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## INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL FACULTY MEMBERS

DATE: October 16, 1979

FROM: *RM* Richard Mussard, Chairman, Faculty Council

SUBJECT: Faculty Council meeting; Friday, October 19, 1979; 2:00 p.m. in L-100

### AGENDA #5

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 1979.
2. Continuation of the discussion regarding the Chairman's October 3rd memorandum to President Rice.
3. Request from the Faculty Advisory Board of ISUE's Literary Magazine that Faculty Council urge the Student Publications Committee to reconsider its decision denying approval of the Advisory Board's proposed new name for the magazine.
4. Formation of a sub-committee to consider the need for a proposal regarding Summer School Teaching.
5. Discussion of the advisability of off-campus classes at shopping malls, or the formation of a sub-committee to consider this.
6. Announcements and Questions
7. New business.

SESSION #5  
MINUTES OF THE 1979-80  
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: October 19, 1979; 2:00 p.m., Library - 100

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

Ex-officio Present: President Rice, Vice President Reid, Vice President Bennett

Others Present: Dr. Jones, Dr. Everett, Ms. Walden, Mr. Goss, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Buecher, Dr. Gottcent, Mr. Calloway, Ted Wendt, Tony Scales (Pres. of Student Government)

1. Minutes of the October 5, 1979, meeting were approved as amended.
2. Professor Mussard moved agenda item No. 6, Announcements and Questions; to the second position to accommodate President Rice, who said that he might have to leave the meeting early.

President Rice made the following suggestions and announcements:

- (1) that the Economic Benefits Committee consider formulating two new policies:
  - (a) one permitting variable workloads for people approaching retirement;
  - (b) another allowing faculty members to retire early;
- (2) that the university has nearly completed the donor program for the building fund;
- (3) that Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. is proceeding with its plans to construct privately owned student housing near the Bob Griesel apartments and behind the Technology Building;
- (4) that he has received around 25 suggestions about how to use the Forum in the future; more ideas will be elicited from divisional chairmen, and then all proposals will be sorted out and sent for decision to the Academic Planning Council (consisting of Dr. Reid and the divisional chairmen).

President Rice then distributed to the Faculty Council copies of the Economic Benefits Committee's 1978-79 Report.

3. Professor Edwards asked that in the future the Faculty Council avoid the situation encountered in the October 12, 1979, meeting, in which Acting Council Chairman Robert Gehring ruled a motion to be illegal, and so would not recognize it as being legitimate. Professor Gehring agreed to examine Robert's Rules of Order to determine whether the Chair is in order when refusing to entertain a motion that appears to be illegal, and therefore null and void.

Professor Shaw suggested that the administration and the Faculty Council agree upon a time frame within which the administration will respond to Faculty Council resolutions. She listed four elements that the procedure should include:

- (1) designating one Council member to convey the recommendations to the appropriate administrator;
- (2) stipulating whether recommendations are to be made in oral or in written form;
- (3) summarizing of reasons/justification for the recommendation;
- (4) setting a definite date for response to the Faculty Council.

The Council agreed by consensus that the Faculty Council Chairman should keep the official record of Council resolutions and administration responses.

President Rice stated that he is still deliberating about the Council's resolution on withdrawal policy.

4. The Council next took up the issue of the ISUE literary magazine's name change. Professor Waitman gave some background about the matter, stating that last spring Ann Humphrey, ISUE Director of Publications, had asked Dr. James Blevins, Humanities Division Chairman, to reassume responsibility for appointing a faculty sponsor for the magazine. Dr. Blevins selected Professor Robert McDowell, ISUE's Writer-in-Residence and creative writing teacher. According to Professor McDowell, Dr. Blevins assured him that he would have the authority to: (1) edit the magazine himself; (2) change its name; and, (3) appoint a Faculty Advisory Board to oversee its publication.

However, when Professor McDowell and the magazine's Advisory Board attempted to rename the magazine dogtown, they discovered that the Student Publications Committee still retained the right to approve or disapprove of the new name. After Professor McDowell presented to this committee his reasons for deciding on dogtown, the committee voted 4-2 to reject the new name.

Wishing to appeal this decision, but having no clearly designated appeal board or committee, Professor McDowell and the magazine's Advisory Board brought the matter to the Faculty Council to ask for a vote of moral support. Some ramifications of the issue surfaced during the ensuing discussion by the Council, and other faculty members and administrators present, including: (1) the question of which persons, committee, or board of the university actually bore legal responsibility for publishing the magazine; (2) announcement that a second meeting between the Student Publications Committee and Professor McDowell to take place on Monday, October 22, 1979, had been arranged only hours before the opening of the present Faculty Council meeting.

Eventually these motions were made: Professor Waitman moved that the Faculty Council urge the Student Publications Committee to reconsider its decision denying approval of the Advisory Board's proposed new name for the magazine; Jane Davis seconded.

Professor Shaw moved to amend Professor Waitman's motion as follows: "that the Faculty Council urge the Student Publications Committee to consider new names for the magazine, among which they will consider the current name, The Moving Finger, and the most recent name chosen, dogtown; Professor Waitman seconded.

At this time Professor Jane Davis withdrew her second from the original motion.

Professor Edwards moved that we table this discussion at the present time; Professor Gehring seconded; the motion carried.

5. Professor Mussard suggested that a sub-committee might be formed to examine Summer School Policy. President Rice recommended that the matter be assigned to an existing faculty committee, if possible. After some discussion Professor Mussard said that he would charge the Faculty and Academic Affairs with: (1) reviewing the 1972 study made by Vice President Bennett and the Conference Committee; (2) deciding whether any changes in Summer School policy should be recommended; and, (3) reporting their findings to the Faculty Council.
6. Tony Scales, President of the Student Government Association, commented on Student Government's reactions to the proposed changes in university rules regarding Pass/No Pass, Withdrawal, "N" grade, and Incomplete options. Mr. Scales stated that he and other members of Student Government opposed making any changes in current ISUE policies in these areas because they wished the university to retain some means for the student to protect his grade point average. He also asked that Student Government be more fully informed about the proposals. Professor Mussard indicated that he will have the minutes regarding these proposals forwarded to Student Government.
7. Some Council members then expressed concern about holding certain kinds of classes off-campus at shopping centers. Professor Mussard said that perhaps the university should reconsider the advisability of using a shopping-center environment for off-campus instruction. He added that in any case the decision to offer courses off-campus should be contingent upon the advice and consent of the faculties in the various disciplines. By general consensus the Council agreed to take up this matter again at a later meeting.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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