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## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR August 24, 2004 (Vol. XXXIII, No. 1)

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### **I. Call to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:00 p.m.** (Library Conference Room, Booth Library)

Present: J. Allison, J. Ashley, R. Benedict, A. Brownson, D. Carpenter, L. Comerford, B. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, J. Kilgore, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, B. Wilson, and J. Wolski.  
Guests: C. Chatterji, M. Hoadley, J. Johnson, B. Lord, and B. Weber.

### **II. Approval of Minutes of 27 April 2004.**

Motion (Fischer / Wolski) to approve the Minutes of 27 April 2004. Yes: Allison, Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Comerford, Fischer, HaileMariam, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Stimac, Wilson, and Wolski, Abstain: Kilgore.

### **III. Announcements**

- A. **Faculty Senate-sponsored luncheon is set for Wednesday, 1 September 2004 at noon in the Grand Ballroom. VPAA Lord requested that faculty members who had not received invitations to the luncheon, to please contact his office as soon as possible (581-2011, or [cskdd@eiu.edu](mailto:cskdd@eiu.edu)).**
- B. **Senator Fischer announced the Fall 2004 Faculty Development Activities. Please check <http://www.eiu.edu/~acaffair/FacultyDevelopment> for additional details.**

### **IV. Communications**

Since there was no quorum in the meeting on 8 June, Chair Carpenter wanted to include the communications from June in the minutes, and circulated again.

#### Old Communications

- A. Council of Chairs Minutes of 31 March 2004
- B. CEPS Curriculum Committee Minutes of 26 April 2004
- C. President's Council Notes of 5 May 2004
- D. Intercollegiate Athletic Board Minutes of 6 May 2004
- E. Memos to members of ACA Committee from Provost of 7 May 2004
- F. President's Council Notes of 26 May 2004
- G. Intercollegiate Athletic Board 2003 – 2004 Annual Report to University Faculty Senate

#### New Communications

- A. Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University Minutes of 26 April 2004
- B. President's Council Notes of 2 June 2004
- C. President's Council Notes of 9 June 2004 (item included revision of IGP 177 – Anonymous Letters and proposed Dishonest or Fraudulent Activities and Whistleblowers Policy)
- D. President's Council Notes of 16 June 2004
- E. Report to the Board of Trustees by Eastern Illinois University, 21 June 2004
- F. Letter from 4 August 2004 by State Senator D. Righter to Senator Carpenter concerning Memorandum of Understanding on Illinois Public Universities agreed to by Governor Blagojevich neither requesting nor imposing budget reserves in FY05
- G. Letter from 16 August 2004 by C. Chatterji to Senator Carpenter concerning Faculty Senate representative for ITS Associate Director Search  
Motion (Pommier / Benedict) to approve J. Tidwell to search committee. Yes: Allison, Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Comerford, Fischer, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Stimac, Wilson, and Wolski.
- H. Letter from 20 August 2004 by Jill Nilsen concerning merging Office of Media Relations with Office of Publications into Office of University Communications  
Motion (Benedict / Kilgore) to approve merger. Yes: Allison, Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Comerford, Fischer, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Stimac, Wilson, and Wolski.  
Discussion postponed to next meeting.

- I. VPAA Lord welcomed the Senate back and welcomed the new senators. He thanked Chair Carpenter for his service and indicated that at the 8 June meeting Senator Carpenter was presented with a plaque for his service. VPAA Lord listed appointments made at the end of the last academic year as Dean of the Honors College (B. Irwin), Director of Admissions (B. Ross), and Director of Minority Affairs (M. Davenport). Senator Carpenter asked about the status of the Blair Hall project. VPAA Blair indicated that the BOT has approved architects for the project and at the next board meeting, (9/10) it is hoped that the BOT approves the awarding of the roof contract. If everything stays on schedule, the tentative completion date would be spring of 2006. VPAA Lord further explained that the insurance coverage was very comprehensive and has helped pay for the expenses associated with the displaced departments, faculty, and staff. Senator Benedict indicated that there is still some delay in getting items returned from the recovery services. VPAA Lord praised all the occupants from the Blair Hall fire on how they have coped with the situation. Senator Monipallil inquired about the status of the Fine Arts building. VPAA Lord indicated that it is also moving forward and that the architects have been approved and bids will go out in October. Dean Johnson also indicated he was very optimistic about the project.
- J. AVP-ITS C. Chatterji explained that the new network (~ 1 week old) has had some problems, but that they are being addressed. Problems could be broken down into those related to the MSN or to TCP/IP side of things. Owing to construction and project delays, the network had little time to be field-tested. On the MSN side of the network, ports are being attacked by viruses and are being shutdown manually and infected computers (primarily faculty and staff) being disinfected by members of the ITS, CATS, and ISS groups. The TCP/IP side of the network is working well and students are experiencing network speeds of ~10x DSL even during peak use. Senator Kilgore asked what would it have taken to get the network running as planned. AVP-ITS Chatterji replied that it would have been difficult with the project and construction delays, but that in just nine months we completed what the contractors thought would have taken 18 months, so we are ahead of the game. AVP-ITS Chatterji also urged people to call the Help Desk (581-4357, 581-HELP) to report problems. Senator Benedict asked about Outlook server problems and how frequent should Norton be run to detect viruses. AVP-ITS Chatterji replied that the problems were being work out as he spoke and that computers should be left on continuously so that anti-virus definitions could be downloaded automatically. Senator Pommier expressed his appreciation to the aggressive updates to the network infrastructure that Chatterji has been leading. Senator Brownson asked about the next step in WiFi. AVP-ITS Chatterji replied that there are immediate plans for 100 more hot points, as recommended by AVPAA Hoadley, and that in January there should be an additional 200 WiFi hot points. Senator Kilgore asked about the antiquated mainframe system. AVP-ITS Chatterji said that the mainframe will be replaced with the BANNER system, but that the project will take place over 2 – 3 years.

## V. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports
  - 1. Executive Committee – sign-up sheet for Faculty Senate committees was circulated.
    - Nominations: Allison, Brownson, Monipallil, and Pommier
    - Elections: Ashley, Comerford, and Wolski
    - Student-Faculty Relations: Benedict, Fischer, HaileMariam, and Stimac
    - Faculty-Staff Relations: Kilgore, Ogbomo, and Wilson
    - Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award: Allison, Brownson, and Pommier
  - 2. Nominations Committee – Senator Brownson recommended that J. Barbour and C. Eckert be appointed to the Institutional Review Board (IRB). (Yes: Allison, Ashley, Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Comerford, Fischer, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Stimac, Wilson, and Wolski).
  - 3. Elections Committee – Senator Wolski reported that M. Greenlaw left the University and that J. Ashley received the second-most number of votes. Motion (Wolski / Allison) to approve Ashley as Senator. Yes: Allison, Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Comerford, Fischer, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Stimac, and Wolski. Senator Ashley was welcomed. Senator Wolski also indicated that a replacement for Dean Irwin on UPC would be sought.
  - 4. Student – Faculty Relations – no report
  - 5. Staff – Faculty Relations – no report
  - 6. Other Reports – no report

- B. **Senator Fischer requests that interested parties look at the IGP 31 and his recommendations regarding administrative evaluations. Forward comments to your senator or to the Senate. Please see attached recommendations.**

**VI. New Business**

- A. Senator HaileMariam asked VPAA Lord if there would be some type of appointment to head the Faculty Development Program. VPAA Lord replied that there would be and that it is being investigated.
- B. Senator Ashley expressed concerns from his constituents over the costs of using the Telefund. Senator Pommier indicated that S. Rich would like to talk with the Faculty Senate about this.
- C. There was a general discussion as to what possible future agenda items should be included. Suggestions included EIU's vision for the next five years (Senator Fischer), creating an academic atmosphere (Senator Fischer), increased effectiveness of presentations made to Faculty Senate (Senator Allison), re-addressing CFR in terms of Creative Awards or awards being made to faculty in successive cycles (Senator Kilgore), engaging the BOT, especially newly appointed members (Senator Fischer).

**VII. Adjournment at 3:04 p.m.**

**Future Agenda Items:**

Faculty representation on BOT; Alumni Services / Charges and Telefund; Community Service Programs and Opportunities; EIU Foundation; Faculty participation in fundraising priorities, EIU's vision for the next five years

Respectfully submitted,

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