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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty Members

DATE: January 15, 1980

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

SUBJECT: Faculty Council Agenda: Friday, January 18, 1980 at 3:00 P.M. in L-100

AGENDA #10

1. Approval of the minutes of December 14, 1979.
2. Reports:
 - i. President Rice
 - ii. Vice President Reid
 - iii. Chairman of the Faculty Council
3. Discussion of Professor Kinsey's proposal regarding off-campus classes.
4. Discussion of the need for further study or programs concerning ISUE's General Education Program.
5. Announcements and Questions.
6. Old or new business.

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SESSION #10
MINUTES OF THE 1979-80
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: January 18, 1980; 3:00 P.M., Library - 100

Members Present: Richard R. Mussard, Chairman; Professors Bennett, Edwards, Gehring, Kinsey, Robinson, Shaw, Waitman, Kinzie (For Jane Davis)

Ex-Officio Present: None

Others Present: Dr. Blevins, Mr. Buecher, Professor Goss, Dr. Jones, Dr. Settle, Mr. Willett

1. Because President Rice was unable to be present and explain in person some questions that he has raised about the minutes of the December 14, 1979, Faculty Council meeting, Professor Kinsey moved that approval of these minutes be deferred; Professor Robinson seconded; motion carried.
2. Faculty Council Chairman's Report:
 - (1) I have received from the President three (3) responses to previous Council motions: one concerning the faculty conference room and lounge, another concerning the cancellation of classes during the running of the Grand Prix, and a third, concerning the communication between Administration and Faculty. I would like his responses to be recorded as a separate item in the minutes. (See copies of these three responses on attached sheets.)
 - (2) I must announce, with regret, that the addresses of three area legislators, Representative Avery, Representative Hays, and Senator Harris, were incorrectly listed on the recent Council memorandum to the ISUE faculty. With Council approval, I will send another memo to the faculty informing them that the letters we are urging them to write indicating support of ISU efforts to gain retroactive faculty compensation should be mailed to the legislators at the State House of the Indiana Legislature.
 - (3) I had a conference with Vice President Reid earlier in the week and raised two matters:
 - (A) I requested that Council members receive the agendas and the minutes of the Academic Affairs Council. Dr. Reid responded by agreeing to send these agendas and minutes to the Faculty Council Chairman.
 - (B) I informed him that several faculty members have expressed to me their views that when the Vice President must be away from campus, his replacement should be a person who has both administrative and teaching experiences, namely, that it should be one of the ranking divisional chairpersons. I also informed Vice President Reid that I, myself, shared this viewpoint.

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3. Discussion ensued regarding Professor Kinsey's memo regarding off-campus instruction. Professor Edwards referred the Council to pages 1-7 and 1-9 of the Faculty Handbook, which contain passages that Professor Edwards interprets as assigning to Divisional Chairmen the responsibility for scheduling off-campus classes.

Professor Kinsey then formally moved that:

"The Faculty Council considers the staffing and the environment in which an academic class is taught to be of primary importance in the quality and success of instruction. Since the suitability of given environments varies among the course offerings of different disciplines, such differences should be recognized by the persons responsible for the selection of off-campus course offerings. Therefore, Faculty Council recommends that academic courses be offered off-campus with the advice and consent of the faculty members in the respective discipline in which such an offering is being proposed."

Professor Robinson seconded.

Professor Edwards expressed his belief that the motion inappropriately contended that class environment is of "primary importance." Professor Kinsey replied by pointing out that his motion actually asserted both "staffing and the environment in which an academic class is taught to be of primary importance."

Professor Edwards then stated his opinion that faculty members encountering any problems about off-campus instruction should deal with these difficulties within their respective divisions. To this suggestion several Council members responded by listing examples of classes that would require special environmental features: Professor Shaw cited Science lab classes; Professor Bennett mentioned Engineering Technology lab classes; Professor Kinsey spoke of computer classes; Professor Waitman noted that English classes need light and air; and Professor Robinson referred to technical Allied Health classes.

Dr. Settle next voiced his concern about divisional chairpersons "being locked in a box" by being confronted with following a procedure conflicting with the stated responsibilities of their positions, should Professor Kinsey's motion be passed by the Council and accepted and implemented by the administration. Dr. Settle went on to say that he already followed the practice of seeking the Business faculty's advice when scheduling off-campus classes.

Professor Waitman answered these comments by stating that the phrase, "being locked in a box," aptly described the English faculty's feeling toward the administration's directive that an English course be offered at Washington Square Shopping Center this spring. He added that in the end, the course did not draw enough students and had to be cancelled, thus wasting the staffing and scheduling efforts made by English Department Chairman John Gottcent, and requiring a somewhat complicated reassigning of the faculty member who was to teach the course.

Dr. Blevins then remarked that he would interpret the policy advocated by Professor Kinsey's motion as requiring a division chairman to abdicate his responsibility for scheduling classes. He said that, for instance, a division chairman could not even schedule a class at Washington Square without faculty consent.

Professor Edwards moved to amend the motion to read as follows:

"The Faculty Council considers the staffing and the environment in which an academic class is taught to have some bearing on the quality and success of instruction. Since the suitability of given environments varies among the course offerings of different disciplines, such differences should be recognized by the persons responsible for the selection of off-campus course offerings."

This amendment died for lack of a second.

Next, Professor Bennett moved to amend the original motion by deleting the word "primary" and the words "and consent"; Professor Robinson seconded.

Before this amendment could be voted on, Professor Gehring moved to amend it to read: "Therefore, Faculty Council recommends that academic courses be offered off-campus on the advice of the faculty members"; Professor Waitman seconded; this motion was voted down, 4-3. Then Professor Bennett's first amendment was also voted down, 4-3.

Finally, the Council voted on Professor Kinsey's original motion, approving it 7-1.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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