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## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR January 10, 2006 (Vol. XXXIV, No. 10)

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**Call to Faculty:** Faculty who have additional ideas for Faculty Forum discussion topics should contact any Senator or the Forum Chair, Bud Fischer ([rufischer@eiu.edu](mailto:rufischer@eiu.edu)). A list of current possible topics is found in V.A.6(c) below.

### I. Call to order by Chair Assege HaileMariam at 2:00 p.m. (Booth Library Conference Room)

Present: A. Brownson, L. Comerford, L. Curry, M. Dao, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, J. Pommier, T. Sinclair, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, and B. Wilson. Absent: R. Marshall. Excused: J. Allison, J. Ashley, and M. Monippallil.

Guests: B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), M. A. Hanner (Dean, COS), C. Frederick (Student VPAA), H. Janik (Student Government), K. Crow (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), and C. Hollis (Photographer, *Daily Eastern News*).

### II. Approval of Minutes of 6 December 2005.

Motion (Wilson / Brownson) to approve the Minutes of 6 December 2005 with correction. Yes: Brownson, Curry, Dao, Fischer, HaileMariam, Pommier, Sinclair, Stimac, Van Gunten, and Wilson. Abstain: Comerford.

### III. Announcements

- A. Chair HaileMariam welcomed the Faculty Senate back and welcomed two returning members back to the Faculty Senate after a sabbatical semester – senators John Allison and Leo Comerford.
- B. Senator Fischer announced a number of Faculty Development workshops and lectures for the upcoming semester. The first lecture, “How to teach non-traditional students,” will be held on 17 January between noon and 1:30 PM in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the MLK Student Union. The complete Spring Semester schedule can be found at the Faculty Development’s web site: <http://www.eiu.edu/~facdev>

### IV. Communications

- A. Minutes of the 15 December meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board.
- B. Email of minutes of the 14 December meeting of the Council of Chairs.
- C. Telephone communication from John Pommier, re: Faculty evaluations. Senator Pommier stated that he has two concerns about faculty evaluations: 1) Testing Services wants Purdue evaluations by the Wednesday of the last week and 2) why must instructors fill out the same Scantron forms each semester when the only thing that changes for most is the semester and date that the evaluation will be administered. Provost Lord stated that early submission dates for the evaluations might be required owing to examinations, many of which require use of Scantrons. Provost Lord added that with the Banner system, there may be new ways of conducting the evaluations.
- D. Email of 9 January from Matthew Monippallil, re: Faculty Senate Meetings. Senator Monippallil stated that due to problems with his teaching schedule, he would not be able to attend Faculty Senate meetings during the spring semester. Chair HaileMariam stated that Senator Ashley is looking into possible replacement candidates.
- E. Chair HaileMariam announced that VPER Nilsen would not be able to attend a planned 24 January Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Nilsen’s visit will be rescheduled.

### V. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports
  1. Executive Committee: Report of 12 December 2005 meeting. President Hencken thanked the Faculty Senate for our work on the “Policy in Consensual Relationships” statement and informed us that he has approved our recommended changes to the policy. President Hencken went on to discuss the recent Summit. He said that it was well attended and extremely ambitious in what it tried to get done with a wide variety of topics being discussed. Representative Rose suggested that the Summit could

be an annual event held in some of the larger communities like Naperville or Schaumburg. Topics that will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting include:

- The Nursing Program. It should be noted that the program will be the first new program at Eastern Illinois University in the last ~15 years.
- Addition to Lantz. The \$1.58M academic center will be a welcomed addition. It will use no taxpayer monies; instead monies from the moneymaking football games will be used. There should be little duplication of services since the Athletic Department supports its own staffing. The center will not be just for athletes.
- There will be a recommendation to change four (4) BOT policies. 1) Emergency response, 2) the phrase “termination with notice” will be changed to “non-renewal of contract”, 3) the tuition and study abroad fees will be brought in line with each other, and 4) the number of honorary degrees will be increased from its current 2 to 4 owing to the increase in the number of alumni we now have.
- The new capital campaign will be announced to the BOT

Provost Lord stated that an audit finding will be made against Eastern Illinois University for the fact that faculty are not reporting their use of time in 15-minute blocks. Both President Hencken and Provost Lord stated that they have no intention of having faculty report time use in 15-minute blocks. The author of the law had no intention of it being used in higher education and the method we currently use (negative reporting) will be continued. Concern over retirement was also discussed. The money-purchase option, which is useful for a majority of the faculty, will be excluded from the 6 percent problem. Use of vacation days will also be excluded. There is a hope that promotion, summer school assignments, and overtime will also be excluded. Chair HaileMariam added that she attended the last Board of Trustees meeting in December and took that opportunity to encourage them to help with funding in higher education and to remind state agencies of the need for additional funding. Chair HaileMariam also reported that she accompanied the BOT when they took a tour of Blair Hall. All construction should be completed by February with move in scheduled for Spring Break.

2. Nominations Committee: no report.
3. Elections Committee: Chair HaileMariam reported that a replacement for Senator Monippallil would be found prior to our next meeting.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: Senator Fischer reported that the committee has attempted to write a paragraph statement on the “Ten minute Rule” discussed at the last Faculty Senate meeting. The statement will be presented at a later meeting.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: Senator Brownson reported that the first meeting of the semester is scheduled for 11 January.
6. Other Reports
  - a) Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
  - b) Bylaws Committee: Senator Stimac stated that the updated bylaws would be presented to the Faculty Senate at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Chair HaileMariam suggested that the Faculty Senate’s Constitution should also be reviewed and updated if needed and that an attendance policy might be added to the bylaws.
  - c) Faculty Forum Committee: Senator Fischer handed out a list of potential forum topics:
    - a. Understanding millennium generation students and their parents.
    - b. Residential Life (What does it mean to be a residential university).
    - c. Academic Atmosphere
    - d. Eastern as a Green Campus
    - e. Quality of life at Eastern Illinois University
    - f. Discuss NCA report and President’s Goals / strategic planning
    - g. +/- Grading or grade inflation
    - h. Academic Advising
    - i. Philosophy of Undergraduate and Graduate Education
    - j. Master Plan

During the discussion, adding “Making EIU a better place” was added. The general discussion focused on item “f”: Discuss NCA report and President’s Goals / strategic planning. Senator Fischer stated that the committee would frame questions in such a way as to facilitate discussion. A date of 28 February, from 2 – 4 PM was chosen for the Faculty Forum and that the “break out session” format that has been successful in past years would be used again.

- d) Provost's Report: Provost Lord welcomed everyone back to a new semester and reported on three items. 1) The search for the Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies is continuing and that he will keep the Senate informed of progress; 2) a review of advising and web resources on all departmental web pages is being conducted by the University's web master – Ryan Gibson. Items that are being looked for include 4-year plans, advising checklists, and other items in both PDF or Word formats. Senator Dao stated that having advising checklists and 4-year plans on-line will be good for the students since they can have everything ready prior to advising meetings; and 3) a mid-February completion date for the construction in Blair Hall is still scheduled. Occupancy is scheduled for Spring Break. Additions to Blair Hall include five new general classrooms, three with a capacity of 59 students and two with a capacity of 49 students. There are two additional conference / seminar rooms. Provost Lord added that the 49 – 59 student classroom-size is the size that the University needs most. Provost Lord added that the Doudna Fine Arts building is on schedule and will have additional classrooms and space available. Senator Pommier added that the architect of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, Antoine Predock, was the 2006 recipient of the highest honor awarded from the American Institute of Architects – the Gold Medal. Senator HaileMariam asked the Provost if class rosters could include student email addresses. Provost Lord replied that he would check on that possibility. Senator HaileMariam also asked if a few additional days could be added to the schedule in order to allow faculty additional time before they must submit grades. Senator Van Gunten reported that the Records and Advising Committee have looked at such a possibility, but that the primary concern was the certification process for student teachers in CEPS. Senator Sinclair added that owing to additional regulations imposed by NCATE, he would greatly appreciate additional time for submission. Senator Van Gunten suggested that asking the Records and Advising Committee not to make a final recommendation until Faculty Senate could look at their report and comment. Chair HaileMariam said that she would make such a request to the Records and Advising Committee and Sue Harvey.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Chair HaileMariam reported on a number of potential topics or agenda items to be addressed during Spring 2006. They include 1) re-establishing Faculty Senate as the overarching committee on campus; 2) development of a Faculty Handbook; 3) inviting Testing Services to the Faculty Senate to comment on Scantron scheduling; and 4) informing any invited speakers that they need to address the topic at hand in a timely manner during their presentation with Faculty Senate and inform the guests of exactly why they were invited. A brief discussion was had on the merits/demerits of invited speakers.

## **VII. Adjournment at 3:07 p.m.**

### **Future Agenda Items:**

Future Agenda Items: Faculty Forum; External Relations; EIU Athletics; Alumni Association; Campus Atmosphere; Vision for Future; Long Range Planning; Housing.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac