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I. Call to order by Bud Fischer at 2:06 p.m. (Room 4440, Booth Library)

Present: R. Benedict, D. Brandt, D. Carpenter, D. Carwell, L. Clay Mendez, J. Dilworth, R. Fischer, M. Monippallil, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Tidwell, B. Young, A. Zahlan. **Absent:** **Excused:** J. Best, G. Canivez. **Guests:** J. Fetty, D. Fernandez, B. Lord, R. Augustine.

II. Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2002.

Motion (Carpenter/Benedict) to approve the minutes of February 19, 2002.

Corrections: Scher: III. F. line 20: My comment also included a statement that I thought the group could be more diverse. Zahlan: III. F. line 2: I had also said that it would have been okay if it had been called a community relations council, rather than cabinet. Young: III. F. line 21: The words "to do" should be replaced by "ado".

Young: V. C. line 1: The word "affects" is misspelled.

Yes: Benedict, Brandt, Carpenter, Carwell, Dilworth, Monippallil, Scher, Tidwell, Young, Zahlan. **Abstain:** Fischer. **Passed.**

III. Communications

- A. Email from David Radavich informing us that the retirement reception will be on April 16th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Tarble Arts Center.
- B. Email from Bailey Young requesting that the Senate invite Karla Evans, Executive Director of Development, to a Senate meeting.
- C. Email from John Allison with some questions for the President regarding the President's Cabinet.
- D. Email from VPAA Lord informing the Senate that he cannot attend the Senate's March 26th meeting.
- E. Email from Curtis White, Council of Illinois University Senates, regarding a proposed resolution pertaining to the state IMAP program.
- F. Email from Jon Laible requesting an opportunity to report current EIU Foundation activities to the Senate.
- G. Minutes of the President Search Committee meeting on February 11, 2002.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion with Dr. Robert Augustine regarding technology: R. Augustine: We are trying to provide focused technology resources for faculty to help keep our institution strong. We might be able to increase demand for our services by offering education through technology. Technological enhancements can be used to improve learning. We are using a step-by-step evaluation to assist the administration. A steering committee created recommendations on the implementation. For faculty, some faculty development is available. CATS provides a place for support to implement technology. The grants process provides the means. We now have twenty-five courses offered over the internet, with possibly twelve more by the end of the year. We are now talking much more about technology on this campus. As an example of how technology enhances what we are doing, students tell me that it helps that they are able to revisit information that may have been missed in class. There are problems with the network. There are too many people using the equipment. We have purchased equipment to improve the system, but there have been glitches when it has been connected. We are looking carefully to answer some questions. Can maintenance needs be met? What can be done differently to avoid problems? For instance, don't send a packet to Mattoon first that is going to Old Main. Remember that our cabling system is fifteen years old.

Zahlan: Thinking about Ray Watkins and his problems, when can a faculty member be confident that the system will work? R. Augustine: We need to evaluate. This is my fourth technology crisis on this campus. When I first got here, we only had one phone line per unit on campus. Eventually, everyone got their own phone, but it took years to solve that problem. Then there was the copier problem. I don't think the problem is going to solve itself this year. It will take several years. Scher: It was unforeseen how enhanced teaching would impact the network. But, adding the dorms with about 5000 connections, it should have been known that there would be a serious impact. R. Augustine: We can't predict perfectly, but getting everyone together to help plan has improved things. We don't have the controls over dormitory usage that other institutions have. Benedict: Can some of the technology money be moved into improving the infrastructure? R. Augustine: I don't want to suppress the creativity of the faculty. We are trying to look together at all the resources to see if some can be moved around. Fischer: Has any thought been given to having an outside evaluator look at our system? R. Augustine: Yes. Fischer: How do you determine how access difficulties affect the evaluation of instruction? R. Augustine: We know it's a problem and we know we have things to do. I like to think it's similar to the situation our colleagues face in the Physical Science Building. They have air jets that don't work, they have faucets that don't give water, they have water dripping on them from the ceiling, but they do the best they can with what they do have. Tidwell:

Are there specific complaints that you have been hearing? R. Augustine: Yes. When we do receive specific complaints, we talk about them with Bill Witsman and CATS to see if there are some solutions to those particular problems. We are working on them. We may not solve them this year or next, but we will keep moving forward. Tidwell: Can you inform the Senate about space for CATS? R. Augustine: We haven't solved the problem yet. We have been able to stay in the same place for now. We are going to solve the space problem related to the Fine Arts Building reconstruction first and then we will look for a permanent space for CATS. Our next hire is a Technology Coordinator, a person to set up web space for faculty and do some programming. We intend to have a national search. We will hire an instructional designer after that. I would like to thank James Tidwell for all the help he has given us. Tidwell: What about user services? R. Augustine: We will leave it where it is for now. That has a lower priority than other things. Tidwell: We had a big debate at ATAC about instructional support equipment grants. These grants have paid for many projectors, but when a bulb burns out, no one has money to pay for the bulbs. A central budgeting system is needed for replacements. B. Lord: I am working with the Council of Deans on the care and feeding of general assignment spaces that are used by more than one department. Pommier: Can't additional money be set aside at the time the projector is purchased? B. Lord: One extra bulb is purchased at the time the projector is. Tidwell: For regular overhead projectors, all we have to do is call media services and they come and change the bulb. That can't be done with an \$800 bulb. Pommier: Are the CATS staff overloaded? We've been working on a new web page for over a year now and I don't think we're any farther than when we started. R. Augustine: CATS is specifically for help with instruction, not department web pages. The staff tells me they are not overloaded at this time. Scher: What is the status of the negotiations regarding ownership of development and copyrights. B. Lord: Negotiation is ongoing. Tidwell: The task force report is available. Benedict: Compared to other institutions, our University web page is sub-par. R. Augustine: We are working on the problem. We need resources to make things the way we want. We are much farther along than we were two years ago, but progress has created new needs. The University web page is a very pressing need. Tidwell: Will there be an impact on PAWS with the increased enrollment? R. Augustine: Yes, that could be. Tidwell: (To D. Fernandez) Is Student Senate getting a lot of complaints? D. Fernandez: Yes. There are complaints about the slowness of the network. Tidwell: Bill Witsman is retiring in two months. Zahlan: Will anyone be in that position? B. Lord: The VPBA is in the process of initiating a hiring procedure for that position. D. Fernandez: How do I answer questions about the network? R. Augustine: You could invite me to speak to Student Senate. Carwell: There is nothing more discouraging than coming up with an idea and it not working because the infrastructure isn't there. B. Lord: I am very aware that we may have to attempt some sort of triage here soon.

D. Carpenter: I am looking at the minutes of the President Search Committee. It says here that the search firm will contact the references. Fischer: He contacted the individuals that we were unable to contact, to check for consistency. D. Carpenter: It also says that a Ms. Gilbert will be summarizing the comments from the evaluation forms. That is unacceptable. Comments should not be filtered by someone before the search committee sees them. Fischer: I didn't think it meant summarized. I think it meant collected. Zahlan: Typed is different than summarized. Clay Mendez: I was very surprised when I saw that in the minutes. I don't think summarized was ever mentioned at the meeting. Zahlan: Could you please have that clarified? D. Carpenter: If it is not clarified at the next meeting, what is written here becomes binding.

V. Old Business

A. Committees

1. Executive Committee: Fischer: I attended the Council of Illinois University Senates meeting. You have a copy of their position paper on funding. After it is adopted, we will head as a group to Springfield to lobby. Of the twelve institutions represented, six have voted to support the position and it is on the agenda of the others. Benedict: Will it be sent to parents? Fischer: They want us to pass it on to student senates and get it in the newspaper. Benedict: It is important to get the information to families.

Fischer: The issue of a faculty member on each board of trustees was discussed. They hated the idea. Some states have it, but it is a faculty member from another institution. Scher: I can understand why a President might be opposed, but there are issues unique to each institution. I think it is a fight worth having to have a faculty member on the BOT. Zahlan: If the faculty member is appointed, it takes away representation. They need to be elected by the faculty to be representative. Fischer: If a faculty member is on the BOT of a different institution, they could quickly determine what faculty there want and represent them. Scher: Can somebody please explain to me why one faculty vote among twelve BOT members would be such a big deal? Fischer: The President of Western Illinois University vehemently rejected the idea of a faculty representative that comes from the home institution. We will talk about this in a month. Nine of twelve of the institutions in the group had representatives at the meeting.

2. Nominations: Fischer: It looks like we have the list of available positions all set. We will ask for volunteers after elections.

3. Elections: Benedict: Billie Rawlings is preparing a list of eligible faculty members for us. I have received only one nomination petition so far. Carwell: Two people have expressed an interest to me. Zahlan: Are

people on sabbatical eligible to vote? Fischer: Yes. They can email me to arrange an absentee ballot. Tidwell: Put a reminder about absentee ballots in the minutes.

Any faculty member that needs an absentee ballot for faculty elections, please contact Bud Fischer (cfruf@eiu.edu) to make arrangements for such a ballot.

4. Student-Faculty Relations: Benedict: No report.

5. Faculty-Staff Relations: Young: No report.

6. Search Committees:

a. University President Search Committee: Fischer: We are headed to Indianapolis immediately after the meeting for the initial interviews.

b. AVPAA for Technology: Tidwell: We have forty-five applications and we will meet next Wednesday to narrow down the list.

c. Deans: B. Lord: COS and LCBAS searches are in the middle of interviews. The COEPS search is on the same schedule as the AVPAA for Technology search.

d. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee: Dilworth: We had a meeting and established a deadline for nominations. The deadline will be 4:00 p.m. March 29th, 2002. The criteria will be on the nomination sheet that will be distributed. Scher: I encourage nominations from all the diverse bodies on campus.

B. State of the University Address: Fischer: The State of the University Address will be on April 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Return to New Business

B. Funding Resolution: Fischer: Each of the Faculty Senates will pass the resolution if they want to. They will distribute the resolution around their home institutions. Hopefully, students will send it home to their families.

Motion (Tidwell/Carwell): The Faculty Senate supports the Position Paper on State Funding of Universities of the Council of Illinois University Senates.

Monippallil: We should offer a definite solution, such as a cap of 80% of public institution tuition for a student attending a private institution.

The quorum was lost at this point.

Zahlan: I agree with Senator Monippallil that we need to propose a solution. I think a good way to do it would be to just drop the tuition and fees basis.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Brandt, Recorder