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FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

May 17, 1:30-3:00

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B. Aldridge
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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING

May 17, 1971

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by the moderator.

Those present were: Barnard (Moderator), Youtz (recorder), Barry, Humphrey, Humphreys, Young, Jones, Aldridge, Wiedemann, Hitchens, Eickstaedt, Sluss, White, Unsoeld, Brian, Cadwallader.

1. Announcements

a. Don Humphrey announced that the departure of Barbara Hopkins as faculty secretary will require reassignment of secretarial services as she will not be replaced until Fall. New assignments are as follows: Cathy Tullis will assist Hitchens, Humphreys and Jones. Pam Fox will assist Martin, Sluss and Tabbutt.

b. Dave Barry mentioned that the top administrative officers of the college had had a most helpful retreat at the end of last week as a part of the administrative clarification and organization task undertaken some weeks ago by the President.

2. A Modest Proposal

Fred Young brought forward for discussion his memo of May 10 suggesting the instituting of a weekly Faculty Lecture/Discussion Series, at least by next autumn, as an integrative device within the faculty. The suggested was discussed briefly and referred to the three Deans' Groups for further discussion if desired.

3. Student Housing

Richard Jones reported on recent discussions within the President's Council concerning severe pressures on available student housing. Room deposits already exceed available space by approximately 100. The Council is seriously considering the renting of trailers to solve this, and at the same time to provide spaces for married students. The faculty reaction was extremely negative to the suggestion of trailers or other "temporary housing." A lengthy discussion ensued in which alternative solutions were proposed, including substantial expressions of interest in the student experimental housing project currently under study. A strong fear was expressed that temporary housing units would not disappear from the campus once an initial investment had been made. It was urged that the Council reconsider the possibility of simply refunding the housing deposits of those who have oversubscribed the available units. If no satisfactory alternative can be found, the faculty feels that temporary units should be rented only on a short term basis and that a real commitment be made to removal of those units at least by the end of the 1971-72 school year in order to force more satisfactory long-range solutions. The fear was expressed that the temporary units will cause a

great sense of unhappiness and betrayal among the students who find themselves "stuck" in these units after the attractive descriptions of housing found in the catalog and after the considerable enthusiasm generated by the rhetoric on experimental housing possibilities. Two specific recommendations were made if the dismal route of temporary housing is taken: a) that students who are apt to end up in the temporary housing be informed immediately of this fact, of the nature of the housing, and of the possibility of retrieving their housing deposits if they wish; and b) that staff and faculty inaugurate an affirmative program immediately upon arrival of the students next fall who really wish to work toward environmentally suitable experimental housing as a rapid solution to the student housing problem. Unless these positive steps are undertaken vigorously, it is the prediction and concern of the faculty that the strong student dissatisfaction likely to erupt next Fall may totally inhibit our curricular efforts.

4. Report on Interinstitutional Grading Conference

Will Humphreys reported on the Conference, attended by Dave Brown and himself, at Ellensburg last week. Discussions at the Conference revealed that a number of our sister institutions are gradually moving toward a "no penalty" grading system (no F grades) somewhat more in conformity with our own Credit/No Credit system. Discussions also revealed that most participants were not antagonistic to Evergreen but felt that the faculties at their institutions may well hold many negative views when it comes to transfers and graduate admissions. Representatives from the U. of W., for example, expressed the need-as a minimum-for statements from our faculty on the probable success of an Evergreen student apply to U. of W. in the University setting. Our statements of probable success will gain credibility over time if we do an honest job of it. The U. of W. representatives also felt that the Graduate Admissions Office would probably favor a student from elsewhere who had regular grades on a transcript over an Evergreen student who had only Credit/No Credit if it came to a choice between two students.

5. Progress Report of the DTF on Faculty Benefits

Bill Aldridge reviewed the work of the group to date and asked Wiedemann and Youtz to present data collected on the College benefits programs and salary-compensation information relative to AAUP averages for the State of Washington. Future plans for the Committee's activities were described.

6. Weekend Campus Security

Dave Hitchens reported on the unsatisfactory attitudes and behavior of the weekend security guards on campus. Considerable concern was also expressed concerning the fact that the guards carry its sentiments to Joe Shoben (and Dean Clabaugh if appropriate) to seek an early resolution of these problems.

7. Report of Meeting of Council of Faculty Representatives-Al Wiedemann

Presented constitution of new proposed organization. After discussion, the faculty agreed to join the organization and approved the constitution. Sethre was selected to fill the one year representative position, Wiedemann and W. Humphreys were selected for the two and three year positions (they are to decide between them who gets which position). These terms are to begin July 1, 1971. The representative with only one year remaining in his term shall serve as chairman of the group. Three alternates will be selected with the participation of the fall 1971-72 faculty.

8. E.R.I.C.-Bill Aldridge

Aldridge called to the attention of the faculty the organization known as Educational Research Information Center. An abstract of Educational Publications compiled by this group is available regularly in our Library.

9. New Business

Selection of a new Moderator and recorder were achieved with minimum disorder due to the temporary absence of the victims: Will Humphreys-moderator, and Dick Jones-recorder.

RESPECTFULLY AND JOYFULLY SUBMITTED,

BYRON L. YOUTZ
Recorder