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Minutes
COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
November 17, 1982
President's Board Room

Members Present: G. W. Crofts, D. Frederick, M. R. Geasler, L. M. Potter, C. S. Rogers, A. W. Steiss

Members Absent: F. M. Asche, B. K. Blaylock, H. F. Brinson, D.P.H. Hasselman, R. C. Heterick, W. R. Hibbard, T. W. Keenan, R. L. Kirkpatrick, Y. C. Lin, D. P. Roselle, R. P. Schubert, L. T. Taylor

The meeting was convened at 3:35 p.m. by Dr. Steiss.

1. Announcements. Dr. Steiss explained that Dr. Roselle was in Richmond, giving a presentation on "high technology" to a Task Force appointed by Governor Robb to explore industry-university relationships.

It was announced that Dr. James Wightman, Department of Chemistry, has agreed to serve on the Committee to define the role and responsibilities of Principal Investigators. Dr. Steiss and Ben Selvey will also serve ex-officio.

As a follow-up to discussion at the last Commission meeting, copies of two articles from the Roanoke Times were distributed. These articles dealt with: (1) proposed reduction in the number of state employees and the impacts on state universities, and (2) further cuts proposed in the state budget. Data on current 230-01 and 230-11/12 position counts were also distributed. These items were discussed at length.

Governor Robb has agreed to exempt positions funded under sponsored programs from any immediate hiring moratorium or reduction in-force (RIF). The target of 1100 fewer university employees by the beginning of FY 84 will likely have some impact on appropriated-funded (230-01) research positions. The nature of this impact is not known at this time, however.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 10 Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Call for Agenda Items. Professor Rogers referred to an announcement, sent out from the Development Office, which indicated that certain proposals for faculty development support would be evaluated in terms of the research priorities of the university. She asked where such research priorities were identified. Dr. Steiss said that the budget exhibits submitted to Richmond include detailed goals and objectives. For the most part, however, these reflect the activities of Core Research (230-01). After considerable discussion of the "pros and cons"

of a higher profile for research at the University, it was decided that a committee should be appointed to identify and delineate priorities in research with particular reference to Sponsored Programs.

4. Research Manpower and Personnel Policies. Dr. Steiss said that research manpower had been suggested as an agenda item by Dr. Hasselman, but in Dr. Hasselman's absence, discussion would be deferred.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50. The next meeting will be December 8 at 3:30 in the President's Board Room.

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