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**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR April 19, 2005 (Vol. XXXIII, No. 27)**

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**Notice to Faculty:** Senator Pommier reported that the following boards and committees still have positions available on them for interested faculty: **Financial Aid/Grants Committee** (3-yr. Term), need two (2) (one serves first year as alternate); **Judicial Board** (2-yr. Term), need five (5); **Library Advisory Board** (3-yr. Term), one position from CEPS; **Parking Advisory Committee** (2-yr. Term), need three (3) (one as alternate); **Technology Enhancement and Management (TEAM) Grants Council** (2-yr. Term), one position from Booth Library, one position from Council on Academic Affairs, and one position from Council on Graduate Studies. Please email Senator Pommier ([jhpommier@eiu.edu](mailto:jhpommier@eiu.edu)) if interested in serving.

- I. Call to order by Vice-Chair Jean Wolski at 1:00 p.m.** (Seminar Room, Ballinger's Teachers Center, Booth Library)  
Present: A. Brownson, J. Allison, R. Benedict, D. Carpenter, L. Comerford, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, J. Kilgore, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, B. Wilson, and J. Wolski.  
Guests: B. Lord (Provost / VPAA), C. Rohn (Dean, CEPS), D. Muffler (VPAA, Student Government), and K. Mayhugh (reporter, *Daily Eastern News*).
- II. Approval of Minutes of 12 April 2005.**  
Motion (Ogbomo / Allison) to approve the Minutes of 12 April with modification. Yes: Allison, Ashley, Benedict, Carpenter, Comerford, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Stimac, and Wolski. Abstain: Fischer.
- III. Announcements**
  - A. The Faculty Retirement Reception will be held on Tuesday, 19 April in the Tarble Arts Center from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Faculty Senate will meet that day, but only for the first ½ hour then will adjourn to the Faculty Retirement Reception.
  - B. Senator Allison announced that Facilities Planning and Management Director candidate interview schedules and full vitae are available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~busaff/fpmdir>
  - C. Senator Ogbomo announced that Vice President for Student Affairs candidate interview schedules and full vitae are available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~vpsarch/index2.htm>
- IV. Communications**
  - A. Message of 4 April from Provost Lord, re: Enrollment Management Committee.
  - B. Minutes of the 7 April meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board.
  - C. Agenda for the 5 May meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board.
- V. Old Business**
  - A. Committee Reports
    1. Executive Committee: no report.
    2. Nominations Committee: Senator Pommier reported that the following boards and committees still have positions available on them for interested faculty: **Financial Aid/Grants Committee** (3-yr. Term), need two (2) (one serves first year as alternate); **Judicial Board** (2-yr. Term), need five (5); **Library Advisory Board** (3-yr. Term), one position from CEPS; **Parking Advisory Committee** (2-yr. Term), need three (3) (one as alternate); **Technology Enhancement and**

**Management (TEAM) Grants Council** (2-yr. Term), one position from Booth Library, one position from Council on Academic Affairs, and one position from Council on Graduate Studies. Please email Senator Pommier ([jhpommier@eiu.edu](mailto:jhpommier@eiu.edu)) if interested in serving.

3. Elections Committee: no report.
  4. Student-Faculty Relations Committee: no report.
  5. Faculty-Staff Relations Committee: no report.
  6. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee: no report.
  7. Budget-Transparency Committee: no report.
  8. Drafting Committee: no report.
- B. CUPB Questions for the Faculty Senate. A general discussion concerning the five questions posed by CUPB took place.
- a. *From the perspective of your constituency, what attracts students to EIU?* General ideas from the discussion included: diversity of majors and diversity of courses offered, small class size, course costs (“inexpensive” or “affordable” were determined to be a much better words to use than “cheapest”), the fact that Eastern Illinois University has a residential campus and students are safe, ability for students to work and interact with faculty, reputation for our Teachers Education programs, comfortable feel of campus, a variety of viewpoints and cultural backgrounds are tolerated and encouraged, and Eastern Illinois University’ size – large enough to offer a variety, yet small enough that you know your students and faculty when crossing campus
  - b. *What can we do to enhance students’ experiences at EIU?* One-to-one faculty-student interactions, small group mentoring, increasing community and campus interactions, increased experiential learning, increased internship possibilities, increased study abroad, Honors College, increasingly state-of-the-art technology in the classrooms, nurture the already good graduate programs, and expect more from the students.
  - c. *What is the profile of the student best served by EIU?* The 18 – 22 years olds are typical, should have good writing and speaking skills, should be able to interact with faculty, must still provide opportunity for first generation students, must be well prepared if transferring in, Eastern Illinois University should emphasize that our programs have merit and we should consider ourselves a public Ivy League school, and we should emphasize the academic quality of the institution rather than the low cost (the web pages were identified as potentially poor first impressions for students and parents owing to too many links and cluttered appearance and they are not academically focused and buildings are in poor shape and some, like Old Main, are dark and dingy). Provost Lord stated that he would like to go on the record as stating that Eastern Illinois University does not emphasize “cheapness.” We must live with the current buildings for a long time, but academic expectations are under our control, not the Capital Development Board’s.
  - d. *If the Capital Development Board approved funding for EIU to construct two structures, what should be built?* Concerning buildings in general, there was a consensus that many of the buildings are in great need of repair and maintenance. Repairs are made, but the cosmetic repairs need to be done after major repairs (e.g., after a leak is repaired, the ceiling tiles should be replaced). Funding is being raised by Athletic Director McDuffie for an addition to the second floor over the east wing of Lantz. Other buildings that should be built include a new sciences building, a multicultural building, a child care building, repairing Coleman Hall, repairing both sciences (Life and Physical), replacing the cooling system, and a dedicated high technology and classroom building.
  - e. *Consider this wishful thinking ... If EIU had a magic lamp that would grant three wishes to campus, what should those wishes be and why?* Increased funding (potentially through increased tuition), a student body with increased academic ability, become known for our academic programs, increased town and university interactions, a paradigm shift from the vocational attitude to a critical thinking attitude, increased faculty involvement, increased student involvement, and better communication with the public.
- C. Motion (Allison / Comerford): With regard to Eastern Illinois University’s search for a men’s basketball coach and for all subsequent university-wide searches, the Faculty Senate recommends

following usual and customary procedures, including timely release of candidates' names before candidates arrival on campus for interviews." Motion has been postponed until next week's meeting.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Motion by Senator Wolski (Stimac) "With the hope of increasing faculty participation in the election process and in order to allow the greatest number of faculty the chance to vote in elections, the Faculty Senate encourages the vice-chair of Faculty Senate to investigate methods of holding electronic elections." Motion postponed until next week's meeting.
- B. Motion by Senator Wolski (Stimac) "In order to be elected to any position during a faculty election, the minimum number of votes needed to be elected is ten percent of the votes cast for that position." Motion postponed until next week's meeting.
- C. "What is our vision for EIU?" (Focus and Discussion to be grounded in specifics of CUPB's "SWOT" document and the Senate's Forum Reports).

**VII. Adjournment at 2:25 p.m.**

**Future Agenda Items:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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