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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 10 February 2009 (Vol. XXXVII, No. 12)

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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, M.-L. Li, F. Mullins, R. Murray, K. Padmaraju, J. Pommier, J. Russell, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, A. White, M. Worthington, and J. Alexander.

Guests: B. Lord (Provost and Vice President), J. Cross (Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs), M.A.

Hanner (Dean, College of Sciences), J. Allison (UPI), L. Page (UPI), M. Smith (*Daily Eastern News* reporter).

II. Approval of Minutes of 27 January.

Approval of the Minutes of 27 January as corrected – Yes: Best, Brownson, Coit, Fero, Li, Murray, Padmaraju, Pommier, Russell, Van Gunten, White, and Worthington. Abstain: Hoberman, Mullins, and Stimac.

III. Announcements

- A. Student Representative Jackie Alexander announced the Student's Distinguished Professor Award – an award conceived by the students and voted upon by the students. Applications are due by 3 April and up to 3 awards per college will be made. A plaque award and dinner will occur in late April. Chair Pommier thank Alexander for the excellent work that the Student Government is doing and said that being recognized by one's students is a great honor for faculty.

IV. Communications

- A. Email of 28 January from John Stimac, re: Special Election for UPI position.
B. Email of 5 February from Barbara Burke, re: Intercollegiate Athletics Board report.
B. Email of 9 February from Carol Miller, re: Textbook Rental Service Advisory Committee.
C. Email of 9 February from John Allison, re: Faculty Forum.
D. Email of 9 February from Charles Delman, re: Faculty Forum.

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: no report.
2. Nominations Committee: no report.
3. Elections Committee: Senator Brownson informed the Senate that a Special Election shall be held electronically on 24 February. The election will be used to fill a vacant seat on the UPC for a period of 3 years. There are three people running for the position. Open positions and the nomination forms are attached at the end of these minutes.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report.
6. Faculty Forum Committee: no report.
7. Other Reports
 - a. Provost's Report: Provost Lord reminded the Faculty Senate that the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities search and the Vice President for Business Affairs search are continuing and he encouraged all faculty to attend the open sessions when possible. The Provost stated that the university shall be going to an all-electronic catalog and wants to cease print catalogs. Senator Russell asked if chapter printing will be possible. The Provost replied that yes, chapter (college or major) printing will be possible and that improved search functions will also be available. Senator Pommier asked how much money the University expects to save go electronic. Provost Lord estimated that approximately \$25,000 per year could be saved. In response to a question from Senator Russell, the Provost added that a small "catalog" of the basic University rules will continue to be printed and used in recruiting.
 - b. Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
 - c. Bylaws Committee: no report

- d. Awards Committee: Senator Russell stated that the committee had met. Material will be posted shortly in the *University Newsletter* and that it is currently on the Faculty Senate web site. Nominations will be due by 6 March. Senator White informed the Senate that the committee is still in need of one alumni member and one student member. Dean Hanner suggested that the committee forward a request to Steve Rich, Alumni Services, for the alumni member. Senator Hoberman added that the President's Office should make the fourth faculty appointment to the committee. Student Representative Alexander stated that she will ask Student Representative Martin to serve if possible.
- e. Emeriti Committee: Senator Best began by stating that the report submitted by the *ad hoc* Emeriti Committee was for discussion only, it was not necessarily to be used as a recommendation to the Faculty Senate. Important points made in the document were concerning the number of years served and what "retiring from Eastern" meant. One document that the committee reviewed in its discussions was the Irrevocable Election to Retire from Eastern Illinois University form (www.eiu.edu/~humanres/forms/irrevocable.pdf) and that IGP #2 – Annuitant Privileges and Service (www.eiu.edu/~auditing/IGP/policy2.html) help with some of the discussion. The number of years is still a discussion point. Senator Hoberman suggested that the phrase "from Eastern Illinois University" be added to the ad hoc committee's report with regard to retirement and that the original motion be split into two. Senator Van Gunten asked about the rationale to revisit a policy decided upon by a previous Faculty Senate, but added that she would support splitting the motion. Senator Hoberman (Coit) made the motion that "*Employees who hold faculty rank in the Academic Affairs division, and who have completed at least 10 years of continuous full-time service shall, upon their retirement in good standing from Eastern Illinois University, be accorded the prerogative of appending the term "Emeritus"³ to the title they held while employed.*" Yes: Best, Brownson, Coit, Fero, Li, Murray, Padmaraju, Pommier, Russell, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Worthington. Abstain: Mullins and White. Motion passes 13-0-1. Discussion on the second recommendation made by the ad hoc committee centered on whether or not the language would be more inclusive of the previous policy passed by the Faculty Senate in 2007. Senator Van Gunten indicated that it would and Senator Best agreed. With regard to the second motion (Best/Coit) that "*Employees who hold faculty rank in the Academic Affairs division, and who have completed at least 10 years of continuous full-time service shall, upon their retirement in good standing from Eastern Illinois University, or upon their death while employed at Eastern Illinois University, be accorded the distinction of including their name on the wall of recognition with the term "Emeritus" applied.*" Yes: Best, Fero, Li, Padmaraju, Pommier, White, and Worthington. No: Coit, Hoberman, and Van Gunten. Abstain: Mullins, Murray, Russell, and Stimac. Motion passes: 8-3-4.

V. New Business

- A. John Allison and Lynanne Page, representatives from the UPI. Chair Pommier thanked John Allison and Lynanne Page from the UPC for attending the Senate meeting. Allison thanked Chair Pommier and indicated that the UPI wants to be helpful in working with Faculty Senate. Senator Padmaraju stated that tentative dates for the Spring Faculty Forum, co-sponsored with the UPI, will be either 2 or 9 March. Allison added that the UPI will help with advertisement and refreshments for the event. Possible topics for the forum could include the impact of standardized testing and quantitative assessment on academic freedom, the effect of technological differences on academic freedom, the effect of disciplinary orthodoxy on academic freedom, and what rights to academic freedom do students have. Allison indicated that he will be the primary UPI contact for the event. Senator Coit suggested that the Senate come to a consensus for the possible topics and to include suggestion in the communication folder. Allison added that breakout session should include faculty from Unit A, Unit B, and students since academic freedom was important to all groups. Chair Pommier acknowledged that this discussion was unusual for the Faculty Senate, but indicated that he wanted a topic chosen quickly and to make sure all groups understood the nature of the topic. Senator Murray suggested that academic freedom should be the umbrella topic under which the other concerns were based. Senator Padmaraju and Fero asked about the format – would a panel discussion with subsequent group discussion be appropriate. Senator Coit concurred with that format. Senators Padmaraju and Fero also stated that UPI's desire to include local teachers would be very difficult since they already have commitments during the day and there is no incentive for their attendance. It might be possible to offer some type of continuing education credit next year, but not this. Senator Fero asked if ramifications of the syllabus might also be important to the discussion. Senator Pommier asked if expeditionary learning, similar to the integration of Outward Bound in to an academic curriculum, might be included. Allison asked if the impact

of the IBHE Public Agenda should be included in the discussion. Chair Pommier indicated that Les Hyde4r will present his report from the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Faculty Senate on 24 February. Senator Coit asked what the impact of the Public Agenda would be on academic freedom. Senator Best paraphrased it as trying to match output from higher education to the expectation of the public. Page added that the forum should also include time for a discussion of the impact technology is having on academic freedom and gave an example of a student using a cellular telephone to video a discussion in her class. Senator Coit suggested that who ever is to speak on the panel be qualified. Suggested experts included James Tidwell, Bill Slough, and Michael Hoadley. Senator White suggested limits to the discussion or it would turn into a complaint session. Senator Coit (Padmaraju) made the motion that the “*Faculty Senate directs the Faculty Forum Committee, in collaboration with EIU-UPI, to plan and conduct a faculty forum focusing on the relationship between technology and academic freedom, in March 2009.*” Yes: Best, Brownson, Coit, Fero, Hoberman, Li, Mullins, Murray, Padmaraju, Pommier, Russell, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Worthington. Abstain: White. Motion passes 14-0-1.

- B. Future agenda items for next meeting will include a presentation by Cindy Boyer, Director of the Student Success Center, a presentation by Dr. Karla Sanders, Director of the Center for Academic Support and Achievement (CASA), and Dr. Rebecca Throneburg, Chair of Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning (CASL).

VI. Adjournment at 3:20 p.m.

Future Agenda Items: Financial Affairs, Student Success Center, EWP/CASL, Campus-Charleston Master Plan, Integrated Academics, and Capital Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac

January 29, 2009

Dear Faculty,

One significant way faculty members can play a role in the University's decision-making process is by serving on university committees. Through their discussions, recommendations and decisions, these committees can directly and indirectly affect the students, faculty and staff of Eastern Illinois University. Thus, at this time, the Faculty Senate would urge you to consider running for election to one of the university committees that will have openings in the Fall 2009 semester. A list of the open seats on the committees, a nomination form, and the questions to be answered by the candidates (committee specific) are attached. The nomination form and the answers to the specific committee responses to questions are due back to Ann Brownson, 1224 Booth Library by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009. Please send responses to questions via email to aebrownson@eiu.edu. The list of candidates and their personal statements will be distributed with the March 10 Faculty Senate minutes. The elections will be held on Wednesday and Thursday March 24th and 25th, via electronic ballot. Please consider running for a committee and do not forget to vote!

Sincerely,

Elections Committee
Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate 2009 Elections
(All positions are three year terms unless otherwise noted)

| <i>Council/Committee</i> | <i>#</i> | <i>Open Positions</i> | <i>Qualifications/Information</i> |
|------------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| Faculty Senate | 1 | 5 at-large | Unit A members and chairs in at least their fourth semester of employment; Meets 2 p.m. Tuesdays |
| Council on Academic Affairs | 2 | 1 at-large | Unit A members and chairs in at least their fourth semester of employment; Meets 2 p.m. Thursdays |
| | 3 | 1 from College of Education and Professional Studies | |
| | 4 | 1 from College of Arts and Humanities | |
| Council on Graduate Studies | 5 | 1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences | Graduate Faculty by College: Meets 2 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays |
| | 6 | 1 from College of Sciences | |

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| Council on Teacher Education | 7 | 1 from College of Education and Professional Studies –Special Education | Faculty by area: no department may have more than 2 reps. Meets 2 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays |
| | 8 | 1 from College of Education and Professional Studies—Departments of Kinesiology and Sports Studies/Leisure Studies/Health Studies | |
| | 9 | 1 from College of Sciences—Departments of Communication Disorders /Economics/Political Science/Psychology/Sociology/Anthropology | |
| | 10 | 1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences-Family and Consumer Sciences | |
| Council of University Planning and Budget | 11 | 1 from College of Arts and Humanities | Faculty by College; Meets 3 p.m. Fridays |
| | 12 | 1 from Counseling/Library/Media Services | |
| Admissions Appeal Review Committee | 13 | 1 from College of Arts and Humanities | Faculty by College |
| Enrollment Management Advisory Committee | 14 | 1 from College of Arts and Humanities | Faculty by College Meets 8:30 a.m. 3rd Thursday of the month |
| Sanctions and Terminations Hearing Committee | 15 | 1 at-large | Faculty by College (2 year terms, staggered) |
| | 16 | 1 from College of Education and Professional Studies | |
| | 17 | 1 from College of Sciences | |
| Academic Program Elimination Review Committee | 18 | 1 from College of Education and Professional Studies | Faculty by Area |
| Council on Faculty Research | 19 | 1 1 from College of Sciences | Unit A Faculty by College |
| | 20 | 1 from Counseling/Library/Media Services | |
| University Personnel Committee | 21 | 1 from College of Sciences | Tenured Faculty by College Meet between March 1 and April 30 each year |
| | 22 | 1 from College of Education and Professional Studies | |
| | 23 | 1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences | |
| | 24 | 1 at-large | |

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Petition for Nomination to University Councils

With the approval of the individual herein designated, we, the undersigned Unit A faculty or department chairs, do hereby nominate.....

_____ as a candidate for the
Name of Nominee

_____ in _____
Name of Council/Committee College/area (if applicable)

Position # _____

| Name | Department |
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Completed petitions must be returned to Ann Brownson, 1224 Booth Library (Periodicals Desk), by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009.

Answers to questions posed by the specific committees must be e-mailed to Ann Brownson (aebrownson@eiu.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009