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Six Ohio and Michigan colleges will join The University of Toledo in the establishment of a cooperative institutional research center at TU and the conduct of a faculty study program during the 1967-68 academic year.

The two-part project is financed by a \$73,000 grant provided by the U.S. Office of Education to develop collegiate institutional research and provide opportunities for discussion of developments in educational subjects, particularly those in which the colleges have relatively small faculty departments.

Participating colleges are Bluffton, Defiance, Findlay and Mary Manse in Ohio, and Madonna College, Livonia, and Owosso College, Owosso, Michigan. The Michigan schools are additions to the program, which was inaugurated last fall with a \$14,000 U.S. Office of Education grant under Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Dr. Ivan Frick, president of Findlay College, is chairman of the advisory committee, composed of presidents of the participating colleges, which approved the 1967-68 program at a meeting Monday (June 19) in the TU Student Union. The project is coordinated by Dr. John Russel, TU professor of education.

A major \$53,000 portion of the federal grant has been allocated to research training and the establishment of the Center for Institutional Research. The center will serve all of the participating colleges in assembling and evaluating data on curriculum, faculty, student characteristics and related matters which will help them in planning academic and administrative programs.

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Dr. Richard White, of St. Paul, Minn., who will join the TU faculty soon, will be director of the center.

Plans for establishment of the center began with a training program for representatives of each of the colleges conducted during the past year by Dr. William Wiersma, Jr. and Dr. Reemt R. Baumann, TU associate professor of education.

Dr. G. Ernst Giesecke, TU provost, who was instrumental in organizing the cooperative program at its inception, said that the center eventually would have the services of a computer.

The second phase of the federally-sponsored program will involve faculty study groups in physics and testing with two additional subjects to be selected from among biology, mathematics, psychology and sociology. Faculty representatives from each of the colleges will participate in sessions scheduled throughout the year to review new developments in their respective fields to improve their teaching effectiveness.

As in the 1966-67 program, one TU faculty member will serve as administrator of each faculty study group, composed of three faculty members from each college.

College presidents attending the Monday meeting were Dr. Noel Johnston, Defiance; Sister Mary Lawrence, Mary Manse; Dr. Daniel Bursch, Owosso, and Dr. Frick. Bluffton was represented by Dean Mark Houshower and Madonna College by Sister Joela and Sister Madonna.

TU President William S. Carlson was host.