ██████████, Maddox, Meabon, Morgan, Shimerda, Tasch, Tejada, Terrell, Tilford, Wellshear.

Guests: Jo Gardenhire, Dan Close, Tom Maher.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President McBride called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

II. INFORMAL PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS

President McBride announced that Ms. Connie Pickett, educational reporter for the Eagle-Beacon, was present.

Senator McLeod moved that the Senate permit taping of the proceedings. The Senate Parliamentarian, Senator Kasten, pointed out that the motion was out of order, since the present portion of the Agenda was reserved for informal proposals and statements only.

President McBride reported that President Ahlberg and Vice President Lowe had met with a subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee on January 31, 1980, to review the Governor's budget recommendations, and that all Regents' Institutions would be appearing before the House Ways and Means committee on February 13, 1980.

President McBride reminded the Senate that the Agenda Committee would be meeting at 3:30, February 12, in the LAS conference room.

Senator Kasten announced that the Rules Committee had met on Senate Rule #14 which deals with recording the proceedings, and that the Rules Committee would have a formal proposal to bring to the Senate at its next meeting.

Senator Case reported that the Student Senate permitted the taping of its proceedings, and acquainted Senators with the contents of a Student Senate resolution endorsing the taping of University Senate meetings and urging the Senate to eliminate the rule against taping.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two corrections were made to the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 1980, (Vol. XVI, No. 9): on p. 5, line 5, remarks made by Senator Hursh were incorrectly attributed to Senator McLeod; and on p. 5, line 15, remarks made by Senator Alley were incorrectly attributed to Senator Kukral. The minutes, as corrected, were approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS MOTION

Senator Kasten announced that any Senator could request a privileged motion to permit taping of the meeting of the Senate. Senator McLeod so moved, and Senator Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE The motion was defeated.

MOTION Senator McLeod moved to suspend the rule banning taping and Senator Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE The motion was defeated, 13 Senators voted in favor of the motion, 16 against.

REPORT FROM DR. BUSH Dr. Martin Bush, Vice President for Academic Resource Development, reported on museum and collection activities. Dr. Bush described five groups of activities with which his office has been concerned: gathering manuscripts, campus sculpture, special bequests, the art collection and running the museum. Dr. Bush summarized the University's major acquisitions in these areas, and emphasized the importance of personal contacts in building these collections. Dr. Bush told the Senate that Wichita State University had the best exhibition schedule of any university in the country.

Senator Greenberg complimented Dr. Bush on the Ulrich museum, and for the improvements to the campus Dr. Bush's office had provided.

Senator Dreifort concurred, adding that he had heard many comments praising the attractiveness of the campus.

Dr. Bush said that much credit was due Dr. Platt, Mr. Schulte, and others who provided planning, landscaping and campus maintenance.

REPORT FROM DR. MAHER Dr. Thomas Maher, Director for the Center for Professional Development, reported on the activities of his office. Dr. Maher described the development of his office as a consequence of the Kellogg grant, and explained the organizational structure of the office. He said that the Center for Professional Development was concentrating on its relationship with a variety of groups on campus, and was sponsoring and encouraging small grants for professional development and workshops. Dr. Maher characterized his office as being in the business of finding opportunities for faculty and administrators, and summarized a number of such programs operating at present.

Senator Dreifort asked about the amount of co-ordination between Dr. Maher's office and other development programs on campus.

Dr. Maher replied that while the decision not to unite these programs had been made, he does work with the other programs and centers.

ADMISSIONS & EXCEPTIONS COMM. REPORT Vice President Rhatigan presented the report of the Admissions and Exceptions Committee, and distributed a summary of the committee's activities for the year.

Senator Perel spoke in favor of a longitudinal study on the success of students who have been readmitted.

Vice President Rhatigan agreed that such a study was desirable. He said that the only follow-up done was of the worst cases and that about half of these were successful when readmitted.

President McBride reminded the Senate of the General Faculty meeting on February 18, 1980.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.