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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 13 October 2009 (Vol. XXXVIII, No. 5)

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I. Call to order by Chair John Pommier at 2:00pm. (Booth Library Conference Room)

Present: J. Best, A. Brownson, J. Coit, M. Fero, A. Methven, R. Murray, K. Padmaraju, J. Pommier, D. Van Gunten, D. Viertel, A. White, M. Worthington, S. Lambert. Excused: M.-L. Li, M. Mulvaney, J. Russell.

Guests: Courtney Bruner (DEN), Grant Sterling (CAA), Jeff Cross (Associate VP, Academic Affairs), Derek Markley (Special Assistant to the President); Gary Reed (Director of Facilities Planning and Management)

II. Approval of the Minutes of 29 September 2009

Motion to Approve: Brownson, White. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

IV. Communications

- a. Email of 30 September, from Les Hyder, re: MAP Resolution
- b. Email of 30 September, from Philip Howze, re: MAP Resolution
- c. Email of 30 September, from Les Hyder, re: MAP Resolution
- d. Email of 30 September, from Les Hyder, re: MAP Resolution
- e. Email of 30 September, from Les Hyder, re: MAP Resolution
- f. Email of 30 September, from Dan Nadler, re: Faculty Senate
- g. Memorandum of 5 October, from Jill Owen, re: NCAA Athletics Recertification Process and Self-Study
- h. Email of 8 October, from Philip Howze, re: MAP Resolution
- i. Email of 9 October, from Tih-Fen Ting, re: MAP Resolution
- j. Email of 9 October, from Michael Leddy, re: Textbook Rental marketing, loud music
discuss in future business/acknowledgement to AD re: music
buying books should not be described as a hassle/supplemental readings; letter to TRS
- h. Email of 13 October, from Les Hyder, re: Career and college readiness standards in English and Mathematics

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: no report
2. Nominations Committee: no report
3. Elections Committee: Van Gunten reported that elections are underway and, end 10/14 at 4pm. The Council on Graduate Studies will need a replacement for Chris Hanlon, who is going on sabbatical in Spring 2010. Van Gunten said she is working down the list of alternates for the position.
4. Faculty—Student Relations Committee: no report
5. Faculty—Staff Relations Committee: no report
6. Faculty Forum Committee: The Forum has been set for 11/17, in the Charleston Mattoon room, MLK Union, 2-4pm. Padmaraju noted the committee will follow up with Dean Irwin to draft moderators from among the faculty slated to represent EIU at the upcoming integrative learning conference.
7. Other Reports
 - a. Provost's Report: The search committee for the VPUA has ranked candidates to invite to campus visits.
 - b. Budget Transparency Committee: no report

c. Bylaws Committee:

d. Awards Committee: No nominations have come in to date for the Mendez Award. The deadline is Friday, 10/16, at 4pm.

VI. New Business

Murray (Methven) moved to approve a Resolution in Support of MAP Grant funding. After minor modifications, the motion passed unanimously.

Markley delivered a brief report on an initiative to improve campus efficiency from the Council on University Planning and Budget. After meeting last spring with CUPB, Markley stated suggestions on how to improve efficiency and contain costs were solicited the campus community. Responses were taken to the President's Council, discussed, and assigned to the respective Vice Presidents. Markley stated a full report would be given at the CUPB meeting 10/23. He stated that the idea was not to create a list of mandates, but to let the community think creatively, and make this an educational opportunity.

Markley offered some broad categories of suggestions. Lighting: questions were asked about staggered lighting, energy efficient bulbs, and more extensive use of natural light. Markley stated EIU has natural light sensors in some buildings, but did not know if an audit of energy efficient bulb usage has been done. He noted that staggered lighting would be a pretty big undertaking, because different departments and employees have different needs. Paper: Markley stated that people want us to look at communication, how we use paper, and use electronic formats wherever possible. In some cases, for example payroll, paper distribution is mandated. Energy: Markley mentioned the use of motion sensors. Markley noted EIU has 10,000 computers, and the Business Affairs office has stated they can quantify how much you save.

Pommier asked about faculty involvement, and whether could faculty have done more to contribute to the project. Markley stated he believed a pretty broad representation across campus had participated.

Murray asked if the initiative was coordinated with sustainability groups on campus? Markley said he did not know, but it would be a great suggestion if they are not doing it now.

Markley other facts: Done all this through ESCO? Funded through energy savings, not through tuition or fees. First was lighting and HVAC 1995, \$600; 2001, water usage over \$1 million, power, steam, water. Phase 2 with chiller 5.3 million gallons; phase 4 Renew energy center. Along with REC a laundry list of conservation measures across campus. Coal consumption reduced by %45 energy by 20, water by? CO2 by 28%. Cost containment and energy savings go hand in hand. Get these from Dean

Brownson asked if many EIU buildings still have single-pane windows. Markley said while some windows have been replaced, no campus-wide assessment has been done.

Gary Reed discussed the campus Steam Plant, slated to be replaced by the Renewable Energy Center. In the early 1980s the plant was converted to burn Illinois coal. By 2000 the equipment used to capture emissions had deteriorated, and in 2001 the EPA threatened to sue EIU for emissions. FPM looked at a coal-based solution. In 2006 when the coal pulled out from the project, FPM began investigating a plant using a renewable energy source. The Renewable Energy Center will burn gasified two-inch woodchips in an environmentally friendly manner. Last week EIU closed on the bonds to fund construction, and soon the project will be underway.

Reed stated that FPM has installed a new gas boiler in the current steam plant to provide some reliability over the next couple of heating seasons. He noted the new boiler will be relocated to the new place, once the new plant is commissioned.

Reed noted that, because of the process needed to clean coal emissions added in the 1980s, some very noxious chemicals were pumped in areas students commonly walk through. Thus students were walking near these very acidic chemicals. The new location will not have the same liability.

White asked what will happen to the old plant? Reed noted that part of the building, pollution control, will be leveled. He stated that the original building on 7th street is historic and must be retained in some form. There is roughly 28,000 square feet of space for offices or other uses.

Pommier noted that goal of tour of the plant was to begin thinking about how the remodeling of this building could serve EIU best. He suggested that faculty focus on how the process might enhance academic programs at Eastern. He noted that the design of the Renewable Energy Center was modified to include different technologies to feed back into academic programs.

Viertel asked if there are costs associated with decommissioning the plant. Reed state that those costs are included in the budget for the new plant, but that there are no residual hazardous materials left in the steam plant aside from a very small amount asbestos which was encapsulated and retained after an asbestos abatement.

VII. Adjournment at 2:55 to tour the Power Plant

Future Agenda items:

President's Council, Affordability

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Coit
October 16, 2009