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**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND BUDGET**  
**February 25, 2005**

Voting Members Present: Ken Baker, Sandy Bingham-Porter, David Carpenter, Linda Coffey, Joy Craft, Steve Daniels, Jonelle Depetro, Mary Anne Hanner, Michael Hoadley, Mark Hudson, James Johnson, William Joyce, Tim Mills, Cynthia Nichols, Godson Obia, Gary Reed, Wanda Kay Robinson, Doug Sloat, Nora Pat Small, Jocelyn Tipton, Ray Watkins

Absent: Julia Abell, Bill Addison, Sheila Baker, Mahmood Butt, Sandy Cox, Nancy Crone, Pat Fewell, Rose Gong, Doug Howell, Nicole K. Kull, Allen Lanham, Christine McCormick, James Painter, David Radavich, Kathy Reed

Non-Voting Members Present: Doug Bock, Jeff Cooley, Blair Lord, Jill Nilsen, Jimmy Shonkwiler

**1. Call to Order**

Mary Anne Hanner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2005**

The minutes of January 21, 2005 were approved by acclamation.

**3. Executive Committee Report:**

Mary Anne Hanner reported on the membership changes. Mark Hudson is on the Executive Committee replacing Lynette Drake, Ken Baker is on the Council replacing Lynette Drake, and Julia Abell is on the Council replacing Rick Sailors. Mary Anne Hanner indicated that Nora Pat Small's inquiry regarding Banner has been referred to Bill Witsman and VP Cooley. The Executive Committee met with one of the NCA team members, and the discussion was productive. The Executive Committee set the agenda for the February meeting.

**4. Subcommittee Reports:**

Presidential Area:

Cynthia Nichols reported that the subcommittee met and discussed the budget, status of capital projects, and revisions to the retirement plan. The President is trying to arrange for a representative from SURS to come to campus to answer questions about proposed changes in the retirement system.

#### Academic Affairs:

The VPAA Subcommittee met on February 25, 2005. The VPAA announced that the bids for Blair Hall have been opened and the reconstruction will begin soon. Occupancy is currently planned for January 2006. The VPAA provided an update on the Doudna Fine Arts Building project and the current budget. An IBHE memorandum regarding the Governor's budget proposal was distributed. The impact on the pension plans was discussed. The VPAA mentioned that the Planning Initiatives document is still being developed and will be ready for discussion later. Finally, a summary of tenure track faculty searches was distributed. The implications of these hires were discussed particularly as they apply to a flat appropriated budget from the state.

#### Business Affairs:

Sandy Bingham-Porter reported that the subcommittee met and discussed building projects and the proposed budget. PC 07 planning is underway.

#### External Relations:

No report

#### Student Affairs:

Mark Hudson reported that the Student Affairs is working on PC 07 planning.

#### CUPB Legislative Action Committee:

Mary Anne Hanner reported that April 13 is a state-wide lobby day in Springfield. Members of the Legislative Action Team met with EIU lobbyists on February 4. The report was limited since no bills had been finalized. The lobbyists indicated that our most effective lobbying tool is to encourage parents of EIU students to contact their legislators.

## **5. Reports**

#### NCA Exit Interview

Dr. Augustine reported that the NCA visit was concluded, and Eastern will receive the official report in four to six weeks. Dr. Augustine was delighted with the campus participation. Eastern addressed all of the 1995 concerns— deferred maintenance, equipment replacement, faculty and staff development, refinement of general education, and full implementation of assessment. Eastern meets the Mission and Integrity Criteria, Preparing for the Future Criteria, Teaching and Learning Criteria, Acquisition, Application & Discovery of Knowledge Criteria, and Engagement & Service Criteria. The NCA Team made some suggestions/recommendations for attention on the Mission and Integrity Criteria, Preparing for the Future Criteria, and the Teaching and Learning Criteria.

Dr. Carol Anderson, NCA Team Chair made some parting comments, "EIU has created a community of learners who know the institutional mission and value their relationship with the institution," and "This is one of the most positive site visits I have had."

Motion (Hudson/Carpenter): To commend Dr. Augustine and Dr. Owen and members of the campus community who participated in the accreditation process. Motion was approved by acclamation.

### Budget Update

Jim Shonkwiler reported that the IBHE FY 06 budget recommendation for EIU was 1.6 percent increase. However, the Governor the recommended a 0 percent increase.

### Student Action Committee's Day in Springfield

Adam Howell reported that Eastern's Student Action Team (SAT) meets weekly and uses various techniques to lobby and make a personal connection with legislators. No other school has a group of students that lobbies to the degree of Eastern's SAT. Adam reported that the SAT has taken personal stories written by students and compiled them into a book for legislators. The SAT also relate to the legislators how the budget cuts and tuition increases affect them personally, such as the need to work extra hours, stress, and the inability to afford essential items due to the costs. Adam invited anyone to attend the meetings which are held on Thursdays at 5 p.m. The Team would like to hear ideas from the rest of the campus.

### Recruitment and Admissions - Provost Lord and Admissions Director Brenda Ross

Brenda Ross discussed student recruitment and admissions. Eastern's strengths include location, size, loyal following of families and alumni. Eastern is a good value for our students. We are able to put a "face" to Eastern with a personal touch. The challenge is that EIU is doing what we do with less. Opportunities include utilizing our resources toward one focus and opportunities to learn and understand our clients. Threats include community colleges and the fact that Illinois is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter of students to out-of-state colleges.

## **6. Other Business**

Motion (Small/Carpenter): To invite Bill Witsman and/or VP Cooley to the next meeting to respond to specific questions about cost savings and the payback period in regard to the Banner system. (Yes: Ken Baker, Sandy Bingham-Porter, David Carpenter, Linda Coffey, Joy Craft, Steve Daniels, Jonelle Depetro, Mary Anne Hanner, Michael Hoadley, Mark Hudson, James Johnson, William Joyce, Tim Mills, Cynthia Nichols, Godson Obia, Gary Reed, Wanda Kay Robinson, Doug Sloat, Nora Pat Small, Jocelyn Tipton, Ray Watkins.) Motion was unanimous.

Dr. Lord indicated that the Blair Hall bids were opened and came within the budget. Eastern will be moving people out of the Clinical Services Building between March 10-18. Fences will be going up during Spring Break. Gary Reed indicated that Facilities Planning and Management website will contain information regarding the project.

## **7. Adjourn**

Motion (Daniels/Carpenter) To adjourn.

Judy Gorrell  
Executive Secretary