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CAMPUS COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that The College of Wooster is a community of Administration, Faculty, Students, and Trustees working toward common goals at a private church-related liberal arts college dedicated to freedom of academic inquiry, this memorandum is hereby adopted as an instrument designed (1) to support and forward Wooster's commitment to intellectual growth through liberal education; (2) to promote the welfare of all members and organizations of the College; and (3) to establish means through which students, faculty, and administrative officers can express their views and better understand the opinions of others. In order to implement these purposes, there shall be created a Campus Council which shall join in its membership administration, faculty, and students to legislate in the areas of student life and extra-curricular affairs and to issue advisory opinions and make recommendations to the President of the College, the Board of Trustees, and other organizations.

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Campus Council of The College of Wooster.

II. Powers

- A. The Council shall have unlimited power to initiate, discuss and formulate recommendations on any matters it deems appropriate and to submit these recommendations to the appropriate campus body including the President and the Board of Trustees.
- B. The Council shall have authority to legislate with regard to social regulations, social functions, student conduct and activities such legislation to become effective thirty days (excluding vacation periods) after submission to the President, unless he exercises a veto or notifies the Council that he will promptly submit the legislation to the Board of Trustees for approval or disapproval.
- C. The Council shall allocate the student activity fee, which fee shall be determined by the Board of Trustees. Any group desiring an allocation from the student activity fee shall petition the Council by the submission of a budget. The Council has the right to audit the accounts of organizations it funds.
- D. The Council shall be responsible for the chartering and recognition of campus groups. Each group shall submit a written constitution to the Council for approval. The decision of the Council shall be subject to a veto by the President. The Council shall be responsible for seeing that organizations abide by their charters.
- E. The Council may initiate recommendations on academic matters by forwarding such recommendations to the Dean of the College for his action where appropriate or for referral to the appropriate faculty committee. If the Faculty Committee does not issue a report on the Council's recommendations within a reasonable period of time or the Committee rejects the Council's recommendations, then the Council may request the Dean to place the recommendation directly on the next faculty agenda for consideration by the faculty.

- F. The Council may act in an advisory capacity on any matter which has been submitted to the Council for consideration.
- G. Any group or individual member of the campus community may petition the Council on matters within the Council's jurisdiction. The Council shall not interfere in decisions reached by judicial bodies, but this limitation shall not preclude the Council from reviewing and legislating changes in the existing judicial systems which come within the Council's jurisdiction.
- H. A committee, composed of the Chairman and members chosen from each of the other two constituencies shall meet with the President of the College every three weeks to discuss matters before Council.
- I. The Council shall have authority to delegate the execution of its policy to appropriate agencies of the campus community if said delegation has been approved by the President or the Board of Trustees; however, the Council shall retain the right to request reports on actions taken and where indicated in its delegation, the right of veto.
- J. In connection with the foregoing powers, the Council may appoint committees to accomplish its purposes and invite members of the campus community to participate as nonvoting members in the proceedings of the Council. The Council may utilize administration, faculty, and students of the campus community to provide information and may use these groups to gather opinions and suggestions from constituent members.
- K. The powers herein granted to the Campus Council are not intended and shall not be construed to be in derogation of the inherent powers of the Board of Trustees or the President.

III. Membership

The Council shall be composed of twelve members:

A. Six students, including:

- 1. The President of the Student Government Association.
- 2. The Vice-President for Educational Affairs of the Student Government Association.
- 3. A representative of the Lowry Center board, to be designated by the Board from its own membership.
- 4. Three students to be elected by the student body.

A student representative to the Council may serve for more than one year.

- B. Three members of the faculty elected by the faculty for a three-year term. Faculty members shall not succeed themselves.
- C. The Dean of the College or his representative and two Deans from among the Personnel Deans to be selected by the President for a one-year term. The Personnel Deans may succeed themselves, but rotation is encouraged.

- D. If a vacancy shall occur on the Council, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term - by the President to replace a Dean, by the Student Government Association to replace a student, and by the faculty to replace a faculty member.
- E. The term of office for each elected or appointed member of the Council shall begin on or about May 1 of each year.
- F. The Chairman of the Council shall be selected each year by a majority vote of the Council. The first organizational meeting of the year shall be chaired by the Dean of the College.

IV. Procedures

- A. A quorum shall consist of eight members: one member from each of the three groups must be present for the purpose of establishing a quorum. If there is no quorum, the Council shall be able to discuss matters, but shall not be able to vote. The Chair shall have a right to vote.
- B. The agenda of each meeting shall be the responsibility of the Chairman. Any member of the Council may place a matter on the agenda subject only to removal from the agenda by a majority vote of the Council.
- C. All decisions of the Council shall be by a majority vote.
- D. The agenda of each Campus Council meeting as well as all decisions of the Council shall be publicized throughout the campus community.
- E. A committee of the Chairman and one of each of the other two constituencies shall meet with the President every three weeks during each quarter.
- F. The memorandum of Council shall be a continuing memorandum, subject to review only at such time as one or more of its constituencies (faculty, administration, president, student body, or trustees) deem it necessary.