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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR September 26, 2006 (Vol. XXXV, No. 5)

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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, J. Kilgore, R. Marshall, R. Mazumder, J. Pommier, T. Sinclair, J. Snyder, J. Stimac, and D. Van Gunten. Excused: B. Joyce and B. Wilson.
Guests: J. Sipes (Minority Affairs), J. Eyer (Student Government Representative), C. Kromphardt (Student Government Representative), J. Kinsella (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), and K. Crement (Photographer, *Daily Eastern News*).

II. Approval of Minutes of 19 September.

Approval of the Minutes of 19 September 2006 (Brownson / Fischer) with correction – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Mazumder, Pommier, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, and Van Gunten. Abstain: Ashley and Marshall.

III. Announcements

- A. Latino Heritage Month, September.
- B. Senator Fischer announced the Faculty Development Program is offering a workshop on Thursday, 9 November, from 1 – 4 PM called Beyond Diversity. There will also be a talk from 7 – 8:30 PM entitled “Beyond Diversity: Making Race Real.” For both the workshop or talk, please register at <http://cats.eiu.edu/FacultyDevelopmentRegistration/workshops.asp>
- C. Chair HaileMariam informed the Faculty Senate that the next meeting, scheduled 3 October, will focus on the Electronic Writing Portfolio.

IV. Communications

- A. Chair HaileMariam announced that a subcommittee of CUPB has recommended that membership on CUPB be reduced from its current level of 37 voting members to 22 voting members. This recommendation would be keeping with former Faculty Senate Chair Carpenter’s motion and Senate proposal from 2003 that levels be reduced. The suggested membership would limit members one from each area currently represented, except for 4 from faculty at large and either zero or one as a Minority Affairs Presidential appointment.
- B. Chair HaileMariam announced that there will be a special joint meeting of CAA and CGS on Thursday, 28 September at 2 PM in the Arcola/Tuscola Room to discuss a proposed grade appeals policy titled “Policy on Review of Alleged Capricious Grades.” Since it is anticipated to generate a large amount of discussion, the meeting will be held in the Arcola/Tuscola Room rather than the Booth Library Conference Room.

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Executive Committee: Senator Stimac reported that at the last Executive Meeting the President reported that the meeting called three weeks ago in Springfield of the university presidents went well. President Hencken reported that he appreciated the honesty and forthrightness expressed during the meeting. However, state support appears to be directed towards the following programs:
 - 1. K-12 education
 - 2. Healthcare
 - 3. Medicaid
 - 4. Pensions
 - 5. Higher education - making it to at least fifth.

President Hencken noted that ranked as 5th, there isn’t much money to go around and that as 5th, that is probably tied with other programs. When the tremendous need for such

programs as Nursing were mentioned, and even agreed to, the response was that grants were one source of funding.

President Hencken stated that Harper College is still attempting to get one or two specific 4-year programs approved which may then open the door for additional program approval.

Chair HaileMariam asked why other schools, such as UofI, have email links to their respective Boards of Trustees and not Eastern. President Hencken stated that this was originally done out of concerns for members' privacy, but that it would be appropriate to suggest to the BOT that they have a generic contact email like the UofI has, e.g., BOT@eiu.edu.

2. Nominations Committee: no report.
3. Elections Committee: no report.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report.
6. Budget Transparency Committee: Chair HaileMariam informed the Senate that the next meeting of the Budget Transparency Committee is scheduled for 10 October.
7. Faculty Forum Committee: Senator Sinclair asked that potential Faculty Forum topics be emailed to him (tjsinclair@eiu.edu) and that we begin to address the issue of increasing attendance of Faculty Forum.
8. Awards Committee: Senator Pommier stated that Senator Curry will chair the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award Committee and that Senator Brownson will chair the Distinguished Faculty Award Committee.
9. Other Reports
 - a) Provost's Report: no report.

VI. New Business

- A. Chair HaileMariam began discussion on the two faculty appointments to the Presidential Search Committee by informing the Faculty Senate that she had informed the Provost of the nature of this special meeting and asked that he not attend. Chair HaileMariam suggested that in order to be fair to the faculty who volunteered to serve on the search committee, it might be wise that senators rank order the candidates and then discuss the top candidates. Chair HaileMariam asked that the meeting be open until specific discussion of the candidates, at which time the Faculty Senate would go into Executive Session. That would be done in order to have as open a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates as possible. Senator Pommier asked if the 150 word limit should be enforced since the notice to faculty stated 150 word maximum answer to each question. Senator Stimac said that if it were enforced, then only three candidates kept within those limits. Senator Fischer stated that the limit was a guide to help us make our decision – not a strict limit. Senator Kilgore stated that we should not mechanically limit the pool of candidates at this point. Senator Curry suggested that senators could take into account the size of a candidate's answers when they rank order them. Senators Pommier and Stimac both expressed concern that the Faculty Senate had set a limit and now that limit was being ignored. Chair HaileMariam asked that the Faculty Senate approve by acclamation a rank ordering of the candidates who had volunteered. The Faculty Senate voiced approval. Senator Ashley (Kilgore) motioned to suspend the bylaws on the final vote. Senator Curry stated that she had no problem with voting openly. Senator Stimac echoed Senator Curry's statement and added that vote must be by roll call according to the bylaws. Senator Ashley stated that a secret vote would alleviate any pressure on senators to vote for a certain candidate. Senator Kilgore stated that it would be courteous to not openly rank the candidates in public on the final vote. Senator Curry stated that when faculty run for Faculty Senate or any of the other elected positions their vote tallies are public. Senator Stimac stated that even within the Faculty Senate, how a senator votes is made public. Senator Van Gunten stated that for elected positions the vote totals are known, not how each faculty member voted during the annual elections. Yes: Ashley, Brownson, Curry, Kilgore, Marshall, Mazumder, Sinclair, Stimac, and Van Gunten. No: Fischer, Pommier, and Snyder. Abstain: HaileMariam. Motion passes 8-3-1. At this point the senators rank ordered the eight volunteers for the two search committee positions. A summed total of the rankings are:

Beck, Roger	34
Hyder, Les	69
McCallister, Pat	65
Methven, Andrew	68
O'Rourke, Kathleen	46
Shonk, Timothy	49
Stratton, James	69
Wiseman, Robert	74

The Faculty Senate then went into Executive Session (closed) to discuss the top three candidates. During Executive Session, a motion was made (Stimac/Marshall) and approved to reconsider the previous motion to suspend the bylaws. This motion passed unanimously. After discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each of the top three volunteers the Faculty Senate was opened for the final voting. It was decided that voting would take place in two rounds – one for each position. The results are below:

	Vote #1	Vote #2
Ashley	Shonk	Shonk
Brownson	O'Rourke	Beck
Curry	Beck	Beck
Fischer	O'Rourke	Beck
HaileMariam	O'Rourke	Abstain
Kilgore	Shonk	Shonk
Marshall	O'Rourke	Beck
Mazumder	Beck	Beck
Pommier	O'Rourke	Beck
Sinclair	Beck	Beck
Snyder	O'Rourke	Beck
Stimac	O'Rourke	Shonk
Van Gunten	O'Rourke	Beck

The two faculty selected to the Presidential Search Committee each had a clear majority during each vote and will be Roger Beck and Kathleen O'Rourke.

VII. Adjournment at 3:40 p.m.

Future Agenda Items: EWP, Smoke Free Task Force, Service Learning, Copy Right, Research and Creative Activity Focus Group, Campus Atmosphere; Vision for Future, Long Range Planning; Housing; Faculty Handbook.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac