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Executive Committee

A meeting of the CPACS Executive Committee was held on Monday, April 28 at 1:00 in the Conference Room of Annex 19. Members in attendance were Hubert Locke, Robert McCune, David Scott, Mary Ellen Rathouz, Ted Ernst, Vincent Webb, Bruce Horacek, Quinn Smith, and Beverly Hack.

There were three items on the agenda: merit increases, reappointment for '75-'76, and Alcoholism Studies.

MERIT INCREASES All UNO departments were to set up guidelines for the distribution of merit increases to be put into operation when allocations are approved by the governor and legislature. Even though it is likely that no merit money will be available, each department is to nominate one (1) merit person for each three (3) faculty members in the department. It is also up to the department to determine how money would be distributed to nominees. This information should have been submitted to the Dean's Office by May 6.

REAPPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION Dean Locke reported that the associate and assistant deanships of the College have been extremely effective positions—a conclusion supported by those present. Although the post of Associate Dean has been established on a one-year rotating basis, it was Dean Locke's recommendation to the committee that Dave Scott be re-appointed. After brief discussion, the committee voted to endorse the re-appointment and requested that the endorsement be relayed to the faculty meeting held later the same day.

ALCOHOLISM STUDIES Three years ago a grant proposal to NIAAA was approved for instructional activities, research, and some community services activities in the area of Alcoholism Studies. There were no funds available, however, until this fiscal year. Over the current academic year, the program has been funded for the planning phase. A proposal has been submitted requesting funds for implementation. It has been proposed that the Alcoholism Program be moved administratively and programmatically to the Graduate School of Social Work, with Dr. Ted Ernst as acting director. The program, currently directed by Dr. William Arkin has been operating independently in the "College at large".

It was moved and seconded that the committee approve the shift of Alcoholism Studies to the Graduate School of Social Work. The motion carried.
CALENDAR  Members of the committee attending said that they would like to have more notice of scheduled meetings. A calendar of regularly scheduled meetings for the coming academic year was suggested.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  Quinn Smith, Criminal Justice student, reported that the Criminal Justice Department has a student advisory committee. The student-initiated committee has seven members. Mr. Smith suggested that other departments might want to consider such committees and extended an open invitation to anyone who might be interested in sitting in on one of their student meetings. The students had several concerns which were brought to the attention of the Executive Committee:

1. It would be helpful to have some publication about the other committees of the College. Students generally are not aware of existing committees in the College structure.

2. The CJ Student Advisory Committee would like to have advance copies of agendas for those meetings where they have input.

3. The student committee had some questions about the voting privileges of students serving on CPACS committees.

The next student meeting was to be held May 3. Contact Mr. Smith through the Criminal Justice Department if you are interested in future meetings.

INTERNSHIPS  Mary Ellen Rathouz, Training and Community Service, asked whether or not there is some way to coordinate the various internships set up by CPACS departments. There has been some indication that agencies are getting too many different requests—many times from the students themselves. After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Rathouz would call a meeting of those persons who handle internship assignments for the various college units to try to establish some sort of internal working relationship.

GOODRICH DIRECTOR  Dean Locke announced that Wilda Stephenson's name has been put forward for directorship of the Goodrich Program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00.

**Faculty Meeting**

A CPACS faculty meeting took place on Monday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of Annex 19.

The first item on the agenda was a COLLEGE REVIEW by Dean David Scott. Dr. Scott reported that: 1) there are continuing difficulties in administering two-campus programs like Social Work and Criminal Justice; 2) the College hopes to be able to move Social Work from Annex 20 as soon as another UNO building becomes available; 3) evaluations of the Goodrich Program are in progress; 4) a CPACS Affirmative Action Committee has been formed, headed by JoAnne Lofton; 5) the Gerontology Program, having experienced many difficulties with funding, has finally received its State appropriation; 6) work is in progress on a handbook for department heads outlining rules and procedures of the College and the University.

Dean Locke then commented on THE STATE OF THE COLLEGE pointing out that in its third year CPACS has shown continued creativity and growth and increasing stability in most of its major programs.
1) In January the major portion of the Gerontology core program moved to State support, assuring it as part of the continuation budget of the University.

2) Urban Studies now has an internship arrangement with CAUR in which students enrolled in US 499 develop research skills working in the Center's on-going program.

3) Criminal Justice began a graduate program in the fall, and currently 40 students are pursuing Master of Arts or Master of Science degrees.

4) The Goodrich Program, completing its third year, has initiated a comprehensive evaluation of its student achievement record to be carried out over the next two years.

5) Social Work is now engaged in extensive preparation for its accreditation visit scheduled for the end of May.

6) Of six UNO programs designated "areas of excellence" two are in the College of Public Affairs—Gerontology and Public Administration. These units receive a stated sum of money each year for improving and strengthening their programs. An annual evaluation is required—which PA has just completed with flying colors.

7) The Division of Training and Community Service further developed two successful programs in which the College works with veterans and with prison parolees in providing higher educational opportunities. The Division is winding down the federally funded portion of the Co-Op Ed program and is planning several new efforts, one involving a major inner city neighborhood renewal project.

8) The Center for Applied Urban Research has expanded its efforts outside of State where CAUR staff have been assisting smaller local units of government to assess needs and prepare grant applications for revenue sharing funds. The "Review of Applied Urban Research" continues to be a regionally acclaimed data source for socio-economic characteristics of this region.

9) The first planning year of the Alcoholism Studies grant has been completed, and implementation phase funds are being sought. One of the major recommendations from this year's planning effort is to place the Alcoholism Studies Program in the Graduate School of Social Work.

After summarizing the College programs, Dean Locke went on to say "We began this academic year on the note that it would be a year of consolidation and stabilization of the College's efforts and for the most part I believe we have carried out that major priority." He asked that the faculty consider favorably the re-appointment of Dr. Scott as Associate Dean for 1975-76.

CPACS continues to be actively engaged in grants development, receiving over $800,000 in grants this academic year.

Even though the general record of achievement of the College has been a good one, there are a number of policy decisions and problem areas which must be addressed yet this spring and in the coming year. These include linkages between the three college divisions and resolution of the problems of the two-campus arrangement. A small College endowment fund has been established, which could use more funds, if you know any potential benefactors.

ROBERT McCUNE, Assistant Dean, then reported on additional items. The University has significantly increased its program overseas, and Criminal Justice has been added to the overseas offerings. By the end of the summer, Urban Studies will have awarded over 20 Masters degrees and an equal number of Bachelors degrees.
Dr. Armin Ludwig (CAUR) has been elected chairman of the committee on Salary, Promotion and Tenure. The charge to this committee during the coming academic year is to define "faculty" and provide the College with a comprehensive statement on promotion and tenure for all units.

The new chairman of the committee on Academic Standards and Curriculum Development is Dr. Peter Suzuki (US). Remarkably, the number of new course offerings being instituted at a time of cutbacks is astounding. Dr. McGone said that this committee will be conducting a comprehensive review of CPACS curriculum.

The session was opened for discussion with CHANCELLOR ROSKENS and PROVOST GARFINKEL.
Responding to a question about synchronizing the UNO and UN-L calendars, the Chancellor said progress is being made, and UN-L may adopt the UNO calendar. The changes will probably not occur, however, until the 1976 academic year.
It looks like there will be no merit increase money available this year. We can probably expect an increase of 5% plus $468 across the board—and no more.
There is no additional money for land acquisition, building, or planning. A couple of properties have been acquired with previous allocations, but UNO does not yet have possession.
The possibilities for increase in operating monies are scarcely better than for the current year.
The proposed Downtown Education Center has three objectives: a center for workshops, seminars, and short courses; adequate space for course offerings downtown; and the provision of housing for some UNO units. Without matching funds this year, however, the project will die. There has not been much progress in obtaining tuition waivers between eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. At this point, the issue is held up with the two governors.
UNO can no longer continue to provide free parking for faculty and staff. Since the latest parking was vetoed, the Chancellor will probably propose that faculty and staff pay the same rates that students pay, beginning in the fall.
Two years ago, the UNO Dean's Council and faculty worked out a tenure agreement in anticipation of the recent Regents' decision on tenure. The percent of tenured faculty at UN-L is to be held at 75% (UN-L currently has 73%). The percentage of UNO faculty currently tenured is 52%.

After the session with the Chancellor and Provost, several more items were taken up.
It was moved and seconded that the Alcohol Studies Program be moved to the Graduate School of Social Work. The motion carried.
It was moved and seconded that the faculty approve and recommend for degrees those candidates certified by their respective academic departments for graduation. The motion carried.

Dean Locke asked for a show of hands for interest in a spring retreat. There did not seem to be enough interest to warrant planning one now.
Finally, it was brought to the attention of the faculty that UNO now has an official no-interest travel loan arrangement through the University Foundation. Such loans may be secured through the Provost's Office. There is no interest for 45 days, and 9% interest after that.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.
LEO MISSINNE conducted a workshop for the Women’s Community Leadership Institute Project at the University of Iowa on April 25 in Atlantic, Iowa. His topic was "Human Behavior and Aging".

CHUCK POWELL, JOANNE LOFTON, GARY ROSS, LAWRIE ROBERTSON, GAIL KARA have completed nutrition site managers’ workshops at Wichita, KA, Alliance, NE, and Davenport, IA.

DAVID A. PETERSON is quoted in Senator Charles Percy’s new book, Growing Old in the Country of the Young.

BRUCE HORACEK and the troops have been plunging into preparatory work for Senior Citizen Celebration Days, May 20-22 in the UNO Student Center.

The pre and post retirement pilot programs, developed by the Gerontology Program (CHRISTOPHER BOLTON AND SHIRLEY WASKEL) are underway. Response throughout the state has been gratifying.

GARY ROSS will conduct the second of a series of social gerontology workshops in Missouri this month. He also presented a program segment, "Human Sexuality and the Elderly" for the Midwest Regional Conference of Planned Parenthood of America.

***********************************************************NEWS FLASH***********************************************************
Helen Noyes became a grandmother for the first time on Sunday, May 4. Her daughter, Candy and husband Steve, are the excited parents of Kristin Noel. And by the time you read this, Helen, no doubt, will be in California spoiling Kristin rotten!

***********************************************************NEWS FLASH***********************************************************

The April issue of the "Review of Applied Urban Research" contains summaries of research carried out by the student interns from the Urban Studies Department. The article on crime in the South Side Terrace Housing Development is based on a CAUR research project undertaken in response to recent news media publicity given to crime in that area. The other research, a community needs analysis, grew out of a research project for the Salvation Army evaluating alternative locations for a Salvation Army Community Center.

JOYCE CARSON joined the staff of the Center for Applied Urban Research as Secretary I. She is in Annex 15, extension 2764.

The new face in the Gerontology Program is BELINDA BERTOLOZZI who is Clerk Typist II. She is located in Annex 24, extension 2272.