

July 10, 1964

President C. Ray Wilson
Administration Building

Dear Ray:

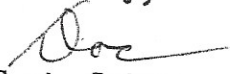
I notified Dean Limper several months ago that I plan to terminate Professor Patten's appointment as of June 1965. Technically, he would be eligible for an additional year since his 70th birthday falls on July 7th, 1965, one week after the official deadline. However, for reasons which I have outlined to Dean Limper, it seems that the best interests of the department will be furthered by termination of his appointment next June.

Dr. Patten became eligible for maximum retirement benefits (110% of formula for 40 years service) in June 1964. In January 1964, he informed me that he planned to retire in June because of ill health. I suggested that he wait a few months before making the final decision since an extra year would bring him to age 70 and maximum retirement benefits. He did not then inform me that he would already be eligible for 110% benefits this June (because of completing 40 years service) or I would have enthusiastically endorsed his decision to retire this year. In March he decided that he would like to stay through 1964-1965, and I agreed to this.

I have not yet informed him of my decision to relieve him of his duties next year (June 1965), since I'm hoping that he will make this choice himself. However, it has come to my attention from other sources that he now hopes to invoke the technicality of his 70th birthday falling one week after July 1, 1965 to request an extra year. In this case I shall have the unpleasant task of refusing the request.

I thought you should have these notes for your file in the event that he should appeal my decision. I can only say in advance that under no circumstances would I alter this decision.

Cordially,



S. A. Switzer, Chairman
Department of Psychology

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Patten

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From S. A. Switzer, Chairman, Department of Psychology

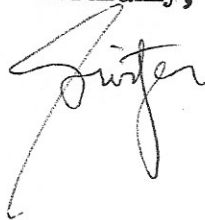
To President C. Ray Wilson

December 28, 1964

As stated in my letter to you on July 10, 1964 (confirmed by your letter in reply on July 11, 1964), I wish to terminate Professor Patten's annual appointment at the end of the current academic year. He will become eligible for maximum retirement benefits upon reaching age 70 next July 7th. My decision to ask for termination of his appointment in June is based on consideration of the best interests of the Department of Psychology. I have explained to Dean Don James some of the reasons that impelled me to this decision.

In conformity with University regulations, it is requested that official notification of termination of appointment be sent to Dr. Patten from your office prior to February 1, 1965.

Cordially,



cc: Acting Provost Limper
Dean Don James

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

OXFORD, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

January 7, 1965

Charles Ray Wilson
Acting President
Miami University

Dear Ray:

In order to comply with your request,
transmitted to me by Dean Don James, I
hereby tender my resignation from the
Miami University Staff, this to take effect
June 30, 1965.

Sincerely,

E. F. Patten

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January 8, 1965

Dr. Everett F. Patten
Department of Psychology
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

Dear Pat:

It was with a great deal of regret that I received this morning your letter requesting that you not be re-appointed for the 1965-66 academic year.

We came to Miami together, you as an assistant professor and I as a freshman. Although I was a history major, I had the pleasure of taking a course with you before I graduated and I was among the many whose respect and affection for you were developing. I even remember the time you were called down to the Phi Delt House to witness the spasms a Boston bull pup experienced whenever a particular point was reached in a particular phonograph record. As I recall it you diagnosed the phenomenon as a conditioned reflex, resulting from acute pain or fear the pup has experienced some time in the past when that particular record was being played.

You have served long as a distinguished member of the Miami faculty and have seen revolutionary changes come over the university. I hope you believe, as I do, that in spite of such changes the essential nature of the university has not been altered.

I wish you the very best in everything during your years of retirement.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Wilson
Acting President

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