

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT Administrative Council Meeting
September 24, 1991

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The Administrative Council met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 1991, in the General Administration Building.

Chancellors in Attendance

All chancellors were present.

Information Reports

President Spangler gave a report on Vice President Roy Carroll's successful triple by-pass heart surgery.

At the request of President Spangler, Vice President Robinson discussed the possibility of the approval of a bond issue to finance capital construction projects on the University's campuses. He noted that the success of this effort would depend in large measure upon the effectiveness of trustees and other campus supporters in articulating the University's needs to the General Assembly and the electorate.

At the request of the president, Vice President Joyner discussed a number of budget matters. With respect to the schedule for board action on flexibility, he noted that material from the campuses was due the next day in order to be presented at the October meeting of the Board of Governors. He emphasized that participation by campuses can be requested at a later time. He reminded the chancellors that those campuses participating in the flexibility would be subject to questions from the General Assembly and others about any shift in support from one activity to another. He emphasized that during the recent legislative session, budget lines for teaching positions, for library funds, and several other line items had been defended by the University very strongly and that questions could be expected if funds were shifted from these activities. The establishment of the reversion rate with regard to the implementation of flexibility was discussed. Chancellor Moran expressed concern that the quarterly allotment process could take away funds which were reallocated or saved by the campuses.

Vice President Memory and Chancellor Leutze discussed with the chancellors an idea for a clearing house for projects and activities of the University's campuses in cooperation with universities in Costa Rica. Vice President Memory was asked to explore the possibility of gathering information with respect to international activities of all campuses.

After a short break, Vice President Dawson discussed several matters. He noted that although there are no general salary increases, the president remains ready to work with chancellors to secure exceptions in unusual cases.

He reminded the chancellors of the report due to the legislature on organized service in the public schools. He encouraged them to use this report as an opportunity to give a good recognition to the numerous activities taking place on our campuses.

Dr. Dawson discussed ongoing concerns regarding graduation rates and the inter-relationship with degree requirements and normal course loads. He noted that, in general, the average course loads are decreasing, while the credits completed in many majors exceed 129 semester hours. He noted that there was strong legislative interest in these matters and in the manner that the University counts its full-time students. Therefore, he stated, it was important for each campus to examine carefully the total credit hour requirements for graduation in every department and to conduct a careful investigation to find out why the average credit load per student is going down. He asked each of the chancellors to give careful consideration and indicated that specific information regarding these matters would be sent to the chancellors later.

At the request of the president, Mr. Martin discussed the upcoming Conference on Trusteeship and thanked the chancellors for assistance in securing good attendance from their trustees.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.


C. D. Spangler, Jr.