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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 23 February 2010 (Vol. XXXVIII, No. 12)

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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, F. Mullins, M. Mulvaney, R. Murray, J. Pommier, J. Russell, D. Van Gunten, D. Viertel, A. White, M. Worthington, A. Boyd. Excused: A. Rosenstein, S. Lambert.

Guests: Kristen DeVito (Human Resources), Amy Edwards (Planning and Institutional Research), Julie Benedict (Human Resources Training and Development), Michael Hoadley (CATS/Asst. VP for Technology), Diane Jackman (Dean of CEPS), Bonnie Irwin (Dean of Honors College), Bob Augustine (Dean of Graduate School), Mary Anne Hanner (Dean of COS), Diane Hoadley (Dean of LCBAS), Grant Sterling (CAA), Erica Whelan (DEN), Blair Lord (Provost/VPAA), William Weber (VPBA), Mary Herrington-Perry (Asst. VP/Academic Affairs), Amir Prellberg (DEN).

II. Approval of the Minutes of 26 January 2010

Senator Brownson (Methven) moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements

- a. Faculty Senate / UPI Faculty Retirement Reception, 20 April, Tarble Arts Center Atrium, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

IV. Communications

- a. Email of 27 January, from Jeff Cross, re: Renewable Energy Center Academic Projects RFP
- b. Email of 3 February, from William Weber, re: Interim Assistant Vice President for Information Technology Services
- c. Report of 4 February, from Gail Richard, re: Intercollegiate Athletic Board
- d. Report of 8 February, from Illinois University Presidents and Chancellors, re: Payment of State Appropriations
- e. Report of 9 February, from Amy Edwards, re: 2009 EIU Fact Sheet
- f. Email of February from Doug Brandt, re: Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee:

2. Nominations Committee: Senator Worthington stated that the Senate's bylaws have not reflected changes in campus committees. She proposed the bylaws be changed to reflect committees to which Senate actually appoints members. Worthington (Viertel) moved to amend the bylaws (text of the amendment is appended to the end of the minutes). Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Pommier asked if Worthington had developed a proposal to keep the Nominations chair in contact with the committee chairs, and asked if such a proposal should be added to the bylaws. Vice Chair Van Gunten stated that it is too labor intensive to email chairs to update them on current nominations, when that information is available on the Senate website. Worthington stated that she had difficulty tracking down chairs for each committee. Pommier stated that it is the appointed faculty member's responsibility to notify the chair of their appointment. Worthington noted that in the past Senate has notified faculty members but we haven't notified chairs. Van Gunten stated that Senate should follow up with new appointments in the fall because new chairs of committees may be chosen in the fall. Pommier asked what the Nominations chair should do about chairs that are unaware of new appointments or are not faculty, noting the example of a communication from a chair who was unaware of any appointees to his committee since 2005-2006. Van Gunten stated she believed it's the chair's job to stay informed of Senate appointments. Worthington noted that it is hard to find out who to contact for many committees. Pommier suggested the announcement of appointments should go beyond faculty. Van Gunten asked if Senate could

formulate a list of committees, for example, Student Standards, which are housed with a specific administrator? Van Gunten and Worthington agreed to come up with a plan.

3. Elections Committee: Van Gunten proposed that election petitions be due Friday March 5, 4pm, and the list of candidates would be published in the March 9 minutes. She proposed that elections will occur March 30-31, and since Senate will not meet again until first week of April, the call for nomination could go out along with elections results with the April 6 minutes. Senator Murray (Brownson) moved to accept the proposed dates for Faculty Elections. Motion passed unanimously. Van Gunten stated that the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities have many open seats in this election.

4. Faculty—Student Relations Committee: no report

5. Faculty—Staff Relations Committee: no report

6. Faculty Forum Committee:

7. Other Reports

a. Provost's Report

Provost Lord stated that he met earlier today with the search committee for a new WEIU General Manager. James Tidwell (Journalism) is chairing the committee, the new manager would start May 1. He stated that faculty searches are moving ahead, and have been concluded in number of departments.

Pommier asked if faculty teaching off-campus over the summer are paid at the overload rate. Lord stated that if the course is offered off-campus through the School of Continuing Education it's compensated at the overload rate, unless it is offered on the Tuition Recover Model or on "the glide." Online are paid at the overload rate unless the course is part of an online degree program.

b. Budget Transparency Committee: no report

c. Bylaws Committee:

d. Awards Committee: Senator Russell stated that the Distinguished Faculty Award committee has been appointed. It consists of Russell, Senator Viertel, Senator White, Roger Beck (appointed by President Perry), Julie Sterling (appointed by the Alumni Association), Issac Sandige (the graduate student representative, appointed by Student Senate), and Carissa Coon (the undergraduate representative from Student Senate). The committee will meet March 9 and hopes to bring its recommendation to that day's Faculty Senate meeting. Senator White asked Senator Coit about a difficulty a member had with the nomination form. Coit suggested they contact CATS or ITS. White stated that the committee has contacted all the professors who were nominated for the award last year and asked if they wanted to update their files for this year.

e. Other: Pommier noted that there has been discussion regarding a resolution being forwarded through Article XIII of the Faculty Constitution, although no such petition has been forwarded to the Senate. Pommier stated that from the Executive Committee's interpretation of Article XIII the petition signatories will remain confidential. Van Gunten asked if there was a requirement for the signatures to be confidential. Pommier said there was not a requirement. Pommier stated that the Executive Committee would verify the signatures, and noted he had been asked about Senate shredding the petition. Pommier noted that he had received advice that the Senate could not shred the petition from James Tidwell (Journalism) and Rob Miller, University Counsel.

Best asked if is there any place allocated keep Faculty Senate records secure. Best noted that Senate would be required to keep records of any executive sessions until the Senate voted to make them public.

Pommier asked Senate committee chairs to create documents outlining the procedures they follow for their main tasks, to give to future chairs. The information will be collected at Senate's summer session.

Writing Intensive Graduation requirement: Pommier noted that Tim Taylor, director of Writing Across the Curriculum asked us to consider a resolution in support of the change. Senator Coit (Murray) made a motion to approve the following statement of support for the change: "Faculty Senate supports the addition of a Writing Intensive requirement for graduation as proposed by Writing Across the Curriculum at Faculty Senate's February 9, 2010, session." Van Gunten asked if the Writing Intensive criteria make any provision for the professional writing that CEPS students do, noting that she was aware of a discussion at the CEPS curriculum committee which indicated that professional writing in upper division education courses isn't considered appropriate for a Writing Intensive or Writing Centered course, possibly because lesson planning is not expository or narrative writing. Senator Murray stated that the work done in writing intensive courses doesn't have to qualify for the writing portfolio. Van Gunten asked how will those courses be determined going forward, and what criteria have been established for the kinds of writing

which count toward the 35% requirement for writing intensive. Murray stated that the 35% can be exams, or any kind of professional writing. Van Gunten asked who would decide if a course could be listed as WI/WC? Murray stated CAA would ultimately decide. Van Gunten stated that she did not know what the requirements courses must meet to be approved for WI/WC. Mary Herrington-Perry stated that on the CAA course proposal format, you'll see the definitions. They are that 35% of the course grade must be writing, and it must include at least one opportunity for revision. Van Gunten stated that revision assumes expository writing. Murray stated that there are many ways that revision can be incorporated into assignments. Russell stated she echoed some concerns from CEPS, in particular what impact the change would have on transfer students, and said she believed the proposal did not have things clear cut, and was concerned that the change would prolong students' programs. Russell stated she was concerned that the change would affect enrollments, and that there haven't been answers how this change would happen, and what the transition would look like. White stated he had voiced some concerns about the effects of the change on the Math department, and since the last meeting had talked to several faculty members. White stated he didn't find anyone who was particularly enthusiastic about the change, one said flat out no, and like I said to Dr. Taylor the change would cause some resentment in some departments. Coit noted that the vast majority of students are already meeting this requirement, which suggests that the issue could be dealt with through advising rather than course revision. Coit asked Russell if she would detail the areas she believed were not addressed in Taylor's proposal. Russell stated that she heard Taylor say that conceivably departments would have to go back and to revise syllabi, and that's not going to be a reality for fall 2010. Russell stated she wondered who is going to be making the decisions about writing intensive courses, and how will that discussion go through. Best stated that Russell was making excellent points if you talk about rewriting syllabi, it might require a revision of the articulation agreement. Best compared the proposal to the proposal to increase the foreign language requirement, and stated he believed this is another plan that sounds great but the implications of it are problematic, and that there are valid questions that we don't have some answers for. Herrington-Perry stated that she commissioned the data, and stated that CAA has data from the last four graduating class, and data which also show how many transfer students completed requirement. Senator Methven noted that pre-nursing students in Biological Sciences, who transfer into nursing after two years, have had difficulty registering for courses due to the Electronic Writing Portfolio, and wondered if this proposal would create similar issues. Herrington-Perry stated that since the proposal is for a graduation requirement she didn't see how they'd be affected.

Motion fails 6-7 (one abstention). Voting yes: Coit, Mulvaney, Murray, Pommier, Viertel, Worthington. Voting no: Best, Brownson, Fero, Methven, Russell, Van Gunten, White. Abstain: Mullins.

VI. New Business

Strategic Planning. Bill Weber led Senators in a planning exercise in preparation for a full-fledged strategic plan next year. Senators listed on post-its up to 10 issues which would affect EIU in the next 10 years, and posted them in the year they believed they would affect the university. Senators then discussed the major themes which emerged, ranked these in order of importance, and discussed surprises in the themes. The exercise was intended to begin a conversation about themes Senators believe are important to the next 10 years of the University. The Dean's Council performed a similar exercise recently.

Major Themes: online learning and technology; funding from state other sources; paying for college, and affordability; changing demographics among students/faculty, with possible retirements, and globalization; University facilities and infrastructure generally; changes in the educational experience, different competencies, erosion of traditional departments, interdisciplinarity.

Surprises: little discussion about the accelerating pace of change, and its effects on career preparation; most Senators weren't able to think past 2015; little discussion of how the university might demonstrate why you need funding from state or federal governments; several Senators mentioned President Perry's retirement; no discussion of accessibility on campus, or veterans' concerns.

VII. Adjournment at 3:56pm

Future Agenda items:

Budget Transparency, Landscape Master Plan

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Coit
March 7, 2010

Faculty Senate By-laws amendment: Nominations Committee

Old by-law (II B. 2):

The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for the nomination of bargaining-unit faculty members for the following Faculty Committees and Student-Faculty Boards: Apportionment Board, Affirmative Action Advisory Board, Campus Recreation Board, Environmental Health & Safety Committee, Financial Aid Appeals Committee, Health Service Committee, IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Board, Judicial Board, Library Advisory Board, Multicultural Affairs Board, Parking Advisory Committee, Performing Arts Board, Publications Board, Radio-TV Board, Textbook Library Advisory Committee, University Union Advisory Board.

Proposed amendment to by-law (II B. 2):

The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for the nomination of bargaining-unit faculty members for the following Faculty Committees and Student-Faculty Boards: Academic Technology Advisory Committee, Achievement and Contribution Award Committee, Apportionment Board, Continuing Education Advisory Council, EIU Classical Music Artist Series Committee, Environmental Health & Safety Committee, Enrollment Management Advisory Committee, Faculty Development Advisory Committee, Financial Aid / Grants Committee, Health Services Advisory Board, IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee, Institutional Review Board on Human Subjects in Research, Intercollegiate Athletics Board, Library Advisory Board, Parking Advisory Committee, Parking Appeals Committee, Philanthropy Communications Committee, Proposal Initiative Fund Counsel, Publications Board, Radio-Television Center Board, Records and Registration Advisory Committee, Research & Creative Activity Advisory Board, Sports and Recreation Board, Student Government External Relations Committee, Student Standards Board, Student Success Center Advisory Committee, Textbook Rental Advisory Committee, Tuition & Fees Review Committee, University Union Advisory Board.