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UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

A special meeting of the University Faculty Assembly was held on Tuesday, December 8, 1987 at 12:00 Noon in the Massie Hall Auditorium. Forty-nine members were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

U.F.A. President, Dr. Trampe, called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, December 8, 1987.

Dr. Trampe distributed copies of the Executive Summary of each program proposal. He explained that the EPCC reviewed and approved all eight proposals. In addition, open hearings have been conducted on seven of the eight degree proposals. In order to proceed forward, the U.F.A. must now vote to approve the proposals.

Since a hearing has not been held on the Elementary Certificate Proposal, Dr. Biddle will be provided with an opportunity to conduct a hearing during this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elementary Education Certificate Proposal

Dr. Biddle provided an overview of the Elementary Education Certificate Proposal including its historical development and present format. He indicated that the program will meet all state requirements and reflects the national trend toward subject matter competency.

In response to a question, Dr. Biddle indicated that a student in elementary education will most likely have two advisors. His/her primary advisor will be a faculty member in the student's major area of study. His/her secondary advisor will be a member of our Education Division.

When asked if the proposal included the number of hours required by the state, Dr. Biddle stated that it did meet all requirements and provided specific examples.

Business Proposal

Dr. Trampe asked for questions regarding the Business Proposal. A member expressed concern that the proposals had been changed following the open hearing. Most of the individuals involved in writing the proposals stated that the changes, if any, were minor.

Electrical/Computer Proposal

Asked how the number of new faculty members was determined, several proposal authors explained the system they employed. Factors considered included enrollment projections, information from employer surveys, ABET accreditation standards and intelligent guesswork.

The question of hiring priorities was raised. Some feel we need more faculty members in some areas right now. Hiring new faculty in new areas will lessen the chance of meeting present faculty needs. Who determines hiring priorities?

A member asked if ABET requires that an assistant dean and/or program director be hired. Another expressed concern that the budget could not support these positions.

It was suggested that approving the proposals today does not approve the budget necessary to implement the proposals. In addition, it must be recognized that the special funding appropriation must be applied toward the new four-year programs and cannot be used to make up for present deficiencies.

In response to a question, it was stated that the Ohio Board of Regents did review all preliminary proposals and that the first freshman class will begin in the Fall of 1988.

Move to Accept the Proposals

A motion to approve all eight proposals was made and seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion was approved.

Adjournment

The special meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.