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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR September 5, 2006 (Vol. XXXV, No. 3)

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- I. Call to order by Chair Assege HaileMariam at 2:00 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, R. Mazumder, J. Pommier, T. Sinclair, J. Snyder, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, and B. Wilson.
Guests: L. Hencken (President), B. Lord (Provost / VPAA), J. Cooley (VP Business Affairs), D. Nadler (VP Student Affairs), J. Nilsen (VP External Relations), D. Jackman (Dean, CEPS), J. Sipes (Minority Affairs), L. Bulgar (Student Government Representative), J. Eyer (Student Government Representative), J. Kinsella (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*).

II. Approval of Minutes of 29 August.

Approval of the Minutes of 29 August 2006 (Wilson/Brownson) with correction – Yes: Ashley, Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Joyce, Kilgore, Marshall, Mazumder, Pommier, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Wilson.

III. Announcements

- A. Chair HaileMariam reminded the Faculty Senate that the next meeting will have Drs. Chatterji and Hoadley visiting the Senate to discuss technology issues.

IV. Communications

- A. Letter of 1 September, from Faculty Senate to Board of Trustees, re: Presidential Search. Chair HaileMariam thanked VPER Nilsen for forwarding the letter to the BOT members. Chair HaileMariam also thanked Senator Kilgore for his “English magic” concerning the re-write of the letter.

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: no report.
2. Nominations Committee: Senator Pommier stated that Lucy Campanis (FCS) will serve as a representative to COTE. At this time, no one from LCBAS has volunteered to serve on COTE. For the Library Advisory Board, Brent Walker, Yunis Kathawala, Thomas McDonald, and Karla Kennedy will fill vacancies.
3. Elections Committee: no report.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: Senator Wilson stated that they will meet after this Faculty Senate meeting.
6. Budget Transparency Committee: Senator Ashley stated that they are schedule to meet on 26 September.
7. Faculty Forum Committee: no report.
8. Other Reports
 - a) Provost’s Report: The Provost introduced the newest Dean, Diane Jackman. In response to Senator HaileMariam’s question on the extended grade submission hours that Faculty Senate had passed and the Registrar had agreed to. Provost Lord said he would check. Senator Fischer asked if a “freshman class” could be designed since we are experiencing the largest enrollments in history. Such a design would help shape the freshman in the future. Provost Lord stated that we are becoming intentionally more selective in who is admitted and that will filter through the pipeline. We are not there yet, but getting close. Senator Pommier asked that with Doudna and the Nursing Program coming on line shortly, when will we market to potential students. Provost Lord replied that with respect to the Nursing Program, the curriculum is being designed and classes need to get approved. It is hoped that next fall classes may start. With respect to Doudna, we are

definitely starting to talk with prospective students and using it in the recruiting process. Senator Kilgore stated that he is impressed with the increased Honors College enrollments, but asked if that is what we want. The Provost replied that he has talked with Dean Irwin about what size would fit Honors College best. Senator Wilson asked about the role of undergraduate research. Provost Lord replied that he wants Eastern Illinois University to be known as the best undergraduate research institution among comparable schools and does want to bring the level of research up across the University.

VI. New Business

- A. Chair HaileMariam (Ashley) motioned for the following resolution be accepted:

Resolution
A Resolution Commending and Recognizing the Outstanding Service of
President Louis V. Hencken
by the
Eastern Illinois University Faculty Senate
September 5, 2006

Whereas President Louis V. Hencken has served Eastern Illinois University in a remarkably wide range of administrative positions for 41 years;

Whereas he has shown in every case an exemplary spirit of enthusiasm, dedication, humility, and good humor;

Whereas his energetic leadership has contributed immeasurably to the present and future welfare of the University and its academic mission;

Whereas he has nurtured a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect among students, faculty, and administration;

Whereas he has shown by word and deed his unwavering dedication to the students of Eastern Illinois University;

Whereas he personifies the concept of **“You are EIU”**;

Be it resolved that the Eastern Illinois University Faculty Senate gratefully recognizes and commends President Louis V. Hencken for his lifetime of meritorious service to EIU.

- Motion passes by unanimous consensus. Chair HaileMariam presented a plaque to President Hencken with the framed resolution. President Hencken accepted the plaques and thanked the Faculty Senate.
- B. President Hencken thanked the Faculty Senate for their work and the opportunity to talk with them each year. Explaining the need for VPBA Cooley to leave early, President Hencken gave VP Cooley the floor. VP Cooley stated he was going to give a brief overview of what was happening on campus. The \$62M Capital Development Board project for the Doudna Center continues and is approximately 50 percent complete. They have recently hired the design architectural firm that will choose and place furniture. Blair Hall is complete and landscaping is done. Since there is a desire for more green space, and the Master Plan calls for it, the International Plaza in front of, east of Blair Hall will be next on the agenda. It is hoped that international alumni will contribute to its development. The electrical distribution project has been started that will replace old, and in many cases, original lead cables with upgraded cabling. The “Big Picture” meeting that took place with the IBHE in November of 2002 fortuitously happened the day after a fire caused the electrical shutdown of the south end of campus. That fire helped IBHE decide to give \$4.2M for the upgrades, which began last summer and should be complete next summer. The Lantz addition should be completed by the end of this fall. The Alumni Courtyard is being worked on at the present time. Although it is unfortunate that it is still happening, scheduling delays forced the issue. VP Cooley stated that it has been a very busy construction season,

but worthwhile. There is a meeting scheduled with the Budget Transparency Committee for 26 September. The FY06 budget is ongoing and going well; the FY07 budget has had \$673k added to it by the governor; the FY08 budget, approved by the BOT in June, and being submitted to the IBHE in late October or early November, has had ~\$7.9M added, mostly in the form of salary increases. The utility budgets have also been increased owing to increased coal and electrical costs. Our current power plant cannot burn the high-sulfur Illinois coal and is forced to buy low-sulfur Indiana coal, which is more expensive. This results in nearly \$350k per year additional costs for the cleaner coal. These costs for coal, however, are ~1/3 the costs of natural gas. VP Cooley said that he is ready to start planning for the FY09 planning cycle. As of 1 July, the finance module of Banner went live and is showing benefits. The HR module of Banner is scheduled to go live 1 January and will allow a common database. The Student module of Banner is looking good. The alumni module is also looking good and together those two modules will allow tracking of students from the application process through graduation and beyond. In response to a question from Senator Kilgore, VP Cooley stated that full implementation of Banner is expected by 2008. Right now the old system and portions of Banner are running in tandem. Senator Pommier complimented VP Cooley on the green spaces being developed and asked about the world map to be the focus of the International Plaza. VP Cooley stated that it will probably be terrazzo. Senator Curry asked about scrubbers for the power plant. VP Cooley stated that the current scrubbers have been broken for the last 3 years, hence the need for the low-Sulfur coal. It would cost ~\$13.7M to repair. However, in order to reduce hazardous emissions we need to do something different. VP Cooley stated that ideal a new power plant should be built. The Illinois Coal Board will match 30 percent of the costs, since it would be capable of burning Illinois coal, and the resulting plant would produce energy more efficiently. The new plant would be situated behind Greek Court. The result would be cleaner, would generate our own electricity, and would remove truck traffic from central campus to the edges. Representative Bulgar asked about the timeline for the International Plaza. VP Cooley replied that it is funding dependent. Senator Ashley asked if we have money allocated for Doudna furniture. VP Cooley replied that we have \$6M, but need \$7.5M, so we are requesting more. The new center will go from roughly 80,000 ft² to over 200,000 ft². Senator Ashley also asked if there is anything being done to stop a recession. VP Cooley replied that there isn't anything that can be done. Senator Joyce followed that up with a question if a potential recession is calculated in the budget. VP Cooley stated that it isn't – all funds have been allocated. Senator Joyce also asked what type of energy system is the most efficient. VP Cooley stated that our current power plant, and the projected new one, have the ability to use coal, natural gas, or fuel oil. Off-gas (methane from landfills), pellets, or corn is being investigated. Senator Wilson asked about the new science building. VP Cooley stated that it has been requested for the last five years, and is still being requested. Chair HaileMariam thanked VPBA Cooley for the review. VP SA Nadler gave a brief overview of projects going on in Student Affairs. The year started off great with three major initiatives: 1) emphasis on orientation. PROWL had many more student volunteers this year. The first 6 weeks of the semester have been mapped out in order to better integrate students, faculty, and staff. Mondays are dedicated to citizenship, Tuesdays to academic issues, Wednesdays to personal wellness, Thursdays to EIU traditions and culture, and Fridays to social connections; 2) Faculty Fellows Program. This was first done last spring and was very successful. Approximately 60 faculty volunteers are assigned to the various residence halls and helped during move in week. The faculty will be visiting the residence halls three times during the semester and working with the RAs to help design programs that address student concerns. Feedback from students and parents on the move in week portion was overwhelmingly positive. 3) AlcoholEDU – an online alcohol abuse prevention program (see http://www.outsidetheclassroom.com/prodandserv/higher/alcoholEdu_college/ for information). Although alcohol and drug abuse are not a major problem VP Nadler stated they want to be proactive. AlcoholEDU is required of all incoming freshmen and had to be completed prior to the beginning of classes. A follow-up module must also be completed about one month after classes begin. Some parents also completed the modules as well. The aims of the program are to decrease the negative consequences of alcohol abuse such as missed classes, poor academic achievement, and changed behavior. Thus far, the program appears promising and results will be evaluated in 3 to 4 years in order to gain longitudinal understanding. Senator Ashley how the programs are publicized. VP Nadler replied that the *Daily Eastern News* has articles and schedules, the programs are placed in residence halls and dining centers. Senator HaileMariam asked the cost for AlcoholEDU. VP Nadler replied that a long-term (4-year) contract gives us a discount and that it costs about \$1.25 to \$1.50 per

student. Senator Joyce stated that students are more comfortable seeing him in the Recreation Center and stop and ask questions there as opposed to the class. The Faculty Fellows program is a great way to get faculty onto the student's turf. VP Nadler stated that making faculty accessible to students is one of the hallmarks of Eastern Illinois University. Senator Pommier asked if there is a web site with Eastern Illinois University's traditions. VP Nadler replied that there is not one yet, but he hoped soon. Representative Bulgar stated that he was involved with the PROWL program and during it some of the schools traditions were mentioned to the incoming students. Senator Kilgore questioned if having AlcoholEDU on-line if the most effective method of alcohol abuse prevention. VP Nadler stated that many students who first take AlcoholEDU first fail it based on what the students have "learned" from peers, e.g., many students don not realize that a glass of beer is 8 oz. not 32 oz. Getting students to participate prior to their arrival on campus allows a history to be developed by HERC, which administers the program. Representative Bulgar asked if alcohol abuse issues are discussed in EIU Foundations. VP Nadler replied that discussion in small groups and programs is done in that course. Senator HaileMariam asked if attendance has been good. VP Nadler stated that it is too early to tell, but he feels that it has increased significantly and that there seems to be excitement about the program. Senator HaileMariam asked about a recent article on suicides in colleges and universities. VP Nadler stated that there is nothing automatically done with students who attempt suicide, but they are worked with on an individual basis. Nationally, mental health issues are major problem and Eastern Illinois University was able to add an additional counselor last year. Chair HaileMariam thanked VPSA Nadler for his report. President Hencken stated that in FY08, Eastern Illinois University has asked for an 8 percent increase to its budget, which is similar to requested increase in the past. He added that this year's increase is the first in four years. President Hencken stated that convocation was excellent and the introduction of nearly 15,000 new identification cards went very well. AlcoholEDU, Panther Pals, PROWL, and the Faculty Fellows programs all made for a very good opening week. This years enrollment is higher (12,349 versus 12,123) than last years. President thanked all the people who have helped make the first few week of the semester flow so seamlessly. All goals were achieved (e.g., increased numbers of Honors, International, SCE, and minority students) and Eastern Illinois University has nearly 2,900 new undergraduate students. President Hencken said it has been easy for the Office of Admissions to sell the quality of the product - Eastern Illinois University. President Hencken stated that last week he presented at a FutureGen meeting and said that Eastern Illinois University will benefit from either site chosen in Illinois (Mattoon or Tuscola) since we are the major higher education facility in east-central Illinois and that the expertise of the faculty will benefit FutureGen. Internships can be offered by FutureGen, classes by Eastern Illinois University, or even tours could be offered in new technology. President Hencken elaborated on his Great Beginnings Project announced at last weeks Faculty Luncheon. President Hencken expects to have a committee of about 7 people - 3 faculty appointed by Faculty Senate, 2 students, 1 staff, and 1 alumni. The committee would pick the sayings, but the architect would design the window. He would like to get started by late fall or early spring. Chair HaileMariam sated that last year some ideas on honoring retiring faculty were presented. One idea was to use the north wall of the stairs to Booth Library to affix marble plaques with retired faculty member's names. President Hencken replied that he had received the memorandum in late spring or early summer and that he wanted to have a discussion with the rest of campus to discuss any concerns. If the proposal was considered good, President Hencken would move forward with the idea. Senator Ashley asked if the 226 new students (above last year's numbers) meant additional money for the University. President Hencken stated that it did, but that the price of coal increased more rapidly. The 5-year moratorium on rate electrical increases ends in January and he fully expects a major increase there as well. Chair HaileMariam asked VPER Nilsen about the color of the mailer sent to prospective students (the colors were discussed at the last Faculty Senate meeting and are chosen based on marketing issues) and stated that she understood being attentive to the needs of marketing to potential students, but that it did lend itself to traditions. VP Nilsen stated that research found most prospective college students made their choice by the time they were juniors or seniors. The mailer is targeted at recruiting freshman and sophomores. Once the student wants to attend Eastern Illinois University, we hook them on our school colors. VP Nilsen did point out that blue and gray were not always Eastern Illinois University's colors - at one point garnet was one of the colors. Chair HaileMariam asked the President about recent technology issues, e.g., the on-line phonebook is incorrect in many entries. President Hencken stated that a new directory is being worked on, but that he would check. He also hopes to improve communications before changes are

made. For example, in the past Facilities, Planning, and Management (FPM) had made changes without informing campus, but based on faculty input, FPM now goes out of their way to inform all parties. Senator Ashley suggested that sometimes ITS doesn't give us the most appropriate changes. President Hencken added that he believes that we have the right person in ITS – Chat Chatterji. Senator Wilson asked President what his plans are after retirement. President Hencken stated that he plans to be seen, but not heard. He will be here for the new president, but wants to teach since he truly loves teaching.

VII. Adjournment at 3:50 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