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**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR February 3, 2004 (Vol. XXXII, No. 19)**

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**Nominations and supporting materials for the Distinguished Faculty Award are due at Senator Steve Scher's office (3143 Physical Sciences) by 4:00 p.m. on February 20, 2004. Nomination forms are available through the CAA and Faculty Senate's web sites and Academic Affairs. Nominees must be in at least their fourth year of full-time employment at Eastern. Nominations of faculty from last year are still considered active, although files can be updated. If you have questions, call Steve Scher at 581-7269.**

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**All faculty are urged to complete the survey for the North Central Association accreditation process.**

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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, B. Fischer, B. Lawrence, A. Haile Mariam, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, J. Wolski. Guests: Blair Lord, Will Hine, James Tidwell, Gail Richard, Gary Reed, Jim Nantz, Steve Shrake, Gary Hanebrink, Betty Ralston, Keila Lacy, Amanda Sartore, Kyle Donash, Keven Sampier.

**II. Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2004: Motion (Ogbomo/Comerford) to approve. Yes: Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Carwell Comerford, Lawrence, Ogbomo, Stimac, Allison, Haile Mariam. Abstain: Scher. Motion passed.**

**III. Announcements:**

Carpenter: Allison and Carpenter will meet with members of the CUPB Executive Committee at 2:00 p.m. Friday (Feb 6) to discuss membership of CUPB.

**IV. Communications:**

- A. Julie Griffin (2/2): E-mail regarding IBHE recommendation to maintain Eastern's "support from the state" at "its FY 2004 level."
- B. Anne Zahlan (2/2): E-mail requesting Faculty Senate to continue to engage CAA's executive committee in discussions about converting the Honors Council into a broadly representative, elective group. Among her remarks she writes, "Candidates for election to the Council would, of course, be asked to write statements indicating their experience in honors education and their ideas on outstanding issues."
- C. Charles Delman (1/27/03): E-mail attachment stating that the "primary purpose of investigating funding for athletics is to assess its impact on the university's academic mission. Nowhere in the report is this impact assessed, nor are athletic and academic funding ever compared." He ends the attachment by asking, "Why is it that we can afford to compromise the quality of academic programs [which have taken cuts], but not intercollegiate athletics?"
- D. Richard Keiter (3/3): E-mail re: a proposed fee increase for athletics. Keiter begins the communication with the following statement: "While a case can be made for increasing the student athletic fee, one needs to ask whether this action is the best way to enrich the student experience . . . ." After noting that few of the assessed fees "students' pay" are connected to academic life, he concludes with the following question: "If given a choice might our students vote for fees that contribute toward a competitive advantage upon graduation?"
- E. Alan Baharlou (3/3): E-mail expressing gratitude for the Senate's recognizing Chairs' "contribution by making chairs eligible for the Distinguished Faculty Award."
- F. Senator Fischer (3/3): E-mail expressing a "possible" format for Faculty Forum.
- G. EIU's *Report to the Board of Trustees*.
- H. Minutes of Board of Trustees (12/19/03).

- I. Jennifer Harp (1/26/03): Memorandum regarding Summer and Fall Undergraduate Research Grant Applications.
- J. Minutes of Board of Trustees (11/7/03).
- K. Board of Trustees' "Agenda" for February 6 Meeting in Grand Ballroom.
- L. Staff Senate Minutes (1/14/03).

#### V. Old Business:

##### A. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Chair Carpenter mentioned that he will attend the CUPB Meeting of February 6. He also noted that he and Senator Allison will meet with members of CUPB's executive committee at 2:00 p.m. February 6 to discuss the membership of CUPB.

Nominations Committee: **Motion (Wolski/Fischer) to appoint Senator Pommier to the Development Communication Committee.** After a brief inquest concerning Pommier's character, qualifications, and wardrobe, the **motion passed unanimously.**

##### B. Discussion of Faculty Forum

Senator Fischer explained his rationale for two broad headings for the upcoming Faculty Forum; he proposed "Building and Academic Community on Campus" and "Building Bridges with the Community." Senator Allison liked the first heading but wanted a second heading that would focus more explicitly on Eastern's budget priorities and the IBHE's pronouncements about productivity. Allison made the following motion: **Motion (Allison/Pommier) that the general heading for the Forum be Academic Aims and University Priorities.** After a considerable range of discussion about this motion and the Senate's particular objectives for the Forum, it became clear that the motion did not clarify the Senate's objectives. Allison then withdrew the motion. Senator Scher then **moved (Scher/Wolski) the following motion: That the heading for the Forum be "Building a Learning Community for EIU" and that the subheadings be "Scholarship at EIU, EIU and Charleston (Building on Strengths for Quality of Life), and International Programs and Life at EIU." This motion passed unanimously.**

##### C. Discussion of Athletics Report

Voicing the suggestion of a colleague, Senator Stimac wondered if other members of the OVC (Ohio Valley Conference) should be encouraged to reduce fees since EIU manages a great many athletic programs at the lowest cost. Richard sated that, when one looks at the overall budget, EIU is not the lowest, and that if only one school reduces fees, that school will be at a disadvantage. Senator Pommier wondered why so many of EIU's athletic programs have to be scholarship programs. "Why not focus on a smaller number of scholarship programs?" he asked. Senator Allison stated that remaining in NCA Division sports might be just too costly given Eastern's level of funding and academic needs. He mentioned that a colleague had told him that about three of every four scholarships at EIU is related to athletics. He stated opposition to increasing athletic fees on students who will be experiencing significant tuition increases and other increases. He wondered if EIU should get off such an expensive toll road and find a less expensive route for athletic programs. With a high quality intramural program, EIU could involve a greater number of students at reduced cost. Senator Comerford voiced concern that such an approach could harm recruitment since students now see EIU as a Division I university among other like universities with which we compete for students. Charles Delman asked if it might be cost effective for EIU to be in Division II or II. Richard stated that Divisions I and II actually require more appropriated dollars because of different guidelines about use of fees and matching dollars, which EIU can take advantage of in Division I. Delman wondered why anyone would be a member of Divisions II and III. Richard and Tidwell said that decisions about conference membership often play a role in such decisions. Tidwell also noted that other OVC universities outside Illinois provide much higher levels of appropriated dollars; Illinois schools like Eastern must rely more heavily on fees. Delman recalled Richard's information about the higher-than-average academic performance of student athletes. He suggested that if non-athletes enjoyed higher levels of scholarship support, they would likely have the opportunity to devote greater time and attention to academic performance. Both Delman and Ogbomo expressed belief that raising fees on all students to support athletic scholarships is unfair. Richard noted that athletes are students, too. They make a long-term commitment to represent EIU as athletes. Senator Fischer noted that 5---650 of our students are athletes. In addition, when members of the Band and other related groups are counted, athletic-

related students comprise about 10% of the student population. Delman questioned the charge that had been given the Task Force on Athletics, a charge assuming that the quality of the athletic programs must not be compromised. In the face of budget restraints, no such assumption is made about other areas, such as Booth Library and academic colleges. He suggested devoting greater resources to enhance classroom experience for all students. Senator Ogbomo expressed his wonder that there is such reluctance at Eastern to ask students to buy books, and to raise book-rental fees, yet there seems to be no such hesitation about other expenses, such as increased athletic fees. Senator Carwell stated that the decision about athletic fees is one for students and Student Senate. Fischer indicated that the matter would be discussed at Student Senate.

D. Facilities Planning and Management Report

Mr. Gary Reed distributed a packet of information, which included a flow chart of Facilities Planning and Management offices and personnel, as well as a handbook explaining the mission, operations, and projects of the area. He also announced a new web page listing progress reports on more than 150 projects; the web page is updated weekly. Mr. Jim Nantz highlighted progress with the data project. Currently staff are working in Coleman Hall. In addition, he mentioned a utility upgrade and air conditioning replacement for Weller Hall. The project will require fences through the Booth Library Quad. Senator Benedict asked about window replacement at Blair Hall. Mr. Steve Shrake stated that storm windows would be installed "right away." Then window units will be replaced over a period of two to three years. Senator Stimac asked about windows for the Physical Science Building. Mr. Shrake explained that, because part of the building is historic, certain remodeling rules will apply, and that the cost of window replacement will be about 1.5 million dollars. Cost recovery for window replacement typically takes about thirty years. Senator Scher asked about doors for Old Main. Exterior doors will be replaced with doors more in keeping with the architecture of the building. Mr. Gary Hanebrink mentioned a number of ongoing safety projects, such as adding to sprinkler systems. Also, a WebCT course has been developed -- mainly for students -- on safety procedures. He explained that, as a result of an Environmental Protection Agency visit to conduct a "multimedia inspection of land, air, and ground pollutants," the staff will be "cleaning up" in areas requiring attention. Senator Pommier expressed his appreciation for greenery around parking lots and thanked staff members for courteously and attentively seeking advice about Master Plan projects. Senator asked when the search for a new Director of Facilities Planning and Management will commence. Mr. Shrake said the search committee would be assembled soon. Scher asked about the role of the Research Review Committee in recommendations about animal research. Hanebrink said the group would work in consultation with the Grants and Research Committee. Carpenter asked about EIU's use of Indiana coal. Guests explained that since the scrubber is unusable, Indiana Coal is necessary since it produces only 20% of the pollutants produced by Illinois soft coal. Senators asked about tire burning, and Charles Delman asked about green, renewable fuels such as switchgrass. Mr. Reed noted that when such industries as ADM began to purchase tires for fuel, the market "dried up" -- became too costly for EIU. He said the feasibility of green fuels will be studied. When Scher asked about plans for a new steam and electric power plant, Reed mentioned a recent visit to Springfield to encourage funding for a new plant. Reed stressed that a new plant -- one that would carry EIU for the next fifty years -- is the best solution to EIU's energy needs. Chair Carpenter thanked the guests for their helpful presentation and responses.

**Adjournment: 4:04 p.m.**

**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, Faculty Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allison