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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR March 2, 2004 (Vol. XXXII, No. 23)

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PETITIONS AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FOR FACULTY ELECTIONS MUST REACH BARBARA LAWRENCE (4420 PHYSICAL SCIENCE) BY 5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10. Postings of open positions and other information can be found on the Faculty Senate's web site.

I. Call to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:00 p.m. (Booth Library Conference Room):

Present: J. Allison, R. Benedict, A. Brownson, D. Carpenter, B. Fischer, B. Lawrence, A. Haile Mariam, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, J. Wolski.

Excused: L. Comerford. Guests: Blair Lord, Amanda Sartore, Keile Lacy, Kyle Donash, Kevin Sampier.

II. Approval of the Minutes and Forum Reports of February 24, 2004: Motion (Stimac/Wolski) to approve. Yes: Haile Mariam, Wolski, Carwell, Benedict, Brownson, Stimac, Lawrence, Carpenter, Allison, Fischer, Pommier, Monipallil. Abstain: Scher. The motion passed.

III. Announcements:

- A. Senator Wolski: The Campus Advising Network's First-Year Telefund Conference takes place 12-2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the Charleston/Mattoon Room.
- B. Senator Scher: The Distinguished Faculty Award Committee will meet Wednesday, March 3.
- C. Senator Lawrence will attend the Council of Illinois Faculty Senates on Wednesday, March 29. Among the topics for discussion are faculty workloads, retirement funding, and exclusive university contracts with vendors and others. Senator Monipallil suggested that Lawrence ask the group to discuss the inappropriateness of the state's Ethics Bill as it relates to higher education. Provost Lord stated that the twelve universities are complying with the legislation with regard to strictures against blatant political activity but continue to seek legal guidance and definitive opinions concerning reportage of activities in 15-minute increments.

IV. Communications:

- A. Robert Augustine (2/24): E-mail thanking the Senate for hosting the International Programs Forum on Feb. 23 and for holding an "excellent Faculty Forum" on Feb 24.
- B. Les Hyder (2/24): E-mailed "legislative alert" regarding HB 4073, which would create a "Higher Education Commission to establish criteria for tenure of public university professors" and require "each university to submit all decisions to grant or deny tenure to the Commission for approval." Moreover, the e-mail includes the following statement: "The Commission . . . would substitute a politically appointed governmental board for the judgment of the properly constituted campus components. This represents a dangerous intrusion by state government into academic freedom."
- C. President Hencken (2/23): E-mail announcing release of the "\$46 million for the renovation and expansion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and for the upgrade of the electrical system on campus."
- D. Minutes of the Council of Chairs (11/19/03): The Minutes included statements of concern about fundraising related to Ruffalo Cody. Chairs were concerned about "donor intent" is violated when such a large percentage of proceeds go to Ruffalo Cody. Chairs also expressed that "there was little or no help from the university to advise departments regarding fundraising strategies." Chairs advised that "Jill Nilsen should again be invited to COC." Carpenter pointed out that the Minutes also include discussion of a parking proposal, a new "Incomplete" Grade Policy, the budget, and other matters. Provost Lord noted that the COC Minutes predate VP Nilsen's presentation to the Senate and other groups and that the chairs are now "happier," if not altogether "happy."
- E. J. Allison (2/19): Forwarded e-mail from Jeff Cooley announcing the first

- meeting (2/27) of the search committee for a Facilities Planning and Management Director.
- F. Student Senate Minutes of February 18 and February 25.
- G. Jeff Cooley (2/17): Memorandum confirming the Senate's appointment of Allison to the search committee for a Facilities Planning and Management Director.
- H. Bob Chesnut (3/2): E-mail conveying the following information: "Bob Chesnut [Interim-Director of Grants and Research] is drafting a comprehensive policy for conducting research with human subjects. The draft policy will begin circulating through departments within the next few weeks. After a first round of comments and revisions, the policy will be given to the faculty senate for further comments and suggestions. Finally, the revised draft will be made available to the entire campus via a web site. After final revisions, the policy will be formalized with a new IGP."
- I. Gary Foster (2/25): E-mail thanking the Senate for providing a Faculty Forum, which included an "extremely impressive" discussion in "general session" and breakout sessions that "were both informative and productive."
- J. Martha Brown (2/25): E-mail announcing that open sessions for Interviewing candidates for the Chair position in the School of Business will be held Monday, March 1, from 2-3 p.m. and Wednesday, March 3, from 2-3 p.m. in Lumpkin 2030.
- K. Charles Delman (2/24): E-mail regarding legislation related to tenure decisions (see "B" under these Communications). Delman writes, "In addition to the criticisms of the AAUP, the proposed commission clearly violates the Illinois Labor Relations Act." Since "tenure is a condition of employment," it follows that "the proposed commission constitutes illegal interference with the rights of the union in collective bargaining, as codified in the IELRA."

V. Business:

A. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Carpenter reported on the President's recommendation that the responsibility for scholarships and grants for students be placed in Academic Affairs. President Hencken recommends earmarking a set amount of money for Honors. Such an arrangement, he believes, will allay most of the concerns of the Senate while avoiding disruptions and complications in the awarding of student scholarships and grants. Senator Carwell asked about who awards scholarships and grants to individual students in the Honors College. Lord said that the Honors Council does so. Senator Scher voiced concern about the "mysterious process" whereby members of the Honors Council are chosen. Senator Fischer responded that there is nothing mysterious about the selection process. All faculty members have been publicly invited to apply for membership, and all prospective members are announced to and approved by CAA.

Carpenter and Allison also reported conversation with the President about faculty membership on the Board of Trustees. President Hencken is not opposed to faculty membership, and he recommended that faculty work with members of state government such as Chapin Rose and Dale Righter. Senator Scher stressed the importance of support from university presidents and boards, and he asked Senator Lawrence to highlight membership on boards at the upcoming meeting of the Council of Faculty Senates.

Carpenter reported that the CUPB voted against a motion to reduce its size -- an outcome that did not surprise him.

Allison emphasized that the final decision concerning CUPB rests with the President and the President's Council.

Carpenter praised the success of Eastern's recent lobby day in Springfield. More than 130 faculty, staff, students, alumni, and administrators participated. Unfortunately, as Provost Lord pointed out, the universities face a 2% decrease, which means a loss of \$950,000 for EIU.

Nominations Committee: Senator Lawrence confirmed that Team-Grant Positions are to be nominated, not elected.

Elections Committee: Senator Lawrence stated that the committee had received a petition for one CFR person from the library faculty.

As this petition carried ten signatures from the seventeen library faculty, and since no other petition was submitted, Senator Lawrence suggested that the Senate vote to suspend the Senate's Bylaws requiring a full election and to appoint the nominee forwarded from

the library faculty. **Motion (Lawrence/Fischer) to suspend the Senate's Bylaws regarding election procedures for CFR. Yes: Benedict, Brownson, Fischer, Lawrence, Monipallil, Pommier, Stimac, Wolski, Allison, Carpenter. No: Carwell, Scher. Abstain: Haile Mariam. Motion passed. This motion was followed by a Motion (Lawrence/Benedict) to appoint Stacy Knight Davis to CFR for a three-year term. Yes: Benedict, Brownson, Carwell, Fischer, Lawrence, Monipallil, Pommier, Scher, Stimac, Wolski, Allison, Carpenter. Abstain: Haile Mariam. Motion Passed.**

Lawrence reported that a one-year position must be filled on University Personnel Committee. After checking records to confirm eligibility, she contacted Patrick Coulton (Mathematics), who has agreed to serve. **A motion (Lawrence/Fischer) to appoint Professor Coulton to the UPC passed unanimously.**

Report on Grants and Research Search Committee: Senator Fischer Reported that the committee has placed advertising in *The Chronicle* and elsewhere. So far about eight applications have been received.

Report on Search for Director of Facilities Planning and Management: Allison reported that the search will be extended to allow for campus-wide open interview sessions during Fall semester. The search committee will continue to meet to prepare advertising and screen applications.

Senate Self-Study Report for NCA: Senator Lawrence distributed a draft copy. After reading the draft, Senators proposed editorial and other changes. Senator Monipallil stated that the draft struck him as too brief, given the importance of the NCA self-study. He suggested amplifying the document with additional details and examples. The drafting subcommittee will revise the report for further discussion next week.

B. Discussion of Items for New Business

Chair Carpenter distributed a sheet indicating procedures for evaluating administrators. The Senate will address the subject in future meetings. In the course of discussion about proposed business for future consideration, Senators agreed to place the following items on the agenda: Formation of a Faculty Forum Committee as a standing committee of the Senate; Discussion of Scholarly Publication Costs and Academic Control of Scholarly Publication. Senator Brownson distributed an article from *The Chronicle* (Feb 20) to highlight serious issues related to "Exploitative Publishers." Senator Stimac mentioned an informative article on the subject in *Physics Today*. He suggested evaluating the "impact factor" of journals. Brownson advocated that faculty "take back control" of scholarly publication. Lawrence pointed out the need for greater acceptance of less costly venues for juried publication.

Carpenter asked Senators to formulate recommendations based on the recent Faculty Forum.

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Activities of Enrollment Management, Academic/Faculty Advising, Evaluation of Administrators, Shared Governance for Academic Technologies, Community Service Programs and Opportunities, Faculty Forum Committee, Scholarly Publication, Recommendations Based on Faculty Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allison