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To: Members of ISUE faculty
From: Darrel E. Bigham
Chairman, Faculty Council
Subject: Faculty Council meeting of April 25, 1974

The Faculty Council will meet on Thursday, April 25, 1974, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The session will be held in the Rare Books Room. Members of the faculty, administration, and student body are welcome.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of April 4 and 11 meetings.
2. Establishment of procedures for election of At-large Representative to Faculty Council.
3. Progress report on the Faculty Council's recommendations to Pres. Rice on Academic Freedom and Tenure (revised Handbook pp. 3-8, 3-9).
4. Special committee reports:
 - a. Select Committee on Academic Standards
 - b. Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty and Administrative Evaluation
5. Introduction of Faculty Council Annual Report.
6. Report from Director of Admissions on administration of CLMP exams.
7. Curricular Committee recommendations on programs and courses.
8. New business
 - a. Reports from Pres. Rice, Dean Bennett
 - b. Chairman's report
 - c. Future agenda items

MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL

Time: April 25, 1974, 2:00 p.m. Rare Books Room

Members Present: Darrel E. Bigham, Chairman; Professors Barnes, Eichman, Frost, Kinzie, Kirsch, and H. Sands

Ex-officio present: President Rice

Others Present: Students Robert Schuttler, Linda Alvey

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. He distributed the following material:

1. Recommendations from the Promotions Committee.
2. New program proposal from the Curricular Committee.
3. Revised routing slip proposed by the Curricular Committee.

1. Minutes of April 4 and 11 Meetings.

Minutes of the April 4 meeting were distributed. Those from the April 11 meeting were unavailable.

2. Establishment of Procedures for Election of At-large Representative to Faculty Council.

The Chairman recalled the procedure that had been used in the previous year's election. Nominations would be taken from the floor at the general faculty meeting. Ballots would be distributed on Monday, May 6, to be returned before Friday, May 10, the date of the next meeting of Faculty Council, at which time ballots would be counted. After further discussion of the cut-off time for voting, it was decided to have ballots deposited in a ballot box in the President's office by noon on Thursday, May 9.

3. Progress Report on the Faculty Council's Recommendation to President Rice on Academic Freedom and Tenure (revised Handbook, pp 3-8, 3-9.)

The Chairman reported that the conference committee would continue to meet as time permitted with the President to deal with his response to the proposed revisions to the Handbook. The Chairman stated that a lengthy discussion could result.

4. Special Committee Reports.

a. Select Committee on Academic Standards.

The Chairman called on Professor Barnes, currently serving as Chairman of this committee, to present the report.

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Professor Barnes reported that the committee had talked about several things in addition to the matter of the policy on the transfer of D grades, a proposal which had been the original task of the committee. The consensus of the committee was that D's should not be generally acceptable for transfer and the formal committee report contained a recommendation in this regard.

Professor Barnes reported that the committee had investigated grading records by division and by course level, and had found quite a divergence of grade distributions among divisions. As an example, the percentage of A's awarded in 100 level courses ranged from 10 percent to 70 percent.

Professor Barnes reported that the committee had discussed other topics and felt the work of the committee could be continued with further investigations into grading standards, class attendance, class preparation by faculty, library use by students, recreational use of classrooms, student capabilities in composition, composition of and qualifications for the Deans List, and methods of creating an academic aura at ISUE.

Professor Eichman remarked that the formal report that had been submitted to Faculty Council contained a few technical errors. The committee had been composed of three members of Faculty Council and had used two students and two administrative staff members as consultants. Professor Eichman had conducted most of the discussion with the students and felt that their contributions and interest had been great. He would like to see the committee's work continued by a faculty-student committee, which could be in structure much like the present standing committees which include student members. In further discussion, the desirability of having administrators on such a committee was pointed out, although it was agreed that ex-officio appointments could be made to such a committee as with other standing committees.

Professor Frost pointed out that although such a committee was vital, making another standing committee would bring the total to twelve. This committee would require people who were able to devote time to it and who had some background. She reminded that the Business Division had only eleven faculty members, including the division chairman, and asked if it was possible to use the present Student Affairs Committee for this task.

President Rice said he would like to see a change in the committee's report that referred to the "creation" of an academic aura at ISUE. He professed that ISUE was maintaining an academic climate, and as evidence, stated that this campus had succeeded in getting more than its share of students into professional institutions. He felt there were lots of positive things that could be said about the academic climate at ISUE.

Professor Eichman recalled attention to the discussion of structuring such a committee and professed that the committee would have an active life. From his experience with students consulting with the Select Committee, he felt that it was not necessary to have just experienced people to provide interest and valuable insight into such a committee. He suggested that Faculty Council consider establishing an ad hoc committee which would include various persons and would not necessarily require representation from each division faculty.

Ms. Alvey, who had served as a student consultant to the Select Committee, commented that she was not in favor of assigning the tasks of such a committee to the Student Affairs Committee, since that committee was involved mostly with student life.

Mr. Schuttler, the other student consultant to the Select Committee, pointed out that with the opening of the University Center, much of the business of student life would be taken care of through other channels and that perhaps the present Student Affairs Committee could be renamed and assigned the tasks of the area of academic standards. He felt that from his experience with the Select Committee, this area could be the job of a full committee.

Professor Barnes felt that these functions should be assigned to a separate committee. Professor Frost pointed out the difficulties in creating another standing committee at the present time.

The Chairman suggested that an ad hoc committee could be created to continue the committee during the summer and it could be recommended that such a committee be reappointed again in the fall. He pointed out that the Select Committee's report had included two recommendations, one on the acceptability of D grades for transfer and a second one on the establishment of a permanent committee with assigned tasks, both of which recommendations would require Faculty Council action.

Professor H. Sands moved, seconded by Kirsch,

Motion: That Faculty Council accept the recommendation of the Select Committee on Academic Standards that this campus accept no D's on the transcripts of transfer students without approval of the division chairman in the student's major area of concentration.

The motion carried.

President Rice commented that the basic original intent of the policy was that a student transferring in should have the same privilege as a student who enrolled initially.

Professor Eichman moved, seconded by Professor Barnes,

Motion: That Faculty Council create an ad hoc committee on academic standards to be composed of the members and consultants who had served with the select committee to serve to the end of this term and that it recommend to the next Faculty Council the creation of such a committee next year with the same functions.

The motion carried.

b. Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty and Administrative Evaluation.

Professor E. Da Rosa, Chairman of this committee, delivered copies of the committee's report during the Faculty Council Session. The Faculty Council Chairman postponed discussion of the report to the next meeting.

5. Introduction of Faculty Council Annual Report.

The Chairman noted that he would include mention of the two recommendations just approved in the annual report. He noted that part II of the annual report had been distributed and that the entire report would be on the agenda for approval the next week. Part II was a summary of the activities of the various committees. The report of the Promotions Committee might require some discussion.

6. Report from the Director of Admissions on Administration of CLEP Exams.

The Chairman noted that the Director of Admissions had prepared a report which he would like to report on at the next meeting.

7. Curricular Committee Recommendations on Programs and Courses.

After commenting on various recommendations of the Curricular Committee that would have to be acted on at the next meeting, the Chairman called attention to the new program proposal for a 24 hour minor in metro-core education, which had been approved by the Curricular Committee on April 18, 1974. The Chairman remarked that the Board of Trustees had approved the concept program in December 1973 and that Faculty Council was being asked to approve the contents.

Discussion of a requirement for 6 to 9 hours of courses in the Social Sciences Division followed. It was pointed out that previously evidence of joint divisional cooperation was requested for the Public Relations program, and that the present program might require similar evidence.

Professor Kinzie moved, seconded by Frost,

Motion: That Faculty Council approve the Curricular Committee's action on the new program in metro-core education.

The motion carried.

8. New Business.

a. Reports from President Rice, Dean Bennett

President Rice reported that following the recommendation of Dr. Thiede of the NCA team, Dr. Bennett was being moved to a new position of Vice-President for Administration and that a vacancy for a new position, Vice President for Academic Affairs, was being advertised. A large volume of applications was coming in. Hopefully the position would be filled before the fall semester.

President Rice reported that a Search Committee to fill the position being vacated by President Rankin had been organized by the Board of Trustees with

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Dean Bennett appointed by the Board to represent the Evansville Campus. He suggested that any names of candidates for this position be forwarded without hesitation.

b. Adjournment.

Faculty Council adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Eichman".

Thomas Eichman, Secretary

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