Minutes
Council on Academic Policy
September 21, 2006
4:15 p.m., Third Floor Conference Room

Provost Entzminger called the meeting to order.

He asked if there were any corrections to the September 7, 2006 Council minutes. Professor Rupert moved acceptance.

Honoring Retiring Faculty. Dr. McAinsh distributed material from the subcommittee summarizing their discussion and recommendations.

1. President or Provost asks honoree to stand at his/her seat, says nice things, applause.
2. At graduation, the honorees become part of the platform party. Early in the ceremony, President or Provost says nice things, presents a plaque, applause. Honorees descend to join the rest of the faculty.
3. Each honoree is escorted to the stage (by Marshall, or Area or department chair, or senior colleague). President or Provost says nice things, presents a plaque, applause.
4. Each honoree is escorted to the stage (by Marshall, or Area or department chair, or senior colleague). Escorting colleague says nice things (being firmly instructed to limit remarks to x minutes), a plaque is presented, applause.
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McAinsh stated that the subcommittee recommended Option 2 as well as having the recognition when the faculty member stops full time teaching.

Dr. Ablondi asked if phased retirement could be changed or was it final once set up.

Ms. Robbins said that the students saw no problem with recognizing retiring faculty at commencement.

It was pointed out that Honors Day was probably too crowded to ensure proper recognition.

Summer Registration/Orientation. A group has been appointed by the president to make recommendations for implementation of these new projects.
**Student Senate Issues.** Ms. Robbins said that the Senate had been discussing dismissing classes on Good Friday because there was a widespread student sentiment to do so. The Council briefly discussed the topic but does not intend to continue consideration.

Three items on the agenda will be taken up at a later time: Peer Institution Benchmarking; North Central Association Visit; Assessment.

**Honorary Degrees Committee.**

The Council discussed the concerns raised at the faculty meeting and related issues.

- Should the committee be made a Trustee committee?
- A Trustee committee would not be responsible to report action to the faculty.
- Remaining a faculty committee preserves faculty involvement.

**New Computer Issue.** A meeting will take place soon to formulate a policy regarding downloading software on office computers.

**Dr. Ablondi** asked for clarification regarding the criteria for allocating new tenure track faculty.

A few members mentioned that there seemed to be confusion about the budget process. **Entzminger** said that a meeting with department chairs and **Vice President Young** could be arranged if necessary to help clear up any misunderstanding.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.
President Cloyd called the meeting to order. He reminded the faculty that there would be a celebratory reception in Trieschmann immediately following adjournment.

Reverend Clark gave the Invocation.

Committee Reports

Provost Entzminger asked for questions or comments concerning the Academic Policy Minutes from August and September.

Search Update

There are 8 tenure track searches: Asian Histor (2).

Action Items: None

Discussion Item

Committee on Committees Recommendations: Honorary Degrees

To expand the Committee on Honorary Degrees by adding two trustees and one representative from the Alumni Board of Governors to the current group;

To broaden the solicitation process to include all constituents, as is currently the case with the Odyssey Awards;

To urge representatives from the Committee on Honorary Degrees, the Odyssey Awards selection committee, and the group responsible for selecting recipients of the various alumni awards, to begin meeting as quickly as possible in order to develop a means of coordinating their solicitation processes and to develop clear definitions for and distinctions between the various awards that Hendrix confers.

Questions and Comments

Isn’t nominating Trustees to a committee of the faculty a change in current practice/policy?

A concern that the changes would narrow or constrain nominations was expressed.
A member of the Honorary Degrees Committee stated that one of the problems faced by the committee in the past was too few nominations.

**New Business: None**

**Announcements**

**Dr. Goodwin** stated that there would be a discussion of the application process for Odyssey funding led by him and by **Dr. Schantz** during the convocation period next Thursday.

**Dr. Hardin** introduced **Kesha Buoua**, the new **Director of Multicultural and International Student Services**. She is a recent graduate from the University of Central Arkansas.

**Entzminger** introduced **Ms. Julie Brown**. She is the new Academic Specialist hired to assist **Dr. Herrick** and **Ms. Jackson** with advising and retention efforts. **Ms. Brown** will be the point person for students with disabilities.

He offered congratulations to **Dr. Campbell** and **Beth Levi** who have adopted a boy from Guatemala and to **Dr. Duina** and **Reiné Protacio** who are the proud parents of a new son.

**Dr. Oudekerk** urged the faculty to apply for next summer’s faculty exchange with Heilongjiang University.

The **President** announced that **Mr. Powell** had been named the **Executive Director of Athletics, Recreation and Wellness**. He will now report to **Dr. Hardin** and is directly involved in hiring the new Wellness Center Director.

**Cloyd** congratulated **Herrick** and **Jackson** for all their efforts in the College’s advising and retention initiative. He reported that the retention rate from freshmen to sophomore had risen to 87% which was a new high for the College. The College also had the highest ever 4 year graduation rate last year. The faculty responded with a round of applause.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
Faculty Meeting
6 p.m., October 18, 2006
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Agenda

I. Invocation—Clark

II. Committee Reports
   A. Academic Policy—Entzminger
   B. Committee on International/Intercultural Studies: Hendrix-in-London
      Recommendation—Oxner, Oudekerk
   C. Others as requested

III. Action Items
   A. Committee on Committees Recommendation: Honorary Degrees
      Committee*

IV. Discussion Items: Committee on Experiential Learning Recommendation*

V. New Business

VI. Announcements—Entzminger

*Items distributed with hard copy of agenda.