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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR August 22, 2006 (Vol. XXXV, No. 1)

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Call to Faculty: Faculty are invited to contact the Chair of Faculty Senate, Assege HaileMariam (ahailemariam@eiu.edu), or any senator, if they have concerns which affect the faculty. Such concerns may be placed on future agenda items of the Faculty Senate.

I. Call to order by Chair Assege HaileMariam at 3:00 p.m. (Booth Library Conference Room, Room 4440)
Present: J. Ashley, A. Brownson, L. Curry, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, B. Joyce, J. Kilgore, R. Marshall, J. Pommier, T. Sinclair, J. Snyder, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, and B. Wilson. Excused: R. Mazumder.
Guests: B. Lord (Provost / VPAA), D. Hoadley (Dean, LCBAS), B. Irwin (Dean, Honors College), J. Johnson (Dean, CAH), B. Major (Director, Admissions), J. Sipes (Minority Affairs), A. Rueff (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*).

II. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of 18 April 2006 (Fischer/Brownson) – Yes: Ashley, Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Pommier, Sinclair, Stimac, and Wilson. Abstain: Joyce, Kilgore, Marshall, and Snyder.

Minutes of 29 June 2006 (Brownson/Wilson) – Yes: Ashley, Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Pommier, Sinclair, Stimac, and Wilson. Abstain: Joyce, Kilgore, Marshall, and Snyder.

III. Announcements

- A. Faculty-Senate Sponsored Luncheon, Wednesday, 30 August, serving starts at 11:30 AM; program at 12:30 PM. R.S.V.P by 23 August to crpeterlich@eiu.edu or 581-2011.
- B. Convocation is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 August at 7 PM in the MLK Union's Grand Ballroom.
- C. Senator Kilgore announced that Eastern Illinois University has a page on Wikipedia and described it as user editable. Senator Kilgore invited all faculty to review the page (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Illinois_University) and make additions or corrections if desired. Senator Brownson mentioned that some studies have called into question the accuracies of information placed on Wikipedia pages and knows that many faculty do not allow students to cite Wikipedia as a source. In response to a question, Provost Lord stated that the University cannot and doesn't monitor such pages.
- D. Senator Fischer thanked faculty who participated in the Faculty Fellows Program on Thursday, 17 August. The program, jointly developed by Mr. Jody Stone and Senator Fischer, plans to have faculty visit residence halls at least three times during the academic semester in order to answer questions in an atmosphere where the student's feel comfortable. Faculty members who took part in the program welcomed students and parents at the curb when they arrived as well as helped students move in. It is hoped that this program will promote student-faculty engagement.
- E. Senator Brownson stated that the search committee for the Director of Judicial Affairs has forwarded a short list of candidates to VPSA Nadler.
- F. The New Faculty reception will be held on Tuesday, 19 September from 4 – 5:30 PM in the Tarble Fine Arts Center.

IV. Communications

- A. Email from Textbook Rental Service stating they the Textbook Rental Service Committee needs two (2) faculty recommended by Faculty Senate to serve 2-year terms. Senator Pommier stated that all positions on University Boards and Councils that Faculty Senate appoints have been taken care of. (see attached list at end of minutes).

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: no report.
2. Nominations Committee: Chair HaileMariam asked for volunteers from Faculty Senate to populate the various Faculty Senate Committees. The standing committees will have the following senators: Executive Committee (HaileMariam, Ashley, Stimac), Nominations Committee (Pommier, Van Gunten, Kilgore), Elections Committee (Ashley, Sinclair, Brownson), Student-Faculty Relations Committee (Snyder, Fischer, Curry), Faculty-Staff Relations Committee (Wilson, Joyce, Mazumder), Budget Transparency Committee (Ashley, Joyce, Marshall), Faculty Forum Committee (Sinclair, Kilgore, Wilson), and Awards Committee (Curry, Brownson, Pommier).
3. Elections Committee: Senator Ashley informed the Faculty Senate that senators Dao and Monippallil cannot fulfill their obligations of being on Faculty Senate owing to scheduling conflicts. Senator Ashley stated that in accordance with Faculty Senate Bylaws concerning replacement of members, that Dawn Van Gunten and Rajit Mazumder, respectively, had agreed to serve. Senator Ashley (Marshall) motioned that the two new senators be approved. Yes: Ashley, Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Joyce, Kilgore, Marshall, Pommier, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, and Wilson. Motion passed 13-0-0. Chair HaileMariam welcomed the two new additions to Faculty Senate. Senator Ashley also stated that there will be a special electronic election in the next couple of weeks in order to fill positions that are still vacant from the Spring elections.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report.
6. Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
7. Faculty Forum Committee: no report.
8. Other Reports
 - a) Provost’s Report: no report.

VI. New Business

- A. Brenda Major, Director of Admissions, informed the Faculty Senate of the current, unofficial enrollments figures that her office has for this semester – 1848 freshmen and 1006 transfer students. Compared to last year, 1735 and 1148, respectively, we are slightly down. Major noted that the transfer students are beginning to act more like freshman students in that they come in undecided and that only ~40 percent of the transfer students have Associate’s degrees. Major hopes to address this issue by offering more career services to the transfer students. Transfer students also typically register later, e.g., ~848 registered in the week prior to the start of classes, so she and her staff are trying to contact them over the summer in order to get them to register for classes earlier. Major reported that talking with recruited students that they reported very friendly atmosphere at Eastern Illinois University. In fact, several students who actually enrolled elsewhere have contacted her to discuss enrolling here or transferring. Major stated that one obstacle faced during recruitment is the fact that Illinois still exports the second greatest number of high school students than other states and that ~51 percent of high school student first go to community colleges prior to university. Recruitment has a difficult time competing with programs out of state that allow Illinois students to register at in-state rates. She hopes that expanding the dual-enrollment program will help attract more transfer students from the community colleges. In terms of marketing, students get most of their information from non-University sources such as FaceBook, Wikipedia, blogs, etc. Her staff are trying chat lines with prospective students and there has been a positive response. There is also a new recruiter / counselor specializing in Latino students. Other programs that have been started to aid recruitment has been a “Prize Patrol” in which recruiters go to local student’s homes and place placards to showcase students who have been admitted to Eastern Illinois University. Students from Mattoon are now asking about the program so the program has been expanded this year to include all of Coles County. The pooling process, in which students with conditional qualifications are reviewed by faculty and recruiters, continues. The Gateway Program also continues strong (241 admitted / 140 enrolled; 65 percent of which were first generation; average ACT score of 16.7 and an average GPA of 2.7) and is more selective than last year (e.g., average ACT of 16.3 and average GPA of 2.4). The freshman Honors class is also the largest in history, with 181 registering, compared to 151 last year. International students also show an increase this year, 65 versus 45 last year. This year Admissions and

Recruitment purchased ~11,600 ACT scores of qualified students in order to market specifically to those students. Major also shared new recruitment publications with Faculty Senate. Senator Fischer asked if the length of time it took transfer students to complete their Bachelor's degree was tracked. Major replied that with the implementation of the new admissions form on-line, that Banner will have that capability. Senator Fischer followed up that the costs of transferring and completing requirements at a senior institution should be investigated, since it may actually be less expensive for students to come to senior institutions in the first place and not start at community colleges. Other facilities that campus has to offer should be considered such as the library, RSOs, clubs, etc. Major added that if student attend the senior institution in the first place, they can maximize financial aid as well. Senator Brownson stated that she has read a study that suggested that students who start at community colleges are also less likely to complete a Bachelor's degree. In response to a question, Major stated that herself and her staff were invited to give the academic orientation for prospective college-bound students at Charleston High School this year, something that the University of Illinois has traditionally given in the past. Lake Land College is continuing to offer the financial orientation. Senator Fischer asked that class and ACT profiles be tracked for newly admitted students as well as applicant's. Major stated that an "outcomes" piece, about alumni of 5, 10, and 20 years, is being sent to prospective students to show them the long-term success of Eastern Illinois University graduates. Senator Kilgore stated that we should strongly persuade students to come to Eastern Illinois University rather community colleges since they are better prepared upon completion and asked if the eroding state support for education is being seen. Major replied that the eroding state support for education is being felt by families at all economic levels. In response to a question from Senator Stimac, Major stated that the "I am EIU" campaign is being copied by De Paul and Robert Morris universities. Major finished by stating that the "prospective student" information on the web site will be updated with the help of the University's web master, Ryan Gibson. Chair HaileMariam thank Brenda Major for the information and taking the time to visit Faculty Senate.

VII. Adjournment at 3:40 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Future Agenda Items: External Relations; Campus Atmosphere; Vision for Future; Long Range Planning; Housing; Faculty Handbook, Smoke-Free Tobacco Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac

Faculty Senate Appointed Positions on University Boards and Councils 2006-07

Academic Tech Advisory Committee (ATAC)

No Positions Open

Achievement and Contribution Award Committee (1-yr. Term)

(Faculty Senate submits two names by April 15)

Campus Recreation Board (3-yr. Term)

- Tony Oliver
- Frank Goldacker

Development Communications (1yr. Term)

One Position Open (Faculty Senate appointment)

Distinguished Faculty Award (1-yr. Term)

Three Positions Open (Faculty Senate appointed in fall)

Enrollment Management Advisory Committee (1-yr. Term)

One Position Open (Faculty Senate appointed in fall)

Financial Aid/Grants Committee (3-yr. Term)

No Positions Open

Health Services Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)

- Lisa New Freeland (first year as alternate)

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (4-yr. Term)

No Positions Open

Institutional Review Board on Human Subjects in Research (IRB)

No Positions Open

Intercollegiate Athletic Board (3-yr. Term)

- Roger Beck (first year as alternates)
- Bud Fischer
- Daneen Deptula

Judicial Board (2-yr. Term)

- Lynne Curry*** replacing Keith Wright
- Hui Li
- Sheila Simons
- Leo Comerford
- Stephen Mullin
- John Stimac
- Lola McElwee

Library Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)

- T. Fredrick: Arts/Humanities
- Linda Loy: CEPS
- Tom Nelson: COS
- Linda Ghent: LCBAS

Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award (1-yr. Term)

Three Positions Open (Faculty Senate appointed in fall)

Parking Advisory Committee (2-yr. Term)

No Positions Open

Parking Appeals Committee (1-yr. Term)

- Allen Davis
- Scott Tremain

Publications Board (3-yr. Term)

- Kiran Padmaraju

Radio-Television Center Board (2-yr. Term)

- Susan Teicher (first year as alternate)

Records and Registration Advisory Committee (1-yr. Term)

- Kathryn Bulver

Technology Enhancement and Management (TEAM) Grants Council (2-yr. Term)

- L.R. Hyder: College of Arts and Humanities
- Jim Novak: College of Sciences
- Jim Painter: Council of Chairs

One Position Open from Council of Deans

One Position Open from Office of Academic Affairs

Textbook Rental Advisory Committee (2-yr. Term)

- Crystal Lin
- Melody Wollan

Tuition and Fees Review Committee (1-yr. Term)

- Yunus Kathawala

University Union Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)

- Paul Johnson
- Doug Bock
- Jenny Chi