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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FACULTY MEMBERS

DATE: October 21, 1981

FROM: *HRS*
Helen R. Sands, Chairperson
Faculty Council

SUBJECT: Faculty Council Meeting and Agenda

SESSION #5

The fifth meeting of the 1981-82 Faculty Council is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 1981, in the Faculty Reading Room at 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from Session #4.
2. The Student Academic Affairs Committee has been invited to this Faculty Council meeting to discuss a number of topics such as the establishing of an Honors Program and Student Retention. This will be a session devoted to the discussion of goals for the 1981-82 academic year.
3. Discussion of the economic feasibility of purchasing certain of the films that are presently rented each semester for classroom use.
4. Reports
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

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SESSION #5
MINUTES OF THE 1981-82
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: Monday, October 26, 1981; 2:00 p.m. in L-100

Members Present: Helen Sands, Chairman; Professors D. Bigham, L. Goss, J. Gottcent, W. Hopkins, A. Jorgensen, D. Lux, R. Small, B. Marting (for H. Van Over)

Ex-Officio Present: President Rice, Vice President Reid

Others Present: Mr. Burkhart (Media Services), Mrs. Walden, Members of the Student Academic Affairs Committee -- F. Stanonis, J. Brown, S. Singer

1. Minutes were approved as amended for Session #4 (Gottcent, Bigham).
2. Dr. Gottcent reported to the Council that his alternate has been selected. This person is Dr. Oscar Ozete, Division of Humanities.
3. Feasibility of purchasing films presently being rented. Dr. Gottcent stated that there are several films he rents year after year. He felt that these films should be bought by the University due to the fact that the rental fee on these films, over the course of several years, totals more than it cost to purchase the film outright. He also suggested establishing a loan arrangement with Media Services. This way Media Services could purchase the film by borrowing money from the Foundation and then repay the Foundation as if the film were being rented.

Mr. Michael Burkhart noted that the average film rental fee is \$15-\$20, and that it very seldom goes over \$30-\$55 per film. However, the cost of purchasing a film is often greater than \$300 so a very large number of rentals can still be paid for without approaching the break--even point for an outright purchase. Media Services records seem to indicate that no film has been used sufficiently to justify purchase. In addition, film ownership brings with it maintenance problems as the films get older. A budget consideration was also clarified. Media Services pays for all film rental on campus except for the Humanities Film Series and for Continuing Education.

4. Student Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Sands welcomed the members of the Student Academic Affairs Committee to the Council meeting. Discussion began with the topic of the Pass/No Pass options. Dr. Sands noted that in several of her classes students are passing around petitions not to abolish the Pass/No Pass. Dr. Jorgensen stated that the Division of Science and Math feels there is no use for the Pass/No Pass option at all, and that there is too much abuse of this policy.

Dr. Gottcent suggested establishing a policy consistent with the legitimate use of Pass/No Pass, that is, for enrichment purposes.

Mr. Goss felt that the Pass/No Pass policy should be completely abolished. This was the general consensus of the Division of Engineering Technology.

Dr. Bigham felt that the students usually take courses Pass/No Pass to avoid the work in the course. He suggested limiting the Pass/No Pass policy to juniors and seniors only.

Dr. Small felt that the system is not so abused that it must be ended.

The suggestions presented to the Student Academic Affairs Committee at the last meeting included a consideration of allowing Pass/No Pass only for courses above the General Education requirements and with a sign-up time only through registration.

Honors Program: This topic has been given to the Student Academic Affairs Committee and the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee to jointly investigate. Dr. Singer noted that she has only seen it work at larger universities and is not sure how it would work on such a small scale. A significant question that arose concerned what constitutes an Honors Program. A study of approaches that other schools have tried would help us in deciding a plan to follow.

Dr. Stanonis suggested using combined scores on SAT tests to determine students for the Honors Program. He noted that approximately 70 new students per year have a combined score of 1,000 or better. It was also suggested that a survey of honorary societies on our campus be performed. Dr. Stanonis stated that Dr. Denner installed the Sigma Zeta within the Science and Math Division in 1969.

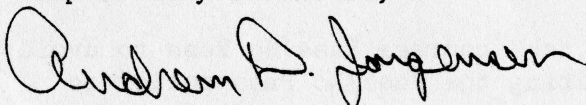
Student Retention: This has been, to a large extent, put into the hands of the Student Academic Affairs Committee. Mr. Goss stated that approximately five years ago several questionnaires were passed out and there was a poll of the faculty regarding student retention. A survey he used with Engineering Technology students this past spring and information he gained at a recent meeting indicated that the problems we have are universal. Mr. Goss suggested that we possibly run another survey on student retention.

5. Reports

President Rice announced that the radio station, WSWI, will go on the air next Monday, November 2, 1981. This will be provided the telephone company finishes installation of all phone lines. A format of the broadcasting schedule has been submitted to President Rice. Dr. Bigham suggested that at least part of the day, if not all of it, should be recorded for the Archives for history purposes.

6. Dr. Sands noted that the Handbook should be close to being finished and going to the printer.
7. Dr. Jorgensen questioned the status of the Women in Mining Program. To date, no application for this program has been submitted to the Curricular Committee. It appears that communication is a problem in this area. It was the consensus of the Council that the program does have to be reviewed by the Curricular Committee and Faculty Council. Dr. Rice suggested that other divisions consider the establishment of second bachelor's degree courses of study.
8. The Promotions Committee will be invited to attend the Faculty Council meeting on Monday, November 9, 1981.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m. (Hopkins, Goss)

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew D. Jorgensen
Secretary, Faculty Council
November 9, 1981