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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR April 10, 2001 (Vol. XXX, No. 27)

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I. Call to order by James Tidwell at 2:02 p.m. (Conference Room, 2540 Buzzard Hall)

Present: R. Benedict, J. Best, D. Brandt, G. Canivez, J. Dilworth, C. Eberly, P. Fewell, B. Fischer, F. Fraker, N. Greer, J. Tidwell, B. Young, and A. Zahlan. Excused: W. Addison Absent: M. Toosi Guests: J. Ryan, L. Wall, J. Bishop

II. Approval of the minutes of April 3, 2001.

Motion (Canivez/Fischer) to approve the minutes of April 3, 2001. Yes: Best, Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fischer, Fraker, Greer, Tidwell, and Zahlan. Abstain: Benedict and Fewell **Passed.**

III. Communications

- A. Memo from Dean Lanham concerning 2001-02 Library Calendar--April 4, 2001
- B. Memo from Julia Abell concerning EIU Fact Sheet 2000- April 2, 2001
- C. E-mail from Acting VPER concerning search committee for WEIU Station Manager--April 9, 2001
- D. E-mail from Jon Laible, EIU Foundation, indicating "there will be \$67,500 available for Redden Fund grants for the Improvement of Undergraduate Instruction this year. Last year the amount was \$63,000."

IV. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Tidwell: State of the Campus Address. Tidwell: President Surles' address is sponsored by the Faculty Senate. He suggested Tuesday, April 27, 20001, at 4:00 p.m., just after the Senate meeting. Tidwell is arranging a meeting with the Senate Executive Committee and President Surles.

2. Nominations: Canivez has the names of ten faculty volunteers so far to serve on appointed boards and councils for 2001-2002. He expressed pleasure about the response. Tidwell will place the list of vacancies for councils and boards on the Faculty Senate website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~FacSen>). The deadline to volunteer is Friday, April 22, 2001. Faculty members can indicate their interest to serve on a council or board by contacting James Tidwell, cfjat@eiu.edu.

3. Elections: Elections: Wednesday-Thursday, April 11-12, 2001. Fischer distributed a list of the voting booth monitors for the Union Walkway and the revised elections slate that he placed on the faculty listserv at noon today. We now have seven people running for Senate, and also filled the vacancy for the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee in COBAS. It was a good move to postpone approval of the slate last week. Fischer explained voting procedures to the Senate. Ballots are to be placed in the ballot box unfolded. Best requested a separate list of Graduate Faculty be available to check for eligibility to vote for the Council of Graduate Studies positions. Tidwell: Please encourage faculty members to stop through the Union Walkway to vote since the ballot box has been moved to the second floor due to construction.

4. Student-Faculty Relations: no report

5. Faculty-Staff Relations: no report

6. VPAA Search Committee: Best: The final candidate will arrive later today, with his sessions tomorrow. Attendance has had some variability. Please complete evaluation forms as soon as possible.

7. VPBA Search Committee: Tidwell: Interviews for the Vice President of Business Affairs begin next week. We need to attend these sessions as well. Zahlan: Make sure to ask questions about the heating and cooling problems in buildings. The construction work near the classrooms is also a problem. I was particularly unhappy about the noisy truck and the tree-trimming going on outside Coleman Hall this morning.

8. CAA Taskforce-- French Fraker: The last meeting is scheduled for Friday. We have a copy available that I hope is a final draft of the report.

9. Electronic Grade Book Committee- French Fraker: No report

10. Steering Committee for Technology Enhanced and Delivered Education: Tidwell: We held another meeting today. We are still working through the issues, and discussed media services today. Tidwell did mention the Senate concern about the slowness of the deliberation process. Zahlan: What about the business of faculty members voting on the TEDE Committee? Tidwell: Yes, we are voting. Since we had already voted in the TEDE Grant situation, by past practice that is the way it has to be.

11. Search Committee for Director of Greek Life--Norman Greer: Candidates are on campus today, tomorrow, and next week.

12. Search Committee for Director of Housing and Dining Services--Charles Eberly. Candidates are on campus April 18, 19, 20, and 23. Eberly will send bios to Senators via campus mail.

13. Ad Hoc Calendar Committee-Mary Hogg. The committee has made recommendations that will be sent to the President's Council. They have suggested that fall commencement be moved to the Saturday after finals, among other modifications.

14. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee--Bill Addison.

a. Nominations deadline--4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2001

b. Committee Members -- Bill Addison, Jean Dilworth, Gary Canivez (Faculty Senate); Richard Keiter (President's Appointee); Bryan Dombrowski (Undergraduate Student); Emily Sanders (Graduate Student); and Jeannie Walters (Alumni)

Tidwell was not aware of the nominations thus far submitted.

15. Other Committees: Textbook Rental: Fischer: The committee has made a number of policy changes that Fischer distributed in draft form to the Senate. If they are approved, faculty members can spend up to \$100 for textbooks for a graduate class. The committee will vote on the changes by the end of this semester. Tidwell: I will place this on the agenda for the next week.

B. Achievement and Contribution Awards Selection Committee: Tidwell: Senate has to submit two names to the Provost's office. Do we have any volunteers? The work is done in the fall. Benedict and Brandt volunteered to serve. **Motion: (Dilworth/Fischer) to approve Benedict and Brandt as the Faculty Senate nominees to the 2001 Achievement and Contribution Awards Committee.** Vote: Best, Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fewell, Fischer, Fraker, Greer, Tidwell, Young, Zahlan, and Benedict. **PASSED.**

C. Reception for Retiring Faculty Members: Tidwell: Mrs. Gorrell has not yet given me a response about spending money for gifts to the faculty. Fewell: What about a joint reception with UPI? Zahlan: It is going to be at Friends, is that an issue? Tidwell: I don't have a problem with that. I will talk with the UPI President. Now, what about the pen sets? Fewell: It is only right to acknowledge them with a small token of appreciation from the institution. Tidwell: I will continue to pursue that. The money has to come out of the President's office.

D. Report on meeting of statewide Senate Chairs--Fischer. I met with chairs from the public universities at Illinois State University, and 9 of 12 showed up. SIUC expressed interest but was unable to attend. Governors State and Chicago State were the only ones that did not show up. We worked on a memo presenting a unified viewpoint to the legislature. We decided that it was a good idea to have a central group for all the public universities called The Council of Illinois University Senates (CIUS). We discussed shared governance on campus. Most campuses that have been in turmoil do not have upper administrators there very long. The average President spends 3.2 years in Illinois, and is gone. The same is true for other upper administrators. There were a couple of exceptions. UIC has a University Advisory Board that meets with the Board of Trustees to provide input related to faculty thinking. ISU had a faculty hour during the board meeting. Best: An example of a poor practice is the chancellor search at the UIUC campus. Fischer: We decided that we need a mission statement for the group related to educating the IBHE and the board of Trustees on faculty issues in public institutions. Best: There is a council of faulty

people who meet once a year, what is that? Tidwell: That is the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee. Fischer: Once we agree on an issue, we would present a two-fold approach to communication: to work on your campus and in the bigger picture within the legislature and other publics. They envision two meetings a year, with most of the work done by e-mail. There will be no chair. On most campuses, the Chair of Faculty Senate is voted upon by the whole campus, with terms of office of two to three years. Tidwell: We did have an office at one point, but gave it up because we did not use it. Fischer: Most of the work will be done by ad hoc committees, with one or two issues a year serving as focal points. The organization of Faculty Senates across the state varies widely. I think ISU really has the ball in their court. We will meet there all the time, and ISU will serve as the main office for the group. They are also willing to do the website, and it is totally backed by their President. He was an incredibly bright guy. He had some neat ideas. Zahlan: Were you not worried that this was overly sponsored by the ISU administration? Fischer: No, I did not. I think he saw it as a way for his Senate to be in the lead. They plan to formulate a position on an issue, then go to each Senate, and would like to see us endorse it at the campus level, then disseminate the document to IBHE, University boards, legislature, lobbying efforts, etc. They also will be working to build coalitions with other groups. This group (CIUS) will be meeting with all the Illinois University presidents early in the summer. Fraker: Where will the money come from to support this? Fischer: ISU is willing to do so. After lunch, we discussed issues that are important to people. Among the topics were money sent to private versus public universities, domestic partners, SURS, distance education, faculty being on the BOT, the IAI and still trying to make it seamless, lack of student preparation for college despite the State of Illinois' recent ratings, administrative hiring policies and evaluation of administrators. The two issues for the coming year are Faculty serving on Boards of Trustees, and Money to Private and Public universities. Two committees were put together and I volunteered Tidwell for one of them. It was a productive, well-run meeting. Fraker: Was there any discussion about making lobbying a more unified effort? Fischer: Yes, there was, but public universities are fighting each other for dollars. Best: Is this a step backward to a model like the former Board of Governors? Fewell: The faculty member on the board is a good idea. Fraker: If we can speak with a unified voice, there are many issues out there where we can do a lot of good, such as tuition breaks for members of faculty families. Fischer: They would like a formal endorsement of the formation of this group. **Motion: (Benedict/Fraker) to approve the inclusion of the EIU Senate in the Council of Illinois University Senates.** Vote: Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fewell, Fischer, Fraker, Greer, Tidwell, Young, Zahlan, Benedict, and Best. **Passed.**

Tidwell: What is the budget projection for this fiscal year? Wall: They are looking at it right now. Heating was higher. We should know at the next UPC meeting.

V. New Business

A. Search Committee for WEIU Station Manager: Tidwell: VPER Nilsen called yesterday to request a member. The plan is for this committee to do its work this summer. Do we have a Senate volunteer for a member, or should we place a call in the minutes?

Search Committee for WEIU Station Manager. Anyone interested in serving on the Search Committee should contact James Tidwell, cfjat@eiu.edu, and x7118.

B. Conversation on Retention: Eberly: What is Senate's response to what was discussed last Thursday? Fraker: I was pleased with how well attended it was. I'm not sure that it came to any focus, and I know that it did not come to any conclusions. Best: CAA will have a reaction, and the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee will have a response. As a faculty member, I am not so sure we have a retention problem any more. The issue that became clearer from the study was that I'm not sure the students would have come back from any school. We may not be looking at people who are that retainable. Until we get an answer to that question, then we can go forward. Canivez: The return rate from the study was so small that I don't know if one could trust the data from the study. Wall: We have a lot of Pre-majors such as pre-medicine, pre-law, etc., where the major is not here. Now we need to go further with focus groups, etc. Fraker: This is not a retention issue; it is a budget and planning issue. What can we rely upon and how can we plan for the budget? Wall: We need an appropriate number; what do we want to be, and we do not know. Fraker: A second thing is not to get caught in the student satisfaction trap. There ought to be a separate committee where the dissatisfaction of students can be taken and have an ear. I don't discount the issue, but there should be a place for students to go to respond to student concerns.

Tidwell: What about next week with Dr. Sanders here? I suggested to Greer that we address distance education and public/private funding of education. I suspect we will have a big crowd here.

VI. Adjourn: Greer 3:07 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

A. Dr. Keith Sanders, executive Director of IBHE, will meet with the Senate April 17, 2001.

C. Senate sponsorship of an International Tea--April 25, 2001, 2-4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles G. Eberly, Recorder