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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR September 28, 2004 (Vol. XXXIII, No. 6)

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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, 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), M.A. Hanner (Dean, COS), D. Carwell (Political Science), B. Lawrence (Chemistry), D. Radavich (English), J. Peryam (reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), D. Miffler (VPAA, Student Government), K. Fischer (Student Government), R. Huwer (Pan-Hellenic Council), R. Drozd, and D. Carter.

II. Approval of Minutes of 21 September 2004.

Motion (Comerford / Wilson) to approve the Minutes of 21 September 2004. Corrections: The third notice to faculty had “faulty” rather than faculty in the notice. R. Sailors did not attend last weeks Senate meeting, but instead reference was made to comments he made at the previous meeting. The motion made last week concerning WEIU Radio was postponed until this week – not tabled.

Yes: J. Allison, 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.

III. Announcements

- A. 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.

IV. Communications

- A. Email from Chief Due, re: Parking Advisory Committee members
- B. Message of 22 September from Dean Hoadley, re: COTE Member
- C. Email of 24 September from L. Campanis, re: CGS Special Election
- D. Email of 24 September from K. Bartel, re: CFR
- E. Email of 24 September from J. Boshart, re: CFR
- F. Email of 25 September from R. Murray, re: RTAB
- G. Email of 27 September from R. Sailors, re: WEIU-FM format change
- H. Communication on 28 September from Senator Kilgore, re: Senate communications. Chair Carpenter stated that communications sent to the Senate as a body are Senate communications, otherwise the communication is solely directed to the individual Senator.
- I. Communication on 28 September from A. Zahlan via Senator Allison, re: Financial Aid difficulties for students (Senator Fischer suggested that this be referred to Student Senate)
- J. Communication of 28 September from D. Carwell, re: request to add titles to TEAM Presentations recipients notice (Senator Pommier will obtain the titles and they will be published with future minutes)

V. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports
 - 1. Executive Committee: no report
 - 2. Nominations Committee: no report
 - 3. Elections Committee: the Special CGS elections are this Wednesday and Thursday (29 and 30 September).
 - 4. Faculty – Student Relations: no report
 - 5. Faculty – Staff Relations: no report
 - 6. Other Reports: no report

- B. Last week's motion that was postponed to this week, (Allison / Pommier) that "The Faculty Senate respectfully ask that the Radio and Television Advisory Board reconsider recent changes at WEIU Radio" was modified by Senators Allison and Pommier to read "The Faculty Senate respectfully ask that the Radio and Television Advisory Board reconsider recent format changes at WEIU Radio in the interest of Eastern's commitment to cultural diversity and student enrichment." Discussion began with a question by Senator Wilson as to where such a motion would go if passed by Senate. Chair Carpenter replied that such a motion would go to the VPER Nilsen, R. Sailors, and J. Owens. Senator Allison suggested that it also goes to the Radio – Television Advisory Board (RTAB). D. Radavich informed the Senate of recent objectives discussed and passed in CUPB (e.g., Eastern Illinois University should be a cultural center and expanded opportunities should be provided to students). Senator Allison asked Radavich if this motion on the table would be in keeping with CUPB's objectives. Radavich replied that they would. Senator Monipallil voiced concerns that this motion, if passed, would deal with changes that have already been made to WEIU-FM formatting. Senator Monipallil agreed with the motion's objectives, but suggested that the new format should be allowed to run for a period and evaluated before being possibly changed. Senator HaileMariam agreed with Senator Monipallil in that the new format should be allowed to run for a time and further stated that when R. Sailors and J. Owens were before Senate they indicated that the cultural diverse programming would not be excluded – it is still played, but for shorter periods. Senator Allison stated that the motion would not require the old format and had no definite timeline, but that it just affirms Eastern Illinois University's goals of cultural diversity. Senator Fischer stated that as written, the motion would be tough to vote against, but that during the discussion on 14 September (with R. Sailors and others) that faculty members in attendance familiar with radio programming supported the change. Senator Benedict pointed out that the motion asks for reconsideration, but it did not suggest what that meant. Senator Allison replied that since the RTAB did not take a vote on the format change, this motion should help the staff of WEIU-FM work more closely with the RTAB. The motion would also be a sign of the disenchantment with the new format and that last week J. Heumann presented strong case for going back to the previous format. Senator Allison would like the mission to be followed; he is not suggesting a programming format. Senator Pommier recalled that R. Sailors assured the Senate last year that The Edge and The Odyssey would provide the commercial-type format experience to the students when they were first discussed. Senator Kilgore was struck by the fact the new format is doing something that is already being done throughout the region and that the old format provided training for the students. He indicated that the motion was modestly worded without telling WEIU-FM what to do. Senator Monipallil had concerns that "reconsider" has the connotation that the decision made was flawed. He asked if the word "reconsider" could be dropped from the motion. Senator Allison declined the request since he thought "reconsider" did not demand and that it was a word generally used in such motions. Senator Comerford said that R. Sailors' and J. Heumann's cases were both strong for the different formats and that clearly there are unresolved differences that must be worked out.

Call for the vote on the motion: "The Faculty Senate respectfully ask that the Radio and Television Advisory Board reconsider recent format changes at WEIU Radio in the interest of Eastern's commitment to cultural diversity and student enrichment." Yes: Allison, Carpenter, Comerford, Kilgore, Ogbomo, Pommier, and Wolski. No: Benedict, Brownson, Fischer, HaileMariam, Monipallil, Stimac, and Wilson. Motion failed (7-7).

VI. New Business

- A. Academic Atmosphere on Eastern Illinois University's campus: Senator Fischer began discussion and a general brainstorming session on various activities and events that would help bring the Eastern Illinois University community together more academically. All members present, including student representatives and guests contributed to the following list of potential topics.
1. One book – one campus (or one book – one college; bring author onto campus to speak). Last semester there was interest expressed at having a one book – one campus event that would involve many different parts of campus all reading and discussing one book. *Frankenstein* will be a distinct possibility when Booth Library brings the traveling exhibit to campus in 2005. Senator Brownson stated that the Textbook Rental Service was reluctant to purchase a book that would be used for only one semester. *The Da Vinci Code* was also another book mentioned.

2. Reaching off campus, e.g., Gregg Toland Festival this past weekend was very successful and additional opportunities are possible.
3. Community service opportunities - would fit in very well with President Hencken's goals of involving students in service. Senator Pommier stated that "service" was not just work, it could also be getting departments and the local community working together to build better connections.
4. Film series – have been mostly documentaries in the past, but are not limited to such.
5. Speaker series, e.g., our own faculty; external speakers; students.
6. Academic enhancement afternoon, e.g., involve the entire campus one afternoon.
7. Panel discussions – Senator Wilson said that the College of Science has ScienceFest – maybe other colleges should have something similar.
8. Discussion of pertinent issues – the example of trying to get Michael Moore on campus was used in that even though we could not get him, we could still have discussions based on the issues that are raised.
9. Convocation / graduation – many Senators expressed the idea that students and faculty should be more involved in convocation and graduation ceremonies since it is a way to honor our students. Senator Fischer stated that freshman should be required to attend convocation.
10. RSOs and "network" development.
11. Academic highlights of students on campus, e.g., having students who do research also present posters in a highly visible area.
12. Scholar in residence similar to the faculty laureate.
13. Increased participation at events – many of the Senators, as well as students, voiced concern at the few number of people participating in events held on campus. Student representative Fischer suggested that it should be a top-down approach in which faculty should lead by example. Senator Brownson asked if such a requirement could be made mandatory. Provost Lord replied that it could, but that it must be made meaningful in the sense that there would also have to be some type of penalty for non-attendance.

VII. Adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

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Respectfully submitted,

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