

Minutes
Administrative Council - College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Thursday, June 29, 2000 - 9:30 a.m.
Dean's Conference Room, Tate Page Hall

Members present: Adams, Cooke, Evans, Fong, Houghton, Oglesby, Poe, Schnacke, Stayton, Stone, Storey, Wardell

Liz Storey introduced herself to the new members of the council. She did report that Todd County has now been added to the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative. Vicki Stayton reported that a grant has been received in the amount of \$502,000 concerning Mental Retardation.

Karen Adams passed around the latest revision of the Independent Study form. She explained that it will be printed on NCR paper and will be available in the Dean's Office in the near future.

Dr. Adams spoke some on the issue of faculty who want to retire but continue to work at Western. It is now passed by the State of Kentucky to draw retirement on one system and begin with another retirement plan. This also applies to staff. Dr. Adams reported that a committee of three, Dr. John Peterson, Dr. Robert Jefferson, and herself, has been formed to look at this issue on which there is the right of refusal by the University for a person to return to the same position or any other. Following are some concerns discussed (1) What would this do to Affirmative Action? (2) Does a time limit need to be put on this? (3) Would Western end up with too many aging faculty? (4) Should there be a non-grieveable policy? (5) Are tenure and rank given up?

Dr. Adams explained at this time while optional retirement is an option, the above-mentioned option has not been introduced as university policy.

Dr. Adams then updated the Council concerning conditional admission into the Graduate Program. She talked about Dr. Gray's memo stating what they are proposing— mandates of admitting someone unconditionally while requiring that a student must take 6 undergraduate hours.

Departments are encouraged to do an overall study on benchmark concerning admission policies, and these can be channeled through Dr. Evans' office. It was encouraged that the admissions criteria for graduate programs be placed on individual departmental web sites eventually.

Dr. Cooke reported on his follow-up of the department meeting with Bob Cobb and Luther Hughes. His area was shown as having a low enrollment. Dr. Cooke said they had 50 students, 9 of the 50 phone numbers were incorrect, he spoke to 11 of which 3 are transferring to another college, 6 are returning, 1 moved away, and 1 will not return. Thirty-five letters have been mailed.

Dr. Cooke also reported on the students from Mexico. He said it was a very successful experience and everyone was most accommodating. Transportation was the biggest problem. Dr. Adams said hopefully next spring we will be able to send student teachers to Mexico city.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Susan Krisher
Secretary

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