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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR September 23, 2003 (Vol. XXXII, No. 5)

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I. Call to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:04 p.m. (Library Conference Room, Booth Library)

Present: J. Allison, R. Benedict, D. Carpenter, D. Carwell, L. Clay Mendez, L. Comerford, R. Fischer, B. Lawrence, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, M. Toosi, J. Wolski. Guests: Tim Martin, John Hohenadel, Amanda Santorel, Nicole Kull, Jean Dillsworth, Dean Johnson, Caleb Judy, Les Hyder and Blair Lord.

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 16, 2003.

Motion (Fischer/Wolski) to approve minutes with the following clarifications provided by Rick Sailors: "100% of the staff development budget is paid from grant funds. Regarding the funding of student conference and training fees and travel: WEIU committed to match an amount equal to 10% of the Dean's funding for this purpose. The actual expenses for student travel/training are paid from local or grant funds. 100% of the Dean's \$57,000 allocated to the Radio/TV Center is used for student scholarships." Yes: Allison, Benedict, Carpenter, Clay Mendez, Comerford, Fischer, Lawrence, Monipallil, Ogbomo, Pommier, Scher, Stimac, Wolski. Abstain: Carwell and Toosi. Passed.

III. Announcements:

- A. Big Picture meeting of the IBHE, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 1895 room
- B. Next Tuesday, L. Drake, J. Zieren, Dean Augustine and J. Owens will visit the Faculty Senate

IV. Communications:

- A. Curriculum Committee Minutes (8 September) from CEPS
- B. Agenda for 19 September CIUS Meeting
- C. E-mail from Betsy D. Mitchell re: Presidential Search Committee procedures.
- D. E-mail from David Radavich re: J. Shonkwiler's poem, read at CUPB meeting
- E. E-mail from William Weber re: Unable to attend senate meeting
- F. E-mail from Judy Gorrell re: IBHE staff luncheon
- G. E-mail from Joe Heumann re: J. Shonkwiler's insensitivity
- H. E-mail from Rick Sailors re: Clarifications to minutes of September 16, 2003
- I. Pommier: colleagues are interested in comparing current and past telefund campaigns and discussing the \$2 parking pass.

V. Old Business:

Committee Reports:

- 1. Nominations Committee: Motion (Wolski/Fischer) to appoint Linda Ghent to the Parking Advisory Committee and Olivet Jagusah (COEPS) to the Library Advisory Board. Passed.
- 2. Faculty-Staff Relations Committee: Contacted K. Cartright, Sandy Bingham-Porter and Eric Davidson re: parking reports (Allison).
- 3. Other Reports: a) Jeff Cross asked for a replacement on the Achievement and Contribution Awards Committee. Karen Taylor needs to step down. Possible replacements: J. Daniels. P. Louis and S. French.; b) Enrollment Management Committee meets next week; c) Presidential Search Committee: Meets Wednesday, September 24 at 10:00.

VI. New Business:

- A. Blair Lord directed the discussion re: Proposed Change(s) to Summer-school Schedule. The proposal is a dynamic document being circulated among Council of Deans, Council of Chairs, CAA, CGS and other major units, including the Faculty Senate. 75% of students served during summer school are in 3000 level or higher and in three groups: a) graduating seniors; b) teachers doing CPDUs and c) cohort programs. In order to become more pedagogically sound and allow for more facilities down time, it is proposed that 4 week program follow closely after the end of the spring semester, with a 6 week program following shortly afterwards. This setup provides greater flexibility and less fiscal difficulties. Maximum academic load would be 18 s.h. (6 in the 4-week and 12 in the 6-week session). How about Summer Study Abroad? (Ogbomo) It would not be affected (Lord). How do changes impact faculty currently teaching two courses for pre-retirement loads, etc? (Carwell) They should be able to maintain these assignments as long as there is student demand. Two factors have been taken into account: the importance of summer school and its

contributions to academic programs, and a process that includes all academic councils and bodies (Johnson). The proposal will be discussed with the Student Senate October 1 (Caleb Judy). Faculty need down time between sessions to prepare classes (Scher). What is the anticipated impact on the overall number of courses offered? (Carwell) The programs are more vibrant. We expect more courses, not less (Lord). How about the work load for administrators between May and August, when they are doing less? (Pommier) Work continues throughout the year, and they have 5 weeks vacation time anyway (Lord). Several courses do not conform to a 6 week session, and summer masters programs are of an inherently slower pace (Commerford). There is flexibility to accommodate these exceptions (Lord). What was the cost of subsidizing the summer programs? (Fischer) In the six-figures area, \$300,000 to \$400,000, used to augment student fees (Lord). Why have a summer program? (Scher) It serves student needs. All but 50 courses made it, about the same amount as last year (Lord). Summer is not an extraordinary expense. General appropriated funds always subsidize all courses year-round (Allison). Was 17 students the break even point? (Benedict) Nor for all courses (Lord).

- B. Les Hyder gave a summary of the IBHE's Faculty Advisory Council: all higher-education-specific legislation has been signed by governor. Most capital development projects remained intact, so no funds were cut from the Fine Arts building. Over the two-year period from FY 2002 and FY 2004, appropriations for public universities have decreased about 13%. (The remainder of the extensive written report is on file). What's the meaning of the statement that says faculty loads and productivity are low? (Clay Méndez and Benedict). It may herald future action by the IBHE. How can we change the governor's mind? We must educate the public (Fischer). Governor is not necessarily hostile to higher education. The waste is in administrative bloat, but no cuts were made in the academic missions of universities (Allison). The definition of faculty and administrator is not sound: this is not all black and white. How about support staff? (Toosi) This subject is to be revisited (Hyder).
- C. The Faculty Senate considered a motion censuring the poem read by J. Shonkwiler at a recent CUPB meeting. While several senators expressed dissatisfaction with this insensitive and potentially damaging portrayal of the governor, it was decided by consensus not to pursue the matter any further.
- D. Motion (Lawrence/Allison): **The Faculty Senate recommends that the Presidential Search Committee advertise for candidates with a Ph.D. or other appropriate terminal degree and suitable academic experience.** Discussion: Why limit the search and eliminate potential candidates with promise? (Ogbomo) As a member of the committee, a motion would lend credence to our view (Clay Méndez). Yes: Allison, Carpenter, Carwell, Clay Mendez, Comerford, , Lawrence, Stimac,. No: Benedict, Ogbomo, Pommier and Wolski. Abstain: Fischer.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Commencement Committee, Academic/Faculty Advising; Evaluation of Administrators; Facilities Naming Procedures; Faculty Representation on Board of Trustees; Shared Governance for Academic Technology; International Programs; Community Service Programs and Opportunities; EIU Foundation; Faculty Participation in Establishing Fund-Raising Priorities; Parking Fees and Spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

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