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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR MARCH 5, 2002 (Vol. XXXI, No. 21)

The Faculty Senate agenda is posted weekly on the Web, at 1162 Life Science Building, and at 4440 Booth Library.

I. Call to order by Bud Fischer at 2:05 p.m. (Room 4440, Booth Library)

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

II. Approval of the minutes of February 26, 2002.

Motion (Carpenter/Benedict) to approve the minutes of February 26, 2002.

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

III. Communications

- A. Minutes of the CASL meeting on February 5, 2002.
- B. Memo from Steve Rich, Alumni Affairs, with copies of the Old Main Line for Faculty Senate.
- C. Conversation with Karla Evans to try to arrange date for her to meet with Faculty Senate.
- D. Email from Sue Willis, ISU, regarding the Council of Faculty Senate funding resolution.

IV. Old Business

A. Committees

1. Executive Committee: Fischer: The Executive Committee met with the President this morning and we asked the questions that John Allison sent to us regarding the President's Cabinet. The Faculty Senate and other campus groups were not consulted. This body will absolutely not play any advisory role in campus policy. Its purpose is to advise the community about Eastern and increase our visibility. At the first meeting, they toured the food court and the library. The President advised them of our budget situation and that applications were up in number. Scher: Did he mention how the group might be expanded? Fischer: Yes, and he is interested in any ideas we may have regarding it. He plans to meet once a semester with this group. They will meet on campus. They did not keep any minutes. The President bought them lunch. Scher: Your convinced this is for purposes of public relations? Fischer: Yes. This is exactly what a lot of people have been talking about, a better town-to-gown relationship. People from the community stepped up to support and help the hospital and Lakeland Community College when they lost funding from the State. No one stepped up to help Eastern. The discussion at the meeting was not related to any topics that would put any businesses at a disadvantage by not being represented.

Fischer: The President did mention that he will have a similar meeting with the presidents of the community colleges that are our top ten feeders. Best: Seventy percent of our transfer students come from those institutions. It's a good idea. Fischer: The purpose of the meeting is to sell Eastern to them and foster relations with them, possibly some more 2+2 programs. The President will also try to find out what methods other schools are using to attract the community college students. Zahlan: The President should be aware that the faculty would not want the general education further diluted through agreements with community colleges. B. Lord: The last couple of years, we have articulated, not weakened the general education requirements. Canivez: Major courses at community colleges are not equivalent to our courses, but the students are getting credit for those courses. Tidwell: Those courses shouldn't transfer then. Canivez: But they do. Fischer: That's up to the department and the department chair. Scher: That puts a severe load on students to graduate in two years. Tidwell: The articulation group worked that all out. You need to be looking at 2+2 programs. Zahlan: How would that help? Tidwell: You work out a program with a community college so the students don't take courses that don't count toward the major. Zahlan: Would the Executive Committee please advise the President the faculty would be sensitive to that?

Fischer: The Provost has some information about the budget to share with us. B. Lord: The President and several Vice Presidents are going to the House Appropriations Committee on February 20th in the next step. What I have today is the information the IBHE has shared with the institutions from the Governor's budget address and is prior to any legislative action. First, the original general funds for this fiscal year were \$81.99 M. The State allocation was \$55.3 M and \$26.7 M was generated by tuition. Recissions of \$2.3M left us with a budget of \$79.7 M for this fiscal year. For next fiscal year, the Governor recomputed base budgets with a 5% reduction. For higher education, that means continue this years 2% reduction and reduce by an additional 3%. 51% of the Governor's "new money" would go to higher education. This

would put 75% of the money lost by the reductions back in resulting in a base budget of \$53.45 M. A tuition increase of 5% and some enrollment increase would generate \$29.6 M. This results in a net \$83.1 M of general funds. The University would still need to make the \$1.7 M insurance payment, leaving the University with \$81.4 M. I want to emphasize that this is before legislative action on the budget. It does not account completely for possible enrollment figures, which look very healthy. Scher: I have three questions. My assumption is that this does not include capital projects, such as the Fine Arts Building? I see reports of the recession ending, what impact would that have? Is the budget tied to the number of FTE students? B. Lord: The numbers apply to the general fund, not capital projects or money generated by things like grant overhead. The list of capital projects has not changed. We will get some of the funds for the new building furnishings now that we will use in the displaced facilities. State funding significantly lags other economic indicators. Every rainy-day fund available to the State is being used to keep the State operating. There is some new money. Illinois does not have formula funding where FTE's are tied directly to funding. People watching and long-term trends will effect funding. Tidwell: Our funding is low based on FTE's. Best: That is why Western has a significantly better budget. This has been an area of the state that has been emptying out. We need to make a good effort in our region. Monippallil: The only thing we have control of is our income fund. There are two components to it, enrollment and tuition rate. We have been competing on the basis of price. We need to compete on the basis of quality. The 5% tuition increase made sense at the time it was approved, but that was before the state budget was decreased. We have to work harder to attract students. The meeting with the community college presidents is very important. We have to expand on that and continue our efforts to communicate the excellent education we offer. We need to change our attitude and compete in terms of quality, not price. Zahlan: Have community colleges been asked to take any of these hits? B. Lord: I believe they have had their state appropriation reduced, but they are funded differently. The state reduction has had a different impact. Best: It's not fair that the impact on them is less. Young: What is the difference in the sticker price between us and the University of Illinois? Monippallil: About \$7-8K. B. Lord: I think tuition is only about \$2K. Zahlan: Is the insurance charge across all state agencies? B. Lord: Higher education has been singled out for that. The higher education benefits appear to be better than other agencies. Zahlan: The value of our benefits is low compared to peer institutions outside the state. Tidwell: The income fund is only tuition, not fees, correct? B. Lord: Yes. Fees go into local accounts, not state accounts. Canivez: I remember a previous mention of the higher education institutions getting together to investigate purchasing outside insurance. What has happened? B. Lord: The \$1.7 M charge is only 12% of the insurance cost. If we were to receive the rest of the money from the State, then it might make sense to look for outside insurance.

2. Nominations: Canivez: Some of the rotating terms on the Library Advisory Committee are messed up due to replacements for resigners being given full terms. I will work that out.

3. Elections: Fischer: Senators need to encourage more candidates. Currently, there are one candidate for Faculty Senate, two candidates for CAA, and one candidate for CGS.

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

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

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

6. Search Committees:

a. University President Search Committee: Fischer: There will be an announcement before Spring Break.

b. AVPAA for Technology: Tidwell: There will be a meeting tomorrow to decide the semi-finalists for phone interviews. Interviews will be the first week of April.

c. Deans: B. Lord: The final LCBAS candidate is here today and the search committee meets on Friday. The COS search committee meets tomorrow and I am meeting with them on Friday. The CEPS search is on the same schedule as the AVPAA for Technology search. Carpenter: Are the search committees forwarding a ranking of the candidates? B. Lord: I have asked them to give me unranked comments on the candidates strengths and weaknesses.

d. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee: Dilworth: The application will be ready tomorrow. It will be available from the Senate web page and will be attached to this week's minutes. Tidwell: The plaque should me moved to the library from Old Main.

B. International Tea: Fischer: We will sponsor the International Tea on April 25th from 2-4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

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

D. Funding Resolution: Several Senators suggested a number of minor changes in the wording of the resolution.

Motion to Call the Vote (Brandt/Carwell) Accepted by general consent.

Reminder of motion being considered:

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

Yes: Best, Brandt, Canivez, Carpenter, Carwell, Fischer, Monippallil, Pommier, Scher, Tidwell, Zahlan.

Abstain: Dilworth. **Passed.**

Zahlan: I would like the issue of health care benefits brought to the Council of Faculty Senate Chairs.

Carpenter: I would like to thank Bud for his work on this resolution.

E. Spring Forum: Zahlan: I would like to recommend a committee be created to determine the structure of faculty development. The committee should have two members appointed by the Faculty Senate, two members appointed by CGS, two members appointed by CAA, two members appointed by COTE, and two members appointed by the Provost. Brandt: I had a similar recommendation, but the representation would be two faculty members from each college and the library. I would also like to recommend that the existing 0.5 FTE position be filled as soon as the budget allows in the interim. Scher: I would like to recommend that the committee have a membership consisting of two faculty members from each academic college and one from the Library that are appointed by the Faculty Senate. Also, there should be one representative each from the Dean's Council, the Council of Chairs, and the VPAA. Fischer: We will work on the wording and bring it back after Spring Break.

F. Other: Carwell: Any idea when they are going to have the South entrance of the Library fixed? B.

Lord: No. The subcontractor quit answering the contractor's calls.

V. Adjourn: Scher/Carwell: 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Brandt, Recorder

Eastern Illinois University
Distinguished Faculty Award

Nomination Form

Eligibility: Nominees must be tenured or tenure-track faculty members in at least their fourth year of full-time employment at Eastern Illinois University.

Criteria: The nominee should excel in each of the following areas

- Teaching/Performance of Primary Duties
- Research/Creative Activity
- Service

Nominations: Any member of the EIU community (Alumni, Faculty, Administrators, Students, or Staff) may nominate an eligible faculty member. Nominations should be submitted by **4 pm, March 29, 2002** to **Jean Dilworth, School of Family and Consumer Sciences, EIU, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL. 61920.**

Name of Nominee: _____

Department: _____

Academic Rank: _____

Include in your nomination packet:

- This cover sheet.
- A nominating letter.
- The Curriculum Vita of the nominee
- Up to 3 additional letters of support from a variety of perspectives, including: Colleagues, Administrators, Staff Members, and Current or Former Students.

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____