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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty

DATE: March 6, 1978

FROM: J. Maxwell Davis, Chairman Faculty Council

SUBJECT: Faculty Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 1978;
3:00 p.m., Faculty Reading Room

A G E N D A # 9

1. Approval of Previous Minutes
2. Sabbatical Leaves & Tax
3. Graduation Ceremonies
 - a. Honorary Degrees
 - b. Reception
4. Overload Pay
5. President's Remarks

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SESSION #9
MINUTES OF THE 1977-78
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: March 8, 1978, 3:00 p.m., Faculty Reading Room

Members Present: George Abshier, Vice Chairman; Professors Barber, Cook, Petranek, Pohl, Rivers, Robinson, Small

Ex-officio Present: President David L. Rice, Vice President Robert L. Reid

Others Present: David Deering

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of Session #8 were approved.

2. Sabbatical Leave & Tax

Dr. Petranek asked if the Board of Trustees changed the name from Sabbatical Leave to Faculty Fellowship, would this make faculty members eligible for a tax waiver?

President Rice read the following statements from the 1977 Tax Guide for College Teachers:

If the grant meets either of the following two conditions it will not be considered a scholarship or fellowship and will be taxable income.

1. The grant is paid as compensation for past, present, or future service. If you are required, as a condition for receiving the grant, to agree to work for the grantor after completing your training, the grant is considered compensation for future services.

or

2. The grant is paid to enable you to pursue studies or research primarily for the benefit of the grantor. However, if the primary purpose is to further your education and training in your individual capacity, and the amounts do not represent compensation for service, neither the fact that you are required to furnish progress reports to the grantor, nor that the results of your studies or research may be of some incidental benefit to the grantor shall destroy the tax-free character of the grant.

After a general discussion it was agreed by the members to assign this to the Economic Benefits Committee for further study.

3. Graduation Ceremonies

a. Honorary Degrees

Dr. Petranek expressed the feeling of some members of the faculty that they would like to be more involved in the graduation ceremonies. He said there should be more communication between faculty and administration in the area of honorary degrees.

NOTE: Any faculty member can submit nominations for honorary degrees to President Rice.

b. Reception

There is no open reception held following graduation ceremonies.

4. Overload Pay

Dr. Petranek said that due to a communications breakdown three faculty members did not receive their overload pay in their March checks. He commended Dr. Reid for his hard work in straightening this matter out.

5. President's Remarks

1. President Rice announced that Dr. Susan Donaldson has been awarded a Lilly Endowment Faculty Open Fellowship for the 1978-79 academic year. She will use the fellowship to continue her study of the care, feeding, and behavior of wild animals in zoo conditions.
2. President paid tribute to the basketball team, coach Wayne Boultinghouse, and his staff for their outstanding season, the bid to the tournament and their fine play in the tournament.
3. President Rice said the work on the HYPER Building is moving along well.
4. We are at a 35% savings level in energy conservation as opposed to the 25% requested.
5. President Rice announced that he would soon be sending out an offer of employment for the new Director of Development.
6. The legislature was successful in adding 2% in personal benefits to the budget; this will make the total increase 7.6%. President Rice urged the council to express their appreciation to area legislators on this appropriation.
7. President Landini and the Board of Trustees are aware of the disparity on both campuses in the rates of our Instructors and Professors versus other institutions. Guidelines will be presented at the April board meeting, and budgets will be presented at the June board meeting.
8. President Rice spoke on the tremendous job that Senator Harris did for ISUE in obtaining legislative approval to receive federal mining research and instruction grants.

Dr. Petranek submitted a resolution stating:

"The Indiana State University Faculty Council would like to thank you for the efforts put forth in increasing the appropriation for faculty salaries and benefits, and in bringing the Mining Research Institute to our campus."

Dr. Petranek moved and Dr. Small seconded that this should be sent to: Senators Harris & O'Day, Representatives Server, Phillips, Hayes, and Lindel and Donald Hume. The Motion Carried.

6. Bookstore

Mr. Deering came to the meeting to explain the functions of the bookstore to the council. He feels that the main purpose of the bookstore is to provide text books and supplies to the students, Faculty, and administration.

Mr. Deering said that the bookstore does not provide rental service for academic regalia, but he can provide anyone interested in rentals with the name, address, and phone number of the largest supplier of rental caps and gowns. The cost of renting a cap, gown and hood for a Doctorate or Masters is \$18.00.

7. Agenda Committee Function

Dr. Rivers asked who is on the Faculty Council Agenda Committee and what is the committee's function? J. Maxwell Davis, Dr. Abshier and Dr. Small are on the agenda committee. Dr. Abshier, speaking for the agenda committee, said the function of the committee is to decide if items submitted for the agenda are relevant or if they should be returned for clarification, should be sent to another committee for study, or possibly be sent to the division for solution.

Dr. Rivers felt that the agenda committee's responsibility was to prioritize, organize, and ready agenda items for discussion. There was general agreement on this subject. Dr. Rivers further felt that the Agenda Committee is not an Executive Committee and therefore does not have the responsibility to be final arbitrator of agenda items.

8. Basketball

A motion was passed to send the following resolution to the basketball team, coaching staff and student body:

"The Faculty Council commends the Screaming Eagles basketball team and coaching staff upon their performance and their team spirit. By their actions and their sportsmanship like character the basketball team, the cheerleaders, the student body and the fans were a credit to I.S.U.E. and the Evansville community during the Great Lakes Regional playoff games."

9. Announcements

Dr. Reid said that the self-study visitations seem to be an excellent idea for inter-communications among divisions.

Dr. Abshier announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Council will be on March 29, 1978 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved 3/29/78