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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR November 18, 2003 (Vol. XXXII, No. 13)

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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, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, J. Wolski. Excused: M. Toosi. Guests: B. Lord, R. Augustine., C. Rohn, K. Weisbacher, N. Zegler, T. Martin, J. Robertsen, C. Griggs, A. Gabczynski.

II. Approval of the Minutes of November 11, 2003: Motion (Wolski/Brownson) to approve. Passed unanimously..

III. Announcements:

- A. Katie Weisbacher of the Pan-Hellenic Council stated that Craig Eckert had been selected as an honorary member of the week.
- B. The Forum on Retention is scheduled for 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Union on November 19.

IV. Communications:

- A. Carpenter shared a postcard distributed at CUPB (11/14). The card, which has been and will be distributed to legislators and others, succinctly highlights Eastern's mission and strengths.
- B. C. Thomas (11/11): E-Mail requesting a replacement for R. Chesnut on the Council on Faculty Research. The replacement must be from Physical Sciences. **The Senate asks that faculty from Physical Sciences interested in serving forward the nomination form attached to these Minutes to Chair Carpenter by Monday, December 8.**
- C. B. Lord (11/12): Memorandum regarding the Senate's Honors Council Proposal. Lord advised Senate and CAA members to deliberate further. Chair Carpenter will ask members of the CAA Executive Committee to visit the Senate.
- D. President' Council Minutes (10/22)
- E. President's Council Minutes (11/12): Both sets of the minutes included changes to the *Internal Governing Policies*. Allison asked if the proposed changes had been communicated to Chair Carpenter before they were acted upon by the President's Council, and Allison noted that when he was Senate Chair, proposed changes to the IGPs were always forwarded to him so that the Senate could offer advice about proposed changes. Carpenter stated that he had received no notification of the changes. Allison requested that the Senate's Executive Committee ask the President to communicate proposed changes to the IGPs to the Senate before rather than after the President's Council's actions.
- F. M. Toosi (11/17): E-Mail regarding storage and office trailers taking up valuable parking space on Garfield Street north of Klehm Hall. Communicating a concern of Professor Hal Nordin, Toosi noted that as many as forty-seven parking spaces are being wasted. Concerned faculty are asking that the trailers be removed "immediately." Senator Scher and others asked Chair Carpenter to contact Vice-President J. Cooley about the matter.

V. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Chair Carpenter stated that the Council on University Planning and Budget, which met Friday, November 14, will review focus statements for vice-presidential areas in light of the president's stated goals. Carpenter mentioned that the Senate will soon learn the president's decision about the size and membership of CUPB and that J. Nilsen, students, and others visited legislators during the veto session the previous week. He announced a meeting of the Senate's Executive Committee with President Hencken, Provost Lord, and L. Hyder scheduled for 3:30 p.m. (11/18) to discuss the IBHE's ideas concerning productivity. In closing, Carpenter communicated the President's intention to establish Presidential Scholarships for freshmen in the Honors College. These scholarships will cover tuition and fees, excluding insurance, for as many as twenty freshmen at any given time. External funds for the scholarships are already coming in to the university.

- B. Nominations Committee: Senator Wolski stated that Chris Hanlon (English) has volunteered as a replacement for Brian Poulter (Journalism) on the Team-Grants Council. **A motion (Fischer/Pommier) to**

appoint Hanson to the Team-Grants Council passed unanimously.

- C. Senator Scher announced a meeting of the Clay-Mendez Award Subcommittee to take place on a Wednesday after Thanksgiving Break. The group includes Scher, Pommier, and Allison. He also mentioned that the Distinguished Faculty Award Committee membership is nearly complete. The President has selected Patricia Poulter (Music) to serve as his faculty appointee.
- D. Faculty Forum: Chair Carpenter has secured the Grand Ballroom for the spring semester forum. The Senate agreed to hold the forum on February 24.
- E. Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee: Having spoken with Foundation members and James Tidwell, who was Senate Chair in 1999 when the Senate voted in favor of one-year appointments, Scher recommended the Senate to leave terms of appointment as they stand -- one-year appointments. Other senators concurred.
- F. NAACP Chapter: Carpenter reported that he had tried, without success, to contact two people for information. He will continue his efforts. Since Senator Ogbomo was absent from the meeting, senators decided to defer discussion to the next meeting.
- G. Naming of Facilities (IGP 148): Carpenter directed attention to the proposal distributed last week and asked senators if they wished to recommend any changes. The proposal includes six guidelines and recommends eight members to be appointed for two-year terms by the President, with members chosen from the faculty and academic staff. Allison expressed concern that all of the positions will be appointed. **Allison moved (Carwell seconded) that the Facilities Naming Committee be comprised of the Faculty Senate Chair, the Student Senate Chair, the Staff Senate Chair, the Chair of Council of the Council of Chairs, the Chair of CAA , and two presidential designees.** Scher suggested that the motion include the language "the Chair or designee" of each body. Allison accepted the suggestion as a friendly amendment. In discussion, Fischer explained that the proposal aims to simplify what had become an excessively cumbersome, time-consuming process. He questioned the rationale for the motion, which he believed would lead to delay and complication with so many groups selecting members. Allison, Carpenter, and Carwell stressed that the motion aims to assure that various constituencies be able to select their representatives and that faculty representation be assured. Carpenter commented that the motion fosters shared governance. Allison suggested that each group could select members at the beginning of fall semester every year or every two years as a means to obviate delays. **The amended motion is as follows: that the Facilities Naming Committee be comprised of the Chairs or other designees of the following groups -- Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Staff Senate, Council of Academic Affairs -- as well as two presidential appointees. Yes: Allison, benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Carwell, Comerford, Lawrence, Pommier, Stimac, Wolski. No: Fischer. Abstain: Scher. Motion passed.**

After additional discussion, **Pommier moved (Lawrence seconded) that terms on the Facilities Naming Committee be for one year. Passed unanimously.**

Scher expressed concern about the last paragraph of the proposal. **Scher moved (Allison seconded) that the paragraph begin with the words "After consultation with the committee."** Scher explained that the motion is intended to assure that the President consult with the committee about proposed nominees for naming and consider academic as well as financial ones. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- H. Proposed Changes to the Council on Faculty Research: Chair Carpenter directed attention to the proposed changes to the membership of CFR. The proposal calls for representation by college, with inclusion of one member from the library faculty. **Allison moved (Comerford seconded) to endorse the proposed recommendations concerning CFR.** Scher spoke against the proposed changes, stressing that, based on his service on CFR, members should be closely acquainted with particular research areas. Fischer also spoke in opposition to the proposal, expressing concern that the changes will lead to less rigorous competition. Lawrence noted that the changes do not assure representation of someone with interest and expertise in creative activity. Benedict spoke in favor of the motion, stressing faculty perceptions of bias and unfairness in the current arrangement of CFR. He asked if the Faculty had chosen a model. Bob Augustine explained that a survey had been sent to the faculty and that the survey reflected preference for the model advanced by the proposal. He also noted that many faculty have expressed concerns about a perception of bias in the current arrangement. He wants all faculty to have confidence enough in the process to participate in it. A number of senators expressed interest in more details about the survey and about an opportunity to meet with Richard Sylvia, the current chair of

CFR. **Senator Wolski moved (Lawrence seconded) to postpone discussion until the Senate can meet with R. Sylvia. Yes: Allison, Benedict, Brownson, Comerford, Lawrence, Pommier, Scher, Stimac, Wolski. No: Carwell, Fischer, Carpenter. Abstain: Monipallil.** Senators asked Chair Carpenter to invite R. Sylvia to meet with the Senate before the Senate votes on the motion.

Adjournment: The Senate adjourned at 3:20 so that the Senate's Executive Committee could attend a 3:30 p.m. meeting regarding Productivity.

Future Agenda Items:

Activities of Enrollment Management, Academic/Faculty Advising, Evaluation of Administrators, Faculty Representation on the Board of Trustees, Shared Governance for Academic Technologies, Community Service Programs and Opportunities, EIU Foundation, Faculty Participation in Fund-Raising Priorities, NAACP Chapter, Luis Clay-Mendez Award, Discussion with Richard Sylvia About CFR

Respectfully submitted,

John Allison

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Petition for Appointment to the Council on Faculty Research

_____ requests appointment to the Council on Faculty
name of petitioner

Research representing the area of **Physical Science**.

Listed below are the signatures of ten faculty members in my research/creative activity area who support my appointment.

Name	Faculty Rank	Department
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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6. _____

7. _____

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9. _____

10. _____

Attached is documented evidence, in the form of a highlighted vita, of productivity and experience in my research/creative activity area.

Please submit the completed application form to Cathy Thomas, Grants and Research, no later than Monday December 8, 2003.

