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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 2 September 2008 (Vol. XXXVII, No. 2)

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Call to Faculty: Faculty interested in being nominated, and potentially serving, on the search committee for the Vice President for Business Affairs should contact Ann Brownson (aebrownson@eiu.edu) before **Monday, 8 September, at 12-noon.** Faculty Senate will submit four names from which one will be chosen to serve.

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

Present: J. Best, A. Brownson, J. Coit, M. Fero, R. Hoberman, B. Joyce, M.-L. Li, K. Padmaraju, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, A. White, and M. Worthington. Excused: J. Russell. Absent: B. Joyce and R. Murray.
Guests: B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), M. Hanner (Dean, COS), J. Lynch (Associate Dean, CAH), and G. Sterling (CAA representative).

II. Approval of Minutes of 26 August.

Approval of the Minutes of 22 August (Coit / Padamaraju) with correction – Yes: Best, Brownson, Coit, Fero, Li, Padamaraju, Pommier, Stimac, Van Gunten, White, and Worthington. Abstain: Hoberman.

III. Announcements

- A. 11th Annual Fall Convocation will be held this evening, 2 September, in the University Grand Ballroom at 7 PM. Faculty are asked to gather in their regalia at 6:15 PM in the University Ballroom.
- B. The Annual New Faculty Reception, co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate, is being held on Tuesday, 16 September, from 4 – 5:30 PM in the Tarble Fine Arts Center.

IV. Communications

- A. Email of 26 August from Les Hyder, re: Amethyst Initiative.
- B. Email of 2 September from Kathy Bower, re: CAA's reconsideration of the foreign language requirement.
- C. Email of 2 September, re: additional faculty member needed on Apportionment Board.

V. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports
 1. Executive Committee: no report.
 2. Nominations Committee: Senator Van Gunten indicated that a faculty member is needed to serve on the Apportionment Board. Senator Stimac stated that the AB has typically met at 7 PM on Thursday evenings in the past.
 3. Elections Committee: Senator Brownson indicated that the position on CFR will be filled by Henry Owen. She also indicated that records are being reviewed and faculty members being contact in order to fill Senator Joyce's one-year leave and Senator Russell's one semester leave from Faculty Senate.
 4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: Senator Fero indicated that Student Senate has been contacted and that she is waiting for them to contact her back.
 5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report.
 6. Faculty Forum Committee: Senator Padmajaru indicated that her committee is preparing a statement to go into the *University Newsletter*.
- B. Other Reports
 1. Provost's Report: Provost Lord indicated that the first week of classes went smoothly. Provost Lord indicated that the Special Assistant to the President position, an entirely new position, has approximately 40 – 50 completed applications thus far. The person filling the position will help the President write speeches and in report writing. The Provost again asked that faculty interested in potentially serving on the VPBA search committee submit their names to the Faculty Senate. Senate will submit four names to the Provost.

2. Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
3. Awards Committee: no report.
4. By-laws Committee: no report.

V. New Business

- A. Doudna Fine Arts Center visit. Associate Dean Lynch gave senators an hour-long tour of the newly opened Doudna Fine Arts Center. All the senators were very impressed with the new facility and greatly expanded capabilities of the new and renovated spaces. The tour lasted until 3:20 PM.

VI. Adjournment at 2:17 p.m. for tour of the Doudna Fine Arts Center with Associate Dean Lynch.

Future Agenda Items: By-laws, Enrollment Management, President's Council, Capital Campaign, Athletics, CATS, Faculty Benefits, Faculty Forum, Research, Greening of Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac

Tentative Faculty Senate Schedule – Fall 2008

26 August	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Appointments
2 September	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Doudna Tour
9 September	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Enrollment Management
23 September	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	President's Council
7 October	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Athletic Director
21 October	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	CATS
4 November	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Faculty Benefits
11 November	Fall Faculty Forum – University Ballroom	Fall Faculty Forum
18 November	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Research
9 December	Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440	Green Campus

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