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MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 1990

12:25 P.M.

Galloway Room

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Minutes

III. President's Report (President Seymour)

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Griffin Motion on Financial Aid (Copies will be available at the meeting.)

V. New Business

A. Rethinking Committees

1. Bob Smither

2. Greg Gardner

3. Charles Edmondson

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

Beginning at noon, lunch will be available outside the Galloway Room for a nominal price.

March 30, 1990

MEMORANDUM

From: T. Cook *TC*
Department of Philosophy and Religion

To: Sockie O'Sullivan, Chair of the Faculty

Subject: Attached minutes and upcoming meeting

Sockie:

Here are the minutes of the February meeting, submitted with hopes that they are satisfactory and with apologies for their lateness. Let me know if you want or need changes made. (I have the good fortune of not having done much of this sort of thing).

If I were a more paranoid person, I would think that there was a conspiracy afoot to keep me from attending meetings of the Steering Committee. After duly arranging to attend the next one on Tuesday, April 3, I am now informed that it will not happen until Thursday, April 5. Unfortunately, on April 5 I will be in Oxford, Ohio (of all places) reading a paper at a conference and hence will miss yet another meeting. Not that I had anything specific to offer, but it would have been nice to have made it to at least one meeting this semester. Please advise regarding the likely date of the next one.

Let me know if there is anything I need to know, or if anything needs to be different on the attached minutes.

March 15, 1990

MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty

From: Tom Cook, Acting Secretary *TJC*

Subject: Minutes of the February 27 Faculty Meeting

In the apparent absence of a quorum, the meeting was not officially convened, but the Chair of the Faculty, Sockie O'Sullivan, called for reports and discussion to begin at 12:35 PM.

President Seymour began with a report of events since the previous meeting. He spoke of the recent address by Maki Mandela (with the surrounding events and activities) as a high point of his career. With reference to the recent Board of Trustees' Meeting, the President reported the following items:

- 1) Charlie Edmondson assured the Board that the present planning process will come to closure this year;
- 2) The Board approved tenure for Donna Cohen and promotion to full Professor for Ruth Mesavage and Edmund Leroy;
- 3) Barbara Alfond was elected to a regular term as member of the Board.

Sockie O'Sullivan read from a letter addressed to him from Betty Duda expressing interest in reviewing the relationship between the Charter of the College and the present by-laws.

The meeting turned its attention to a proposal from Don Griffin, left pending at the close of the last meeting. Griffin withdrew his motion, but expressed concern about maintaining student diversity. He hopes that the faculty will address this issue early next year.

At this point the meeting focused on issues surrounding the restructuring the governance system. Bob Smither and Greg Gardner were asked to speak to the issue of the Committee structure from the perspectives of their respective disciplines. Smither distributed and discussed a handout on "Reasons Why People Do Not Like to Serve on Committees" and "Designing Effective Committees." Gardner offered a five-point analysis of the difficulties of the present system.

The Provost was asked to schedule a colloquium on the issues surrounding the revision of the governance system. O'Sullivan mentioned three issues of importance:

- 1) whether committees are to recommend or to establish policy;
- 2) the size of the proposed Senate or larger body to which committees are to report;
- 3) locus and constituency of representatives to larger body (i.e. departments, divisions).

After further discussion of the need to define and address these issues, the meeting broke up shortly after 1:35 PM.