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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR November 11, 2003 (Vol. XXXII, No. 12)

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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, D. Carwell, L. Comerford, R. Fischer, B. Lawrence, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, M. Toosi, J. Wolski. Guests: B. Lord, W. Weber, K. Henderson, J. Hohenadel, G. Lesica, K. Weisbacher, N. Zegler.

II. Approval of the Minutes of November 11, 2003: Motion (Scher/Toosi) to approve. Yes: Brownson, Caprenter, Carwell, Comerford, Lawrence, Ogbomo, Pommier, Scher, Stimac, Toosi, Allison, Carpenter. Abstain: Benedict. Motion Passed.

III. Announcements:

- A. Chair Carpenter reported B. Lord's confirmation that, if the Senate wishes, the Senate can determine to establish a distinguished service plaque in the name of Luis Clay-Mendez. Carpenter asked senators who had volunteered to recommend procedures and criteria to meet and make recommendations. He also encouraged members of Student Senate to participate with the Faculty Senate Members in exploring ways to establish awards for both Luis Clay-Mendez and Johnetta Jones.
- B. Scher announced the upcoming Fall Forum on Retention to be held on Wednesday, November 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room, third floor of the University Union. Faculty interested in attending may RSVP by calling 581-6056.

IV. Communications:

- A. B. Lord (11/4): Memorandum concerning revision of IGP #148, Naming of Facilities.
- B. R. Sylvia (11/5): Memorandum regarding modifications of the structure of the Council of Faculty Research. The memorandum includes the following statement: "After lengthy discussion, the subcommittee decided to recommend that representation by college, with the inclusion of library representation, replace the current structure of representation by research area." The proposal accompanied the memorandum, and Sylvia expressed willingness to attend the Senate for discussion.
- C. Fischer: E-Mail documents regarding Faculty Development.
- D. BOT Agenda for meeting of November 7.
- E. BOT Minutes of September 15
- F. EIU Administrative Report to BOT (11/7).
- G. Minutes (11/6): Intercollegiate Athletic Board.
- H. J. Nilsen (11/9): E-Mail expressing interest in meeting with the Senate during Spring semester and thanking members of the Senate's subcommittee for a productive meeting with her. By consensus Senators asked Chair Carpenter to extend an invitation for a spring meeting with Nilsen, Evans, and Rich.
- I. Chair Carpenter summarized his remarks at the BOT meeting of November 7:
At the meeting he conveyed the Faculty Senate's Resolution regarding improving the presidential search process, as well as the Senate's endorsement of the Student Senate's Resolution regarding the presidential search process. He stated his belief that faculty will continue to "sustain Eastern's excellence and well-being." In addition, after quoting Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five*, he stressed that, while the Board's "handling of the presidential search may represent 'the assassination of shared governance,'" in "many other moments shared governance remains healthy and alive." Carpenter also reported that he complimented Chat Chatterji for excellent work in seeking to improve EIU's computer infrastructure and operations. Carpenter questioned the parliamentary procedure of Trustee Anderson's earlier nomination of L. Hencken for Eastern's presidency since, according to the Board's policies and *Robert's Rules*, committee chairs cannot make motions, but J. Barron, the university attorney, stated that there was no irregularity. Carpenter noted that, after the meeting, Trustee R. Detro expressed agreement with virtually everything H. Reynolds wrote in a *Times-Courier* editorial (11/7).
- J. Senator Fischer addressed the Senate regarding Faculty Development. He reported that about a half year ago B. Lord charged a committee to recommend ways to revitalize Faculty Development. Fischer mentioned faculty-circle groups for discussion of concerns of first-year faculty members, luncheon forums, invited speakers, and other activities. Also, mini-grants are available, even for activities retroactive

to July 1. Faculty can apply for these \$300.00 grants via the new one-page one page form at the Faculty Development homepage. Senate members suggested that the Faculty Development group should consider reactivating the Faculty Club (Toosi), arrange for times when all faculty can assemble (Lawrence), and assure that the director will be accorded sufficient time (Carpenter). After Chair Carpenter noted problems that might result from an even number of voters (8) on the proposed structure for the Faculty Development group, Senator Lawrence recommended making the dean member ex-officio non-voting member and making the library member a voting faculty member. Senator Fischer said that he "could live with that." Carpenter thanked Bonnie Irwin and Senator Fischer for their work. B. Lord stated that, while there is no set timeline for a search, he prefers beginning a search for an internal candidate in the spring.

V. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

Nominations: Pommier reported that T. Hawkins (School of Technology) and T. Shonk (English) have volunteered to serve on the Director of Admissions Search Committee. **A motion (Benedict/Toosi) was made to approve the nominations. Motion passed unanimously.** The names will be forwarded to B. Lord. Robert Peterson (Art) was nominated to serve on the Apportionment Board. **A motion was made (Benedict/Comerford) to accept the nomination. Passed unanimously.**

Student/Faculty Relations: Scher apologized for sending an unopenable PDF file to Student Senate members. He also indicated that conversation continues among the groups members.

- B. Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee:** After discussion about an irregularity between the Senate's practice of appointing members for three-year terms and the Board's stipulation of one-year terms, the Senate then acted on the following motions : **Motion (Toosi/Pommier) to appoint R. Benedict as the second-year Senate appointee and Motion (Toosi/Comerford) to appoint Steve Scher as the third-year appointee. Both motions passed unanimously.** Scher will contact the Foundation to explore means to assure conformity between policies and Senate practice.
- C. Senate Support for a Local NAACP Chapter:** Ogbomo reported that there is a student NAACP group on Campus, but that there is no local chapter. He intends to confer further with the students and others and report to the Senate. Carpenter will clarify to whom the Senate would send a recommendation.

VI. New Business: Faculty Forum

Senate members agreed that a format using breakout groups would allow discussion of a cluster of subtopics under the heading of "Building a Learning Community." The subtopics agreed upon were as follows: Productivity, Creating Community On and Off Campus, International Programs, Priority of Scholarly/Creative Activity, and One Book/One Author, One University. Chair Carpenter will schedule a suitable location and time for the forum. During discussion Student Senator George Lesica described students activities to stress Eastern's productivity to legislators and others. To date the group has sent over three hundred letters. Lesica has contacted CUPB to express interest in working with its legislative subcommittee. He expressed eagerness to work with faculty, noting that the student group can offer much assistance with mailings and other activities. He emphasized the benefits of having faculty members accompany students during visits to legislators. Also during the discussion of the forum, some senators stressed the importance of the Charleston community to Eastern's community. Toosi noted that with the closing of Trailmobile and Blaw-Knox, he experiences difficulty placing student interns.

Adjournment: The Senate adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Activities of Enrollment Management, Academic/Faculty Advising, Evaluation of Administrators, Faculty Representation on the Board of Trustees, Facilities Naming Procedures, Shared Governance for Academic Technologies, Community Service Programs and Opportunities, EIU Foundation, Faculty Participation in Fund-Raising Priorities, Senate Forum, NAACP chapter, Modifications to CFR, Luis Clay-Mendez Award.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allison

