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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty Members

DATE: November 12, 1979

FROM:  Richard Mussard, Chairman of the Faculty Council

SUBJECT: Faculty Council Agenda: Friday, November 16, 1979 at 2:30 p.m. in L-100

AGENDA #7

1. Approval of the minutes of November 2, 1979.
2. Reports:
 - i. President Rice
 - ii. Vice President Reid
 - iii. Chairman of Faculty Council
3. Proposal Regarding a Faculty Lounge.
4. Proposal Regarding the Selection of Environments for Off-Campus Instruction.
5. Proposal Regarding Faculty Basketball Tickets.
6. Announcements and Questions.
7. New Business

SESSION #7
MINUTES OF THE 1979-80
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: November 20, 1979; 3:00 p.m., Library - 100

Members Present: Richard R. Mussard, Chairman; Professors J.A. Davis, Bennett, Edwards, Gehring, Kinsey, Robinson, Shaw, Waitman

Ex-Officio Present: Vice President Bennett, Vice President Reid

Others Present: Dr. Jones, Dr. Daniel Miller, Dr. Kenneth Settle, Professor Arp, Professor Van Over, Coach Boultinghouse

1. Minutes of the November 2, 1979, meeting were approved as amended.

Two minor errors were noted in the already approved minutes of the October 19, 1979, meeting. The Council agreed that these mistakes could be adequately rectified by stipulating in the minutes of the meeting now in session these corrections:

- (1) Under Item 2, number (4), the term "Academic Planning Council" should be changed to "Academic Affairs Council."
- (2) Under Item 6 the final sentence, "Professor Mussard indicated that he will have the minutes regarding these proposals forwarded to Student Government" should be replaced by this statement: "Professor Mussard indicated that he will send a memorandum regarding these proposals to Mr. Scales."

Professor Shaw suggested, and the Council concurred that the designation "Approved" should be typed at the top of the first page of all the Council's approved minutes.

Professor Waitman moved that the audio tape recording made of the Council's October 12, 1979, meeting now be erased since the printed minutes of that meeting have been approved as that session's official record. Professor Kinsey seconded; the motion carried.

2. Faculty Council Chairman's Report:

- (1) Professor Mussard met on Friday, November 9, 1979, with Student Government Association representatives and explained what the Faculty Council has recommended regarding class withdrawal and Pass/No Pass policies. The representatives did not, at that time, vote to support or oppose the Council recommendations, indicating instead that they would discuss the matter further at a later meeting. Their main concern seemed to be that students receive some sort of feedback (quizzes or exams) from instructors early in the term.
- (2) Report on the November 16, 1979, Board of Trustees Meeting:
 - (a) The Board ratified the recent ISUE Constitutional Amendment.
 - (b) President Landini announced that he had appeared before a sub-committee of the Legislative Liaison Committee and called for an equalization of retirement benefits for ISU faculty. He noted that this committee is not an action committee but does have influence on the operative committees of the Indiana House and Senate.

- (3) Report on a Conference with Professor Bakerman, Chairman of the ISU Faculty Senate:

Professor Bakerman said that ISU-Terre Haute had formed a Legislative Relations Committee and that two of its priorities for this year would be the equalization of retirement benefits for all ISU faculty and a program of diaster relief for students. He will speak to the members of this committee about including a representative from the Evansville Campus.

- (4) Professor Mussard asked the Council members if they would object to his having copies of the Terre Haute University Notes sent regularly to ISUE Faculty Council members. He thinks this would be valuable since regular reports concerning University Faculty Governance are carried in these notes, and actions taken by the Terre Haute Senate may, on occasion, have implications for ISUE. The actions of their Legislative Relations Committee would be a case in point.

3. Next Professor Shaw introduced the issue of space allocation for a Faculty Conference Room and Lounge. During the discussion of this matter Council members pointed out that a Conference Room, well located, is needed to promote dialogue among faculty members. It was also noted that the anticipated eventual expansion of the Library into the Library Building's lower floor would include the Faculty Reading Room, and so eliminate this location as a faculty gathering place. After these considerations had been voiced, Professor Shaw moved that the Council recommend that funds be set aside to renovate part of the Forum as a lounge to be reserved for the use of persons holding faculty rank; Professor Robinson seconded; the motion carried.
4. Professor Kinsey then brought up the concern about the impact of off-campus instruction on the overall university curriculum. Though Professor Kinsey had one week earlier distributed to Council members a formal written proposal about off-campus instruction, some Council members expressed their need for more time to consider the issue privately. Accordingly, Professor Davis moved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting; Professor Edwards seconded; the motion carried.
5. Professor Gehring then made the following motion:

"Supported by a unanimous vote of the Social Science Division, 11-8-79, I suggest that the Faculty Council pass a resolution requesting free basketball tickets for full-time faculty. The resolution would request the Athletic Director to ask the Athletic Board and the Vice President for Administration to renew for this year the former practice of providing faculty season basketball passes." Professor Kinsey seconded.

Professor Gehring enumerated four points favoring his proposal:

- (1) The faculty supported the teams and helped build interest during the formative years, when there was little community interest in the program.
- (2) Even at the present time, enthusiastic faculty support could be a great help to the efforts to keep building the program.
- (3) After six consecutive years of faculty salary increases averaging less than cost of living increases, free season tickets would be one inexpensive way to minimize the impact of economic losses by faculty.
- (4) And, perhaps most compelling of all, the

administration's decision to eliminate complimentary tickets for the faculty was made without the knowledge or approval of the Athletic Board.

Mr. Boultinghouse responded to Professor Gehring's proposal and justification by stating that he appreciated the faculty's support, but he added that he did not view the Athletic Program as being responsible for compensating the faculty for lost buying power. He went on to list several reasons why he considers it appropriate to charge the faculty admission to basketball games:

- (1) in the past some faculty have loaned their tickets--supposedly non-transferable --to friends;
- (2) the Athletic Program has recently initiated two new men's sports;
- (3) the Varsity Club (\$100 contributors) no longer receive complimentary tickets;
- (4) the faculty may purchase season basketball tickets at half price;
- (5) approximately \$4,000 could be generated by revenue from faculty admission charges.

Mr. Boultinghouse did admit that he had been remiss in bypassing the Athletic Board last summer and forwarding directly to Vice President Bennett his recommendation that complimentary faculty basketball tickets be eliminated.

Dr. Bennett then took the floor, distributing to Council members copies of his recent memorandum to Dr. Bertram, Athletic Board Chairman. As Dr. Bennett explained, the memo charted a comparison/contrast between basketball season ticket prices, regular rates and faculty discount rates, on three campuses: ISU-Terre Haute, IU-Bloomington, and ISUE. The ISUE rates ranked significantly lower than those of the other two schools.

Dr. Bennett continued, pointing out that the Athletic Program depended almost entirely on two sources for funding: (1) student fees, totalling about \$30 per year from each full-time student; and (2) admissions. Dr. Bennett did, however, express his regret at having bypassed the Athletic Board, stating that he had not intended to violate proper university procedure. Upon inquiry from Professor Mussard, Mr. Boultinghouse stated that four groups of people still receive complimentary basketball tickets: (1) all persons representing sports media; (2) all local legislators; (3) all parents of players; and, (4) Athletic Board members.

Professor Kinsey commented that he hadn't been able to use his ISUE basketball tickets very much last year because of commitments to attend other basketball games in which his children were playing. He said, however, that he had never loaned his ISUE tickets to anyone else, and did not approve of anyone doing so. He went on to say that he believed that the question of whether to continue offering complimentary passes to the faculty should have been brought up with the Athletic Board. Instead, he observed, the issue has turned up in the Faculty Council as a messy problem, for the administration has already made its decision and secured final approval from the Board of Trustees.

Professor Waitman then voiced his concern about the faculty feeling betrayed by the decision, betrayed (1) by the elimination of its complimentary tickets at the moment when the basketball team is to begin playing in its new gymnasium, and (2) by the manner in which the policy change was made, during the summer without consulting the Athletic Board.

Professor Davis responded that she, too, objected to the way that the policy had been changed, but asserted that she favored charging the faculty for admission to basketball games because the Athletic Program needs the revenue. She also invited any interested persons to attend ISUE's tennis matches, cross country meets, baseball games, and golf matches, pointing out that no admission is charged to see them.

After this lengthy discussion Professor Mussard called for the vote on Professor Gehring's motion, resulting in the proposal's failure, four votes to three with one abstention.

Professor Robinson, the abstaining member, explained that though 100% of his division, Allied Health, had supported Professor Gehring's proposal, he had concluded that he would not be able to convey to his colleagues all that had occurred in the Council's discussion, and thus not knowing whether the conversation would have changed their minds, he chose to abstain.

Dr. Bennett then pledged that the administration would study the basketball ticket problem and would resolve it in the forum where it should be resolved--with the Athletic Board.

6. Professor Mussard made three announcements: (1) because of the coming Thanksgiving holiday he might have to take eight or nine days, instead of the seven days stipulated by the Council, to forward the Faculty Lounge resolution to the administration; and (2) he would recommend that the Social Science Division submit its adjusted proposal for changed program requirements to the University Curricular Committee as a petition for modification, rather than as a wholly new appeal; (3) he suggested that the Council comply with Professor Edwards' request by meeting informally on Friday, December 7, at 2:00 P.M.

Professor Gehring indicated that he might offer at a later meeting a proposal recommending that in the future the administration follow university procedure carefully, consulting always with the appropriate faculty committee or board before arriving at a decision.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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