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## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR November 13, 2007 (Vol. XXXV, No. 30)

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### **I. Call to order by Lynne Curry at 2:20 p.m.** (Booth Library Conference Room, Room 4440)

Present: J. Coit, L. Curry, M. Dao, R. Fischer, B. Joyce, B. Khan, A. Kostelich, J. Melanson, J. Pommier, J. Russell, J. Stimac, and D. VanGunten. Excused: A. Brownson, R. Marshall, R. Murray and J. Snyder. Guests: K. Born (Gerontology GA), D. Crockett (FPM), C. Childress (FPM), J. Sigler (FPM), G. Reed (FPM), S. Shrake (FPM), S. DiBenedetto (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), R. Wroblewski, (Photographer, *Daily Eastern News*), D. Hoadley (LCBAS) and B. Lord (Provost/VPAA).

### **II. Approval of Minutes of 18 September.**

Approval of the Minutes of 30 October (Fischer/Coit) with no corrections – Yes: Coit, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Pommier, Russell Stimac and VanGunten.

### **III. Announcements**

A. Geography Awareness Week is November 11-17.

### **IV. Communications**

- A. E-mail from John Ryan, 8 November, re: Student Publications Board
- B. E-mail from Taisha D. Mikell, 9 November, re: SRN Flyer
- C. E-mail from J. Lyanne Page, 12 November, re: EWP concerns
- D. Intercollegiate Athletic Board Meeting minutes from 8 November
- E. Message from English faculty with academic training in composition studies who have held professional positions related to WAC programs, 30 October

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Committee Reports**

1. Executive Committee: Senator Curry stated that the Academic Freedom forum was successfully held last Tuesday. The panelists demonstrated a range of expertise and there were about 75 individuals in attendance. President Perry was extremely engaged with the event and spoke of making an Academic Freedom forum an annual event sponsored by UPI and Faculty Senate. He suggested that it could become a signature event for Eastern Illinois University. Curry also said that the Executive Committee is in the process of putting together a revision of their proposal for a member of CGS and CAA to hold either elected or ex-officio seats on Faculty Senate and for a Faculty Senate member hold an elected or ex-officio seat on CGS and CAA as well. Curry then commented that Vice President Dan Nadler put together a focus group in response to a letter from Women Studies faculty in regard to how campus handles victims of sexual assault. Further efforts are taking place to look into how such situations are handled by Eastern and what, if anything needs to be improved upon. Curry also discussed that the EWP was passed by CAA, but that Senate is receiving responses from faculty expressing concerns. Senator Fischer stated that, as a person who has criticized the EWP, he feels that all his concerns have been addressed. Faculty members with concerns

of their own should have brought them to CAA or attended the open forum. Student Senator Melanson then inquired as what the process is now that CAA has passed the EWP. Provost Lord said that he is the next person to view the EWP and after which he has two weeks to pass it along to President Perry to make a decision. Curry stated that the piece about remediation is the area of discussion that seems to remain unresolved and that she is concerned about whether Faculty Senate is listening to faculty. Melanson then expressed his concern that the EWP was not on the agenda for Student Government until after Thanksgiving break and that he hoped that their meeting could still be meaningful even though it would take place after the two-week period allotted to President Perry to make a decision on the matter. Provost Lord explained that concerns from the student body should have been represented at the open forum.

2. Nominations Committee: There is a need for a more efficient manner in which to help individuals chairing committees to find out information in regard to positions that need to be filled. One faculty representative position for Student Government External Relations committees remains open; Senator Fischer will be serving the other position. Michael Mulvaney has been nominated for the Apportionment Board Committee. Motion (Pommier/Fischer) to approve Michel Mulvaney for Apportionment Board Committee- Yes: Coit, Curry, Dao, Fischer, Joyce, Khan, Pommier, Russell, Stimac and VanGunten.

3. Elections Committee: No Report.

4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: The Suicide Prevention initiative is moving forward. Senator Fischer will talk to Levi Bulgar about the Student Action Committee inviting faculty to join them in Springfield. Student Senator Melanson plans to bring the initiative of suicide awareness to RHO for additional support. Currently the Counseling Center, University Board, Housing, Student Affairs, Judicial Affairs, and the HERC all are in support. He added that a hot chocolate stand is planned to take place on December 3 from 9-3 to spread more awareness on the topic.

5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: No report.

6. Budget Transparency Committee: No report.

7. Faculty Forum Committee: Senator Stimac will pass along the contacts from the meeting Senator Brownson attended on academic integrity to other committee members and take a look at universities interested in the same topic.

8. Awards Committee: Senator Coit thanked the Senate for participating in the online vote and naming Charles Delman for the Mendez award.

9. Other Reports

a) Provost's Report: Provost Lord stated that President Perry's inauguration went well and thanked everyone for their hard work. He also said that the Board of Trustees has an event on Tuesday and there will be a Board of Trustees meeting held Friday November 30 to discuss President Perry's vision.

b) Senator Fischer gave an update on the Athletic Director search. He explained that the committee met once and completed and the end date of the AD search is in the month of January. The committee meets again next week.

## V. New Business

- A. Gary Reed, Director, Facilities Planning and Management, campus update. Reed, Director of Facilities Planning and Management began by passing around handouts of information and introducing the senior management teams. Steve Shrake is the Associate Director of Design and Construction, Dave Crockett is the Associate Director of Maintenance and Operations, John Sigler is the Associate Director of Support Services and Christine Childress is the Associate Director of Budgets and Accounts. Shrake then discussed construction updates. He said FPM is currently in the design process for the Student Success Center and Text Book Rental Services, but that the Union will receive a cooling tower replacement and the water tower will be recoated during Thanksgiving break. Additionally, Old Main corridor renovations and remodeling of Carman hall kitchenettes will take place during winter break. Senator Pommier asked what the latest news was in regard to the Union bridge windows. Shrake responded that they will be done over winter break also. Senator Pommier then asked why Weller Hall has been removed from the demolition list. Shrake explained that Housing, as well as students, elected to keep it. He added that the master plan is to be reviewed. It was first approved by BOT in 1999 and though it was slightly revised in 2002, there has not been a full revision. Senator Curry inquired about what the process for reviewing the master plan was. Shrake said a group, formed by upper administration from various areas of campus, looks at campus needs as a whole. CDB will be looking into the Physical Science Building and steam plant next. Reed then discussed the latest on the steam plant. Reed explained that he will try to do another request for proposal for the Energy Performance Contract. It would allow for a 20-year performance contract to replace the current steam plant. FPM should have a better idea of the status of the RFP in four to six months. There is currently a \$25 million CDB line-item in Springfield; if approved with the RFP, the estimated over \$60 million new steam plant should be allowed. FPM is in the process of looking at bio-fuels as opposed to coal. Reed then explained the duties of FPM. The duties include: maintenance, operations, facilities planning, construction, alterations and renovations of Eastern Illinois University facility properties. Reed explained that there is a difference between maintenance and project work. Maintenance work includes routine work to preserve buildings and their equipment. It does not add value, it simply keeps facilities and/or assets in operating condition. Project work, on the other hand, includes renovations, alterations and/or capital improvements; it extends the life of an asset. Maintenance and operations funding is set by IBHE. There has been no increase in FPM operating allocation since FY2000 other than salary adjustments. Additionally, the budget for bonds is provided by student fees, while local funds consist of donations, grants, etc. Sixty-eight percent of the maintenance and operations funding consists of general revenue, 25 percent is made up of bond revenue and seven percent is from local funds. Of the 68 percent of general revenue, 88 percent makes up salaries and 12 percent is commodities, materials and contractual. Senator Curry then asked how Eastern Illinois University compares to other schools. Reed stated that Vice President Jeff Cooley would

know best, but that all schools except University of Illinois and, to some degree, Southern Illinois University are frustrated. He said that it seems that we are all in the same situation in operations. Senator Pommier then asked if FPM was planning on getting more green vehicles. Sigler said that he does not think that Eastern will be getting any more in the near future unless their price decreases, but UPD is considering hybrids for police cars because they are more economical for driving around town. Reed stated the GEM vehicles, which travel about 26 mph for 30 miles, have been approved by city council to run on city streets. Childress then said that vehicles can only be purchased with rental money so there is not an opportunity to buy many vehicles. Senators Curry, Joyce and Fischer then thanked FPM for all of their services.

**VII. Adjournment at 3:20 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Snyder, Recorder