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Call to Faculty: Student Government External Relations Committee is in need of two faculty representatives. Interested faculty should contact John Pommier (jhpommier@eiu.edu or 581-6597) as soon as possible.

Call to Faculty: Continuing Education Advisory Council is in need of a faculty representative. Interested faculty should contact John Pommier (jhpommier@eiu.edu or 581-6597) as soon as possible.

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

Present: A. Brownson, J. Coit, L. Curry, R. Fischer, B. Joyce, B. Khan, R. Marshall, J. Melanson, R. Murray, J. Pence, J. Pommier, J. Russell, J. Snyder, and J. Stimac. Excused: M. Dao, A. Kostelich and D. VanGunten. Guests: K. Born (Gerontology GA), K. S. Dibenedetto (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News)*, M. Hoadley (CATS), K. Sanders (CASA), R. Throneburg (CASL), C. Roszkowski (CAA), D. Jackman (Dean, CEPS), B. Lord (Provost/VPAA), K. Koontz (ITS), D. Markelis (English), D. Hopgood (OAAT), M. Herrington-Perry (VPAA) and C. Honselman (FCS).

II. Approval of Minutes of 18 September.

Approval of the Minutes of 18 September with no corrections – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Coit, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Marshall, Murray, Pommier, Russell, and Snyder. Abstain: Stimac. Excused: VanGunten.

III. Announcements

A.   No announcements

IV. Communications

A.   Intercollegiate Athletic Board Meeting Minutes for October 4
B.   Intercollegiate Athletic Board Meeting Agenda for November 8

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Senator Brownson will represent Faculty Senate at the Council of University Senates on Monday. Any suggestions for discussion should be e-mailed to Senator Brownson (aebrownson@eiu.edu).

2. Nominations Committee: There is a need for two additional faculty representatives for Student Government External Relations Committee and one Continuing Education Advisory Council representative. The senate agreed that Senator Khan would be approved if no other nominations are received.

3. Awards Committee: no report

4. Elections Committee: Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences will be appointing someone to CUPB.

5. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: Student Senator Melanson handed out a resolution on suicide awareness. He stated that he wanted to set up a committee to help prevent suicide. The committee would focus on lobbying efforts and small events as well as one large event per year. Senator Pommier volunteered to coordinate an event related to suicide awareness.

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 stated that CGS along with CAA passed the Graduate Assistant Instructional, Research and Service Mission. He added that President Perry would like feedback from Faculty Senate on the matter. Senator Fischer then commented that this was similar to what Dean Augustine brought forth to Senate. Provost Lord replied that this is an accurate description of how we use Graduate Assistants on campus. Senator Curry then asked if there were any objections to endorsing the mission. Motion to endorse (Joyce/Stimac) - Yes: Brownson, Curry, Coit, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Marshall, Murray, Pommier, Russell, and Snyder. Abstain: Stimac. Excused: VanGunten.

VI. New Business

A. Michael Hoadley, updates on Vision for the Use of Technology. Dr. Hoadley began by thanking Faculty Senate for the opportunity to speak. He stated that he wanted to make sure that Eastern Illinois University is addressing campus needs and changes that need to be pursued. He then described the work in 2003 of the comprehensive technology planning committee, consisting of faculty, staff and administrators. The committee's 2004 report included seven recommendations and 30 action items. A number of progress reports based on this model have been issued. While some items on of the model have been completed, others will always be in progress. Senator Stimac then inquired about progress on the addition of a file-sharing capability on the network to promote the exchange and storage of documents and other resources. Dr. Hoadley replied that faculty need to share and store information. Senator Stimac then asked if the University will be supplied storage space. Dr. Hoadley said that there are always limitations with storage, but it is being discussed. Senator Murray then asked what the minimum standards were for the recommendation that the University establish a process for standardizing technology hardware and software to promote compatibility, ease of use, and support. Dr. Hoadley responded that most of them are on the ITS website (http://its.eiu.edu/), but that the University has minimal standards with setting up equipment. Eastern cannot support everything, the campus has to be given time to make changes in the systems that are already being used. Senator Curry then asked what Eastern is doing with respect to students on campus using Vista. Dr. Hoadley said that ITS supports all students and faculty using Vista and that Eastern is looking at a campus-wide changeover to Vista. Such a

change can be expensive and problematic, but CATS is trying to accommodate everyone's needs. Windows 2007, for instance, has already been put on the key server for anyone interested in trying it out, and training materials for using it are forthcoming. Senator Coit then asked Dr. Hoadley if he could further address the recommendation that the University will establish minimum standards for the acquisition and support of technological hardware and software. Dr. Hoadley said that ATAC and Purchasing are currently working to coordinate that. Senator Coit asked how centralizing software better meets the needs of constituents. Dr. Hoadley replied that even though everyone purchases software on their own, there is a need to coordinate these purchases. Senator Curry then asked Dr. Hoadley if he envisioned that being Purchasing's role. Dr. Hoadley said that he would like them to take the lead, but they should not have to do it themselves. Senator Pommier then commended Dr. Hoadley on what has been done with technology campus -wide, and stated that EIU is viewed as a leader in technology. He then asked if students and faculty could benefit from EIU's ability to get quantity discounts on purchases from various vendors. Dr. Hoadley said that there are legal ways to accomplish this and that he is hoping to see it happen. He added that Eastern needs to make decisions in a timely manner so that good purchasing deals can be coordinated. Senator Curry asked for an update on Black Board buying out WebCT. Dr. Hoadley explained that Eastern is currently using version 4.1, of WebCT but that we will switch to version 6 by August 2008. CATS can help with this transition. Curry then asked what possible problems may be ahead, other than money. Dr. Hoadley said that the University is addressing three primary questions: (1) What is the "academic vision of technology use" in the departments and colleges at

EIU?; (2) What does it mean to be "technology literate" in the 21st Century?; and (3) What are the technology literacy expectations of our students so they to be effective and productive employees in the workforce, now and in the future? Curry stated that a number of faculty have been discussing interdisciplinary programs and communication among such programs will be crucial. Dr. Hoadley said that a comprehensive approach needs to be taken with technology and that he feels good about what has been accomplished on campus thus far. Dr. Hoadley asked that Faculty Senate to encourage faculty involvement in planning for the future technology needs of the University. He added that, in addition to the open sessions that are offered every semester, he is happy to have discussions with individual departments.

B.   Rebecca Throneburg and Karla Sanders proposed revisions for the EWP. Dr. Throneburg provided background information on the EWP as well as the current proposed revisions. The proposed revisions are being discussed with various campus constituencies in order to facilitate the EWP becoming electronic by fall 2008, which requires coordination with CATS and Banner. Dr. Sanders then described particular details in the proposed revision plan, which is available on their website. Senator Murray noted that the purpose of the EWP is for assessment not individual student evaluations, but remediation has been made part of the proposed revisions. Daiva Markelis described objections from WAC. Senator Stimac noted that WAC has actually concurred with most of the proposal. Markelis agreed with Stimac and stated that it is mainly the recommendations for remediation that is causing WAC's concern. Dr. Throneburg replied that the proposal is based on a large body of data regarding assessment and remediation. Student Senator Melanson then commented that remediation is a Catch-22 situation, in which difficulties arise from either including or omitting it from the EWP process. Senator Joyce noted that writing is a process of

revision, which is not reflected in the EWP. Senator Fischer then complimented Dr. Throneburg and Dr. Sanders on the EWP progress and said that they addressed all of his concerns. Senator Coit inquired as to who reads the EWP portfolios. Dr. Sanders responded that they are reviewed by faculty members from each college and the College of Continuing Education. Senator Murray said that she thinks a portfolio expert should be brought in to discuss remediation. Daiva Markelis added that the majority of faculty would like to see departments handle assessment. Dr. Throneburg said that if we take out the University piece then we do not have an overall picture. Dr. Sanders added that it is necessary to use multiple assessment measures. Student Senator Pence stated that she does not see any student motivation for the EWP. She said that she has submitted papers that were not her best work, but that if she had to do them for remediation she would be more motivated. Senator Brownson then asked Dr. Hoadley if this EWP proposal is going to be workable. Hoadley responded that he was told by ITS last Friday that iot is. Senator Curry then concluded the meeting by thanking all of the guest speakers for attending.

VII. Adjournment at 3:50 p.m.

Future Agenda Items: campus climate survey; construction updates; long-range planning; faculty handbook

Thank you to Michael Hoadley: Center for Academic Technology Support, Rebecca Throneburg: Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning and Karla Sanders: Center for Academic Support and Achievement.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Snyder, Recorder