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MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL

Time: March 14, 1974, 2:00 p.m. in the Rare Books Room

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

Ex-officio Present: President Rice and Dean Bennett

Others Present: Professors Hahn, Pasko, Settle; Student David Gray

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

1. Minutes of February 28, and March 7, 1974 meeting.

Minutes of February 28 were distributed but not approved, and minutes for March 7, 1974 were not available.

2. Progress Report on Revision of Faculty Handbook.

The Chairman reported that a number of Handbook revisions, including ones already recommended to the President, needed to be acted upon. He cited, for example, a lengthy list of changes in the By-laws of the Constitution, which had been approved during the past two years, but not yet distributed to the faculty by the administration. He concluded that this matter would have to be clarified soon, because many faculty were concerned about the status of the Handbook.

3. Report from Dean on Summer and Fall Scheduling.

The Chairman distributed a statement he had received from the Dean regarding the fall schedule. The Dean's statement (see attached) excluded reference to contractual status, an issue which had been raised during the past session. The Chairman added that, although it was at this time inappropriate to insert a statement from the A.A.U.P. on the nature of contracts for non tenured faculty, a clarification of this matter would be made at a later meeting.

4. Report on Faculty-Administration Discussion on Institutional Staffing Plans.

The Chairman noted that several informal discussions on staffing plans had taken place during the preceding two months. In the near future, some matters raised in new discussions would be brought to the Faculty Council agenda.

Following discussion of items left on the agenda for Spring semester, the date of April 26 was tentatively set for the general faculty meeting. The Chairmen announced he had requested the Chairmen of standing committees to report this year's activities to him by April 3, so that an annual report could be distributed at that meeting. In addition, nominees would be named at that meeting for the at-large position currently held by Prof. H. Sands. He also urged divisions with representatives whose terms were to expire this semester to hold elections for new representatives. Those Divisions were Business and Social Sciences.

5. New Business.

Dean Bennett reported that the North Central accrediting team had issued a brief statement on the campus's status before departing Wednesday afternoon. He noted that the team report would be studied in late July by the North Central's Review Board, at which time Drs. Thiede and Rice would appear before it to answer any questions it might have. A decision would follow that.

President Rice distributed the proposed 1974-1975 University Calendar, which he wished to have discussed at the next meeting. He also shared his impressions of the North Central Team's reactions to the campus. He said that it was quite complimentary about the manner of treatment of ISSUE's campus problems in relation to the handling of problems on other campuses. Dr. Thiede had reviewed with him some scattered observations of the team members: The campus administration was generally in good order; the quality of the self study was high; the faculty is quite adequate; the campus's operating as a separate unit was efficient; involvement with the community was commendable; faculty governance was progressing ably; credit by examination was a very desirable program.

Dr. Thiede had added that attention needed to be given to these areas: evaluation of university financial planning; development of health and recreation programs; continued development of learning resources; the recruitment of minority professors; the tightening of library security; more careful study of student needs; closer relations with other institutions of higher education; the growth of role perception on the part of faculty and administration alike; the development of new types of curricular offerings; the limitation of our offerings given present staffing to baccalaureate programs.

After a brief discussion of Dr. Rice's report the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.



Thomas Eichman, Secretary

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