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THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
Campus Council

President R. Stanton Hales
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April 4, 1996

President Hales:

I have several things to update you on regarding Campus Council and I apologize for not making you aware of these items sooner. First, I would like to congratulate you on your election to President of the College. The students and the College are extremely fortunate.

On behalf of Campus Council, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous increase in the amount of funds you have forwarded to us for allocation to student organizations. The money will be used to fill requests we are already receiving from campus organizations. The deadline set by Council for groups to submit budget requests is Friday, April 5, 1996. The Budget committee will be meeting with the groups that submit proposals next week and expect to make a recommendation to Campus Council for its approval by April 23, 1996.

Campus Council has recently (Tuesday, April 2, 1996) passed a revised version of the Registering a Student Organization packet which is provided to all organizations wishing to become chartered by Campus Council. The Charter committee of Council spent many hours examining the document and restructuring it in a way that would make the chartering process easier for everyone involved. Concerns and recommendations from many sources both inside and outside of Council were taken into consideration when revisions were being made. A copy of that revised document is enclosed.

Council has also passed a measure which alleviates some of the concerns over "too many committees". Before Spring Break, Council abolished the Leadership, Membership, Evaluation Committee (LMEC) and established the Committee on Social Organizations (CSO) in its place. The committees serve the same function, evaluating the new member processes of certain organizations, but hopefully the new committee dispels some of the mystery of what committee deals with what organization. Previously, under LMEC, greek organizations fell under the Greek Life Committee and all other organizations fell under the Selection, Induction, Education Approval Committee. This was extremely confusing and even more bureaucratic. Now, all organizations fall under CSO and membership on CSO is fixed. It consists of faculty, staff, independent students, greek students and representatives from the largest student organizations on campus (Student Activities Board, Student Government Association, International Students Association, Black Students Association and Wooster Volunteer Network). If you recall, I spoke with you about this issue earlier in the year. From speaking with you and considering your ideas and concerns, I think that this motion is similar to the one that you imagined.

Finally, at our most recent meeting, Campus Council entertained a petition received from the Interfaith Council regarding adding a seat to Council to be filled by one of their

representatives. A copy of the letter Council received regarding this request is enclosed. Based on the letter and the discussion with representatives, Council voted overwhelmingly to add the seat to Council for Interfaith Council, effective next fall when Council convenes. Interfaith Council has become a large, strong organization with membership exceeding 300. For this reason, Council felt that it was only natural that the organization have a voice and a vote on Council. This is an amendment to the memorandum that created Campus Council and, therefore as you know, certain requirements must be met for the vote to be valid. Council has passed the motion with more than a 2/3 vote and so I am presenting this to you for your approval. Council feels very strongly about this issue and I hope that you will agree with our decision. Be assured that Council is evaluating its membership as a whole based on concerns of the growing size of Campus Council and the potential for stalemate due to the large number of opinions present at any one time. Please contact me as soon as possible regarding this so that I may contact Interfaith Council regarding selecting a representative for the coming fall.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. Again, congratulations on your recent election to President.

Sincerely,

Renee A. Snyder
Chair, Campus Council

Enclosures