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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR September 21, 2004 (Vol. XXXIII, No. 5)

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Faculty Notice: there will be a special election Wednesday and Thursday (29 and 30 September) in the Student Union lobby to elect members from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities to the Council on Graduate Research. All regular graduate faculty from the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Science and College of Arts and Humanities are eligible to vote.

Notice to Faculty: the Faculty Senate has tabled discussion and vote on a motion that “The Faculty Senate respectfully ask that the Radio and Television Advisory Board reconsider recent changes at WEIU Radio.” Comments can be made to Chair Carpenter or at the next Senate meeting. Please see section V.B.

Notice to Faculty: the Faculty Senate would like to hear from faculty on their perception of the CFR Awards and their distribution. Please see section VI.A.

- 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, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, J. Kilgore, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, B. Wilson, and J. Wolski.
Guests: B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), C. Rohn (Dean, CEPS), R. Chesnut (Director, Office of Grants and Research), J. Heumann (Communication Studies), K. Click (Communication Studies), R. Murray (English), J. Peryam (reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), K. Mayhugh (reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), D. Miffler (VPAA, Student Government), K. Fischer (Student Government).

II. Approval of Minutes of 14 September 2004.

Motion (Brownson / Pommier) to approve the Minutes of 14 September 2004. Corrections: The Special Election attachment should state that the Special Election will be held Wednesday and Thursday (29 and 30 September) in the Union. All regular graduate faculty of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Science and College of Arts and Humanities are eligible to vote. In addition, when asked by Senator Ashley last week about the cost of new one-page brochures that departments are being encouraged to print while new web pages are being designed, VPER Nilsen replied that she did not know the cost. Yes: J. Allison, J. Ashley, R. Benedict, A. Brownson, D. Carpenter, L. Comerford, B. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, J. Kilgore, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, B. Wilson, and J. Wolski.

III. Announcements

- A. Senator Brownson announced that the Annual SECA fund raising drive is to begin shortly and she encouraged donations. Last year only 47 Eastern Illinois University employees donated, out of approximately 1800. They did, however, raise close to \$11,000. This year’s goal is \$17,000.
- B. Senator Fischer announced that the Faculty Development Committee is bringing Dr. L.D. Fink to campus on Thursday, 30 September. His workshop, “Want Your Students to Learn More? Some New Ideas for Designing Your Courses Differently,” will be held from 1 – 4 PM in the Charleston-Mattoon room of the University Union.
- C. The 16th Annual Fall Lecture sponsored by the Phi Beta Kappa Association of East Central Illinois will be on Thursday, 23 September. Dr. Lisa Pratt will discuss “If We Encounter Life on Mars, Will We Recognize It?” at 7:30 PM in the Buzzard Auditorium.

IV. Communications

- A. Email of 15 September from Joe Heumann, re: WEIU-FM – discussion with J. Heumann is reported under section V.B.
- B. Email of 17 September from Elaine Fine, re: WEIU-FM’s classical music collection
- C. Email of 20 September from Frank McCormick, re: Annual Phi Beta Kappa Lecture (see announcements)

- D. Dean Johnson has invited all to the rededication ceremony of the Tarble Arts Center on Thursday, 7 October at 4 PM.

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: no report
 2. Nominations Committee: no report
 3. Elections Committee: the Special Election will be held Wednesday and Thursday (29 and 30 September) in the in the Union. All regular graduate faculty of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Science and College of Arts and Humanities are eligible to vote for representatives to the CGS.
 4. Faculty – Student Relations: no report
 5. Faculty – Staff Relations: Senator Ogbomo has contacted the Staff Senate and reports that the Staff Senate is in the process of conducting their internal elections. Once they are completed, business can start.
 6. Other Reports: Senator Pommier informed the Senate of four items:
 - 1) TEAM presentations by recipients of professional development grants are being conducted throughout the semester. **Please see attachment.**
 - 2) Information and the application form for the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award are now online at the Faculty Senate’s web site. **Please see attachment.**
 - 3) The Development Committee reports that the number of contributors increased 15% last year. They also report that the “denominator” – a number that reflects the total number of contributors as well as the number of valid addresses in the database, has also increased. The denominator is a number that figures into rankings.
 - 4) The Development Committee also reported that IGP #148 had been approved. IGP #148 concerns the naming of facilities “including but not limited to, the naming of academic positions, endowments, equipment, and athletic programs.”
- B. Discussion concerning WEIU-FM format change: J. Heumann brought to Senate a number of concerns, clarifications, and objections to items raised last Senate meeting with R. Sailors over the format change at WEIU-FM. Heumann stated that when he was asked to help form a committee on WEIU in 1979, the stated purpose of the radio station would be focused on the cultural mission and would include public service as part of that goal. At the time that J. Beabout was hired there were 7 days per week of classical music. In last weeks meeting R. Sailors stated that the new format would be better for students in terms of their ability of being hired, however in the 15 years that I [Heumann] managed WEIU-FM, only 5 went onto careers in radio – this was because radio is an extremely difficult field to break into. One of WEIU-FM Radio’s successes is Craig Schwab, formerly of WNEW in New York and now Program Director at Detroit’s WKRK. Heumann also suggested that one possible reason that no one called or wrote in when the spots concerning the potential format change was announced was that no one thought it should change. Both Heumann and K. Click said that it appeared that WEIU-FM has conducted an Internet poll asking for feedback and that preliminary results, before the poll was removed, suggested that ~2000 responding were against the change and ~300 were favorable to the change. Click elaborated on the rationale behind The Edge and The Odyssey – he stated that The Edge was originally designed to be a way WEIU-FM could address the commercial side of broadcasting without violating any of it licenses or programming directives. The commercial music given to the station could be played on The Edge and the students would get their commercial experience there. The Odyssey had a similar goal except that it would be student music. Senator Pommier asked if there is such a controversy over the format change, then why did the Radio and Television Advisory Board vote for the change. R. Murray said that they board did not take a vote and that if it had it would only be advisory in nature. Senator HaileMariam said the she was under the impression that a vote had taken place. Senator Ogbomo asked what the Faculty Senate is supposed to do about the situation. Senator Allison (Pommier) motioned that “The Faculty Senate respectfully ask that the Radio and Television Advisory Board reconsider recent changes at WEIU Radio.” Senator Allison then asked that consideration of the motion be postponed until the next Faculty Senate (28 September) in order that interested parties might either attend Senate or voice their opinions to the Senate. Senator Fischer voiced his concerns that he felt uncomfortable telling R. Sailors how to run a radio station - a subject he knows little. Senator Kilgore said that the motion was not trying to tell

Sailors how to run the station, but that we should foster cultural diversity, part of our mission. Click stated that it appears that the new format may be in the best interest of the new program director rather than the students. Chair Carpenter replied that he would talk to the parties involved and invite them back to Senate or ask for comments.

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion with Dr. Robert Chesnut, Director of the Grants and Research – Senator Wilson started discussion by asking about the general vision and direction of Grants and Research. Chesnut described the new web site (<http://www.eiu.edu/~grants>) as well as the fact that there are now three staff in the office (himself, Cathy Thomas, and Cheryl Siddens). Both of these allows the office to better help faculty search for appropriate funding. Chesnut added that he is in the process of visiting with each department explaining the new services the office offers. The office is attempting to focus on increased compliance with Federal regulations – currently the emphasis is with animal and human involvement in research and next will be with increased grant reporting. His office is also publishing a quarterly newsletter highlighting awards, changes, and other news of interest. Senator Wilson asked if any attempt was being made to involve local business and industry as partners with Eastern Illinois University in research. Chesnut replied that the Physics Department has just received a large grant that does involve a local business, but that for the most part it is difficult based on Eastern Illinois University's primary focus of teaching and the character of the local community. Senator Kilgore asked about the budget and award amounts the office worked with. Chesnut replied that he did not have the budget figures with him, but that it essentially was for three staff, office materials, and supplies. The award amounts are ~\$35,000 - \$36,000 for Fall CFR and a EIU-UPI contract mandated \$80,000 for Summer CFR. Senator Kilgore asked what became of the CFR Self-Study. Chesnut replied that the self-study of ~3 years ago resulted in the restructuring of the CFR so that now all colleges are represented equally. Senator Carpenter asked if the humanities had a more difficult time finding external grant monies and Chesnut replied that they did. However, Grants and Research have been taking part in workshops and subscribing to online sources in order to better help the humanities. Senator Kilgore asked if CFR was reviewing recurring awards and their possible elimination. Chesnut replied that CFR had charged a subcommittee to look into that question and that their report should be ready near the end of the semester. Chesnut reported the Fall CFR has 26 applicants – 2 in the Creative Activities category and 24 in Research. Senator Kilgore asked if there was a perception of prejudice against Creative Activities Proposals. Senator Fischer replied that you cannot receive funding unless you apply and that this was one of the reasons CFR had been restructured. Senator Fischer further stated that it may take repeated applications to a granting agency to receive funding so an initial rejection may occur. Chesnut and Senator Fischer both stated that feedback on non-funded proposals is readily available to principle investigators. Senator Ashley stated that we must not attempt to speak on faculty perceptions if only two applied for Creative Activities. Senator Comerford stated that Mathematics has had a very difficult time receiving funding and has that in many cases it is difficult explaining complex concepts in a form that CFR can appreciate. Senator Stimac suggested that if the jargon and detail could not be eliminated, then submittal to an external agency should be considered. Senators Fischer and Wilson voiced concerns that since CFR had recently been restructured owing to perception concerns, maybe we should let the new format run for a while before changing it. Senator Kilgore asked if we could consider pre-dividing the CFR awards based on college or some other means. Senator Fischer said that this was a slippery slope that had already been addressed. If we were to subdivide the awards, why not just hand out an equal share to all faculty? Senator Wilson said that having been a member on CFR she knows how important it is to read the comments made by reviewers. Senator Monipallil echoed the thoughts by stating that of three proposals he had submitted, only two were funded. After reading the comments received on the first proposal, he agreed with reviewers that it could have been better and may have been hastily prepared. Senator Reed said that CFR had been restructured to address the perceptions, but that many still feel that it is best if they do not apply. Senator Stimac stated that we should not penalize good researchers by not allowing them to continue to apply each cycle. Senator Monipallil stated that maybe the sciences do have an edge, but that may be because they are brought up in an atmosphere fostering and encouraging grant writing and proposal submittal. He would be opposed to limiting the number of awards; principle investigators should just keep writing until funded.

VII. Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

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Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac

**TEAM Presentations by Recipients of Professional Development Grants
Fall, 2004**

Presenters)	Date	Time	Location
Phil Age, School of Technology, and Jean Dilworth, School of Family & Consumer Sciences	Tuesday, September 7	2 to 3 pm	Klehm Hall 2411
Sandy Bowman and Julie Benedict, Human Resources Office	Monday, September 20	3 to 4 pm	Effingham Room
Mikki Meadows, School of Family & Consumer Sciences	Monday, September 20	4 to 4:30 pm	Effingham Room
Thomas Hawkins, School of Technology	Thursday, September 30	3 to 4 pm	Effingham Room
Sam Guccione, School of Technology	Tuesday, October 5	1 to 1:30 pm	
Andrew Robinson, Department of Communication Studies	Friday, October 15	12 to 1pm	Effingham Room
Denise Lee, Admissions Office	Friday, October 15	1 to 2 pm	Effingham Room
April Flood, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle School Education	Friday, October 15	2 to 3 pm	Effingham Room
Mildred Pearson, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle School Education	Wednesday, October 27	12 to 1 pm	Charleston/Mattoon Room
Marshall Lassak, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science	Wednesday, October 27	1 to 2 pm	Charleston/Mattoon Room
Judy Barbour, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle School Education	Wednesday, November 10	10 to 11am	Effingham Room
French Fraker, Department of Counseling & Student Development	Wednesday, November 10	11 am to 12 pm	Effingham Room
Alien Davis, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science	Thursday, November 11	3:30 to 4:30 pm	Old Main 3013
Linda Simpson, School of Family & Consumer Sciences	Friday, November 12	10to11 am	Kansas Room
Wafeek Wahby, School of Technology	Friday, November 12	11 am to 12 pm	Kansas Room

Eastern Illinois University's community is encouraged to join faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni in nominating candidates for this year's Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award. Such an award is given to EIU faculty members, including chairs, who best exemplify the dedication of Dr. Luis Clay Mendez by their service to the University, their profession, and the community at large (Local, National, and International).

Candidates for the award will be recommended by the Luis Clay Mendez Award committee, made up of (3) faculty senators, elected by the Senate at large. Any member of the EIU community may nominate a faculty member for consideration. Self-nomination is encouraged. Generally, the faculty senate will choose one faculty member annually to receive the Luis Clay Mendez Award. Recipients will be presented a plaque at the fall commencement ceremonies.

Information and nomination forms maybe found at: <http://www.eiu.edu/~FacSen> Nominations should include: a nominating letter; a letter of support; and the curriculum vitae of the nominee, highlighting relevant service activities.

All materials should be submitted by 4 p.m. on October 29,2004 to John Henry Pommier, Department of Recreation Administration, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920. Please contact John Henry Pommier (217-581-6597; jhpommier@eiu.edu) if additional information or assistance is desired.

Eastern Illinois University
Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award

Nomination Form

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Name of Nominee: _____
Department: _____
Include in your nomination packet:
• This cover sheet.
• Nominating letter.
• Curriculum vitae of the nominee.
• Letter of support.

Nominator's Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____