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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR April 3, 2007 (Vol. XXXV, No. 19)

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I. Call to order by Chair Assege HaileMariam at 2:00 p.m. (University Ballroom)

Present: A. Brownson, L. Curry, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, B. Joyce, R. Marshall, R. Mazumder, J. Pommier, T. Sinclair, J. Snyder, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, and B. Wilson. Excused: J. Ashley and J. Kilgore.

Guests: B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), J. Eyer (Student Government Representative), and J. Kinsella (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*).

II. Approval of Minutes of 27 March.

Approval of the Minutes of 27 March (Fischer / Snyder) with correction – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Marshall, Mazumder, Pommier, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Wilson. Abstain: Joyce.

III. Announcements

- A. The Faculty Retirement Reception will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at the Tarble Arts Center from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. This event is co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the University Professionals of Illinois – EIU. The campus community is invited.
- B. Dr. Craig Nelson will present “Fostering Critical Thinking & Valuing Across the Curriculum” on April 5, 2007 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development.

IV. Communications

- A. Email of 2 April from Dr. Roger Beck, re: Distinguished Faculty Award. Beck raised the issue that the Distinguished Faculty Award has not been publicized except through the minutes of the Faculty Senate. Chair HaileMariam stated that both she and Senator Stimac have contacted the Daily Eastern News on separate occasions to suggest that a story on the Distinguished Faculty Award and recipient be done. As has been the case in previous years, the story will typically be published just prior to commencement since that is when the recipient receives the award. Senator Wilson suggested that University Communications should be notified as well. Chair HaileMariam stated that University Communications had been notified, but that it is up to the individual news agencies to publish. Senator Brownson, chair of the Distinguished Faculty Award Committee, stated that she did give a notice to University Communications and asked that they distribute the information. Senator Brownson re-iterated that the policy is to publicize the award closer to commencement and the presentation of the award.
- B. Email of 3 April from Dr. Dawn Van Gunten. Senator Van Gunten stated that a faculty member had asked her why both Unit A and Unit B faculty are considered for appointed University boards and committees when in fact Unit A faculty are contractually evaluated based on their service and Unit B are contractual not. Senator Pommier stated that anyone may serve on the University boards and committees. Last year, 81 faculty volunteered to serve so that he tries to give all volunteers a chance to serve. Senator HaileMariam stated that she was under the impressions that Unit A faculty had priority since their service was part of the contract. Senator Pommier suggested that Faculty Senate should discuss this question. Senator Fischer stated that the individual committees should make the decision as to whether or not they want it open to all faculty or limit it to Unit A or Unit B faculty. Senator Pommier stated that as of now, there are few restrictions as to who may volunteer. The email call to faculty asking for volunteers for the committees can include a question asking whether or not the faculty is Unit A or Unit B. This discussion continued under section V.A.2.

V. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports
 1. Executive Committee: no report.
 2. Nominations Committee: Senator Pommier stated that he will be sending out the call for faculty volunteers to the appointed University boards and committees today. Senator Stimac stated that as a chair he is bound by the contract to consider service on University boards and committees when

evaluating Unit A faculty, but cannot consider any such service by Unit B faculty unless it is part of the faculty member's contract to the University. Provost Lord stated that in rare instances, service may be included in a Unit B member's contract, but that for the most part, Unit B are evaluated based on the teaching/primary performance of duties. Senator Wilson stated that the various committees should make the decision. Chair HaileMariam stated that it is the Faculty Senate's job to decide, if faculty composition hadn't already been decided by the committees. Senator HaileMariam thought that Unit A faculty should have priority. Senator Stimac (Van Gunten) motioned "While we welcome Unit B faculty to volunteer and participate in university governance and committee's, based on contractual matters, Unit A faculty will be given priority consideration on appointed University Boards and Committee's." Yes: Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Joyce, Marshall, Mazumder, Pommier, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Wilson. Motion passes 13-0-0.

3. Elections Committee: Senator Sinclair presented the results of the recent Faculty Elections for ratification by the Faculty Senate. Senator Sinclair stated that all positions have been determined except for four. The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Science (LCBAS) position on Council on Graduate Studies (CGS) is to be determined by a coin toss between Phil Age and Lisa Taylor. The LCBAS position on Council on University Planning and Budget (CUPB) is still open as is the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) position on the Academic Program Review and Elimination Committee. The LCBAS position on the University Personnel Committee (UPC) has yet to be confirmed by Charles Wooten. With respect to voter turnout, Senator Sinclair stated that there were about 1 percent more voters participating in this election than the last paper ballot election. However, this number was about 30 percent less than last year's election. Senator Sinclair (Marshall) motioned to ratify the election results as presented. Yes: Brownson, Curry, Fischer, HaileMariam, Marshall, Mazumder, Pommier, Sinclair, Snyder, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Wilson. Motion passes 13-0-0. The results of the ratified election are attached at the bottom of the minutes.
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.
 - b) Other Reports: no report

V. New Business

- A. Faculty Retirement Reception.

VI. Adjournment at 2:35 p.m.

Future Agenda Items: Construction Updates; Athletics; Research and Sponsored Programs, Faculty Retirement Reception, EWP Survey Results; Family Friendly Campus Initiative; Faculty Handbook.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac

Faculty Election Results – 2007

Faculty Senate

Robin Murray
Joy Russell
Ann Brownson
Dawn Van Gunten
Rajit Mazumder (leaving for DePaul)
Jonathan Coit

Council on Academic Affairs

At large

Julie Campbell
Debra Reid

COS

Darren Hendrickson

Council on Graduate Studies

CAH

David Raybin

LCBAS

Phil Age (tie to be broken by coin flip)
Lisa Taylor (tie to be broken by coin flip)

Council on Teacher Education

At large

Audrey Edwards

Early Childhood and Middle Level Education

Teresa Bennett

CAH - Humanities

Donna Binns

Council on University Planning and Budget

LCBAS

POSITION STILL OPEN

Admissions Appeal Review Committee

CEPS

Frank Mullins

Enrollment Management Advisory Committee

LCBAS

Julie Chadd

Academic Program Review/Elimination Committee

CAH

Suzie Park

LCBAS

Ayse Costello

FCS

POSITION STILL OPEN

Council for Faculty Research

CAH

Olaf Hoerschelmann

LCBAS

Richard Wilkinson

CEPS (one-year term)

Lucia Schroeder

University Personnel Committee

At-large

Angela Vietto

Counseling/Library/Media Services

David Bell

COS

Jeff Ashley

LCBAS

Charles Wootton (needs to confirm)

CAH

Medhi Semati

Sanctions and Terminations Hearing Committee

LCBAS

Phil Age