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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR October 2, 2007 (Vol. XXXV, No. 27)
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Call to Faculty: Apportionment Board Committee is in need of a faculty representative. The Board meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. Interested faculty should contact John Pommier (jhpommier@eiu.edu or 581-6597) as soon as possible. Please use Apportionment Board meeting in the subject line.

I. Call to order by Lynne Curry at 2:00 p.m. (Booth Library Conference Room, Room 4440)

Present: A. Brownson, L. Curry, M. Dao, R. Fischer, B. Joyce, B. Khan, A. Kostelich, R. Marshall, J. Melanson, R. Murray, J. Pommier, J. Russell, J. Snyder, and D. VanGunten.
Excused: J. Pence and T. Sinclair
Guests: K. Born (Gerontology GA), K. Browning (Photographer, *Daily Eastern News*), S. Cuadrado (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), M. Santana (Daily Eastern News), S. Harvey (Office of the Registrar), K. Thomas (Faculty Development), M. Pearson (Faculty Development), and B. Lord (Provost/VPAA).

II. Approval of Minutes of 18 September.

Approval of the Minutes of 18 September with no corrections – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Kostelich, Marshall, Melanson, Murray, Pommier, Snyder, and VanGunten.
Excused: Pence and Sinclair.

III. Announcements

- A. Change in fall schedule: 16 October add Rebecca Throneburg and Karla Sanders re. EWP revisions
- B. The correct URL for Student Affairs listserv is: <http://www.eiuevents.r.eiu.edu/login/login>

IV. Communications

- A. E-mail from Leah Pietraszewski, 24 September, re: request for two appointments to the Apportionment Board
- B. E-mail from Patricia Sparks, 21 September, re: Textbook Rental Survey
- C. E-mail from Gene Deerman, 25 September, re: nomination to Student Government's External Relations Committee

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Senator Curry is continuing to work on President Perry's inauguration on 09 November. UPI and Faculty Senate are co-sponsoring an event on the topic of academic freedom on 06 November, but the speaker has not yet been confirmed. Senator Curry explained that she would be asking Provost Lord for money to co-sponsor the speaker. All members were in favor.
2. Nominations Committee: Senator Pommier said that Gene Deerman was the only individual that volunteered to serve on the Student Government External Relations Committee. Approval of Gene Deerman for Governance Relations Committee (Murray/Fischer) – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan,

Kostelich, Marshall, Melanson, Murray, Pommier, Russell, Snyder, and VanGunten. Excused – Pence and Sinclair. Senators then inquired as to the status of Reed Benedict regarding whether one individual or two were needed in accordance with a recent change in the Student Government by-laws. Student Senator Melanson said he would seek clarification from Kent Ohms. Senator Pommier then explained that Faculty Senate had been asked to submit up to three names for the Athletic Director search from the nine nominations received by Senator Curry. The nine nominations, submitted as of 5 p.m. September 25 as are follows:

1. Gary Carnivez
2. Mike Miller
3. Brady Sallee
4. Jason Hall
5. Gail Richards
6. Hank Davis
7. Scott Crawford
8. Gloria Leitschuh
9. Tom Sinclair

Before voting began, Senator Fischer sought clarification as to whether the three names forwarded must be faculty. Provost Lord responded while any name can be submitted, the expectation is that it will be a faculty member. Voting then took place, with Gary Carnivez, Gloria Leitschuh and Gail Richards receiving the most votes. Motion to approval these nominees (Brownson/Dao) – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Kostelich, Marshall, Melanson, Murray, Pommier, Russell, Snyder, and VanGunten. Excused – Pence and Sinclair.

3. Awards Committee: no report

4. Elections Committee: Approval for Kathleen Shank to serve on CAA for one semester (Curry/Murray) – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Kostelich, Marshall, Melanson, Murray, Pommier, Russell, Snyder, and VanGunten. Excused – Pence and Sinclair.

5. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: Senator Fischer requested that the student representatives provide him with their schedules.

6. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report

7. Budget Transparency Committee: no report

8. Faculty Forum Committee: no report

9. Other Reports

- a) Provost's Report: Provost Lord reported that CGS discussed a document regarding how Eastern uses Graduate Assistants in support of teaching, research and service. Provost Lord concluded by stating that the results of the discussion will be brought to the President and then to Faculty Senate.

VI. New Business

A. Mildred Pearson, Office of Faculty Development. Pearson brought to the senators' attention a new infomercial on the Faculty Development website.

http://www.eiu.edu/~facdev/2006initiatives_Flash.php Pearson described several series of forthcoming events; the schedule may be found at

<http://www.eiu.edu/~facdev/calendar.php>). Pearson provided attendance figures for recent events: New faculty orientation, 51 (out of 60 new faculty); New faculty reception, 101; New faculty seminar, 13; Faculty Appreciation Day, 500 (estimate), Wholesome Professor workshop, 29; Research and Sponsored Programs assembled, 8. Pearson discussed at length the 8 November workshop being delivered by Susan Robinson <http://www.eiu.edu/~facdev/index.php>. Pearson then distributed handouts on the Mary Tyler Huber Carnegie Foundation. Senator Curry asked Pearson to explain the role of the Faculty Development Advisory Committee. Pearson replied that it is to advise on future programs and assess completed ones. Curry followed up by asking about the procedures for approving programs and speakers. Pearson explained that a list of programs is given to the advisory committee which then ranks them in priority order for the following year's calendar. Curry then asked how Faculty Development attendance is assessed. Pearson responded that it depends on the topic. Her office considers both attendance numbers and evaluations completed by participants. She added that she is amazed with what has been done in such a short period of time and that faculty come to events because they truly want the information provided.

- B. Sue Harvey, Office of the Registrar. Curry asked Harvey to clarify why recent policy changes that have a significant affect on faculty have gone to CGS and CAA without a broader discussion by the faculty at large. Curry then asked whether these changes are due to the implementation of Banner. Harvey explained that Eastern is still in the process of bringing online several parts of Banner pertaining to student records, but everything should be in place by 17 December. Curry asked Harvey if there were any changes in policies regarding students' grades that were being driven by Banner. Harvey said that there have been some accommodations. Her office had suggested that, in the case of a student repeating a course multiple times due to grades of D or lower, only the highest grade be calculated into the student's GPA because it was the closest to what was already being done. Curry expressed concern that such a policy makes it possible for students to receive a D or lower in a course multiple times without it negatively impacting their GPA, which seems unfair to students who pass a course the first time they take it. CAA chair Christie Roszkowski said that when the issue was discussed at CAA the majority of faculty were in favor because it proved itself to be the best choice for students. Curry stated that a lack of communication had prevented a broader discussion of the issue among the faculty at large. Roszkowski responded that CAA was not aware that there was a broader interest because input had not been provided to them. Senator Fischer then sought clarification from Harvey regarding how the grades would appear on students' transcripts. Harvey answered that all three grades will appear on the transcript but only the highest will be calculated in the GPA. Curry then asked Harvey what she sees in the time ahead as the Banner implementation continues. Harvey said that getting academic history implemented was very important so that grades can be processed. She also explained that her office will provide answers to frequently-asked questions faculty may have about posting grades using Banner, but it is difficult to know what questions faculty will have until they actually begin using the system. Faculty are asked to contact her (gsharvey@eiu.edu or 581-3511) as questions arise. Curry then thanked Harvey for coming to speak to Faculty Senate.

VII. Adjournment at 3:10 p.m.

Future Agenda Items: campus climate survey; construction updates; long-range planning; faculty handbook, First Choice/Best in Class.

Thank you to Mildred Pearson: Office of Faculty Development and Sue Harvey: Office of the Registrar.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Snyder, Recorder