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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2002 (Vol. XXX, No. 12)

I. Call to order by Bud Fischer at 2:10 p.m. (MLK Union, 1895 Room)

Present: R. Benedict, J. Best, D. Carwell, L. Clay Mendez, J. Dilworth, R. Fischer, J. Pommier, M. Monippallil, J. Tidwell, A. Zahlan. Guests: B. Lord, L. Hencken.

II. Approval of the minutes of April 23, 2002

Motion Clay Mendez/Dilworth) to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2002. Yes: R. Benedict, J. Best, D. Carwell, L. Clay Mendez, J. Dilworth, B. Fischer, J. Pommier, M. Monippallil, J. Tidwell, A. Zahlan

III. Communications

- a. Minutes from the Library Advisory Board for April 24, 2002
- b. Environmental Health and Safety Committee minutes for May 5, 2002 and May 14, 2002
- c. President's Council Minutes for April 24, May 15, and May 22, 2002
- d. Handout from CUPB meeting held on May 17, 2002

IV. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

1. **Executive Committee:** L. Hencken: I want to encourage faculty members to discuss the issues of September 11th during the fall semester. A. Zahlan: I agree, it is important to provide a structured environment to allow our students to express their feelings and concerns. L. Clay Mendez: We should not only provide the opportunity to discuss the September 11th events in our classes this fall, but also organize speakers and/or events in remembrance of the Trade Center Bombings. I know when the tragedy occurred my students were very concerned and wanted to talk about the events of September 11th. Senators L. Clay Mendez, B. Fischer, and J. Tidwell volunteered to serve on a committee to discuss the organization of activities dealing with the September 11th bombings. Faculty members interested in serving on the committee to organize activities should contact Reed Benedict by e-mail, cfwrub@eiu.edu.

L. Hencken: Kim Furumo is leaving Eastern to pursue her Ph.D. at SIU Carbondale. Kim has done a great job here at Eastern and she will leave a big void at this institution.

L. Hencken: Health care continues to be a concern for not only Eastern, but all institutions of higher learning in the state. The one thing I consistently hear is productivity. All institutions get painted with the same brush. At every available opportunity I make certain that the IBHE and legislature understands that Eastern is doing everything possible to deal with the economic difficulties of the state, e.g., closing Carmen Hall and Greek Court during the summer, setting our thermostats at 68 degrees in the winter, and looking at all positions on this campus as they become available to determine if they can be filled at a later time. L. Clay Mendez: Maybe it is time for a major capital campaign. L. Hencken: It is time to discuss the implementation of a major capital campaign and it is my goal to pursue this possibility. Both Steve Rich and Jill Nilsen are doing a great job identifying and developing relationships with potential donors and I do think a major capital campaign is needed. However, this is a process that will likely take several years to reap the benefits from. I would like to bring in a consultant to assist in this process.

1. **Elections:** R. Benedict: No report.
2. **Nominations:** No report.
3. **Student-Faculty Relations:** No report.
4. **Faculty-Staff Relations:** No Report

5. Search Committees: Blair Lord

I. President's Search: The presidential search will be delayed for one year. Louis Hencken's contract has been extended by the Board of Trustees for two years. L. Hencken: This is a time, given our financial issues, to have a president who understands Eastern. We will move the university forward in the next two years. I will meet regularly with various constituent groups on campus to be certain that I keep in touch with the campus community. I will work hard to increase the salaries of all employees, to seek funds for deferred maintenance, and to restore our enrollment on campus to approximately 10,500. We will only admit the number of students that we can effectively teach. I look forward to continuing serving Eastern Illinois University.

II. Dean, College of Sciences: Mary Anne Hanner

III. Dean, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences : Diane Hoadley

IV. Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies: Charles Rohn

V. Assistant V.P. for Academic Affairs for technology: Michael Hoadley

1. Faculty Development: B. Fischer: The committee will begin meeting in the fall. Senator Dilworth is on this committee and will keep the Faculty Senate updated.

2. Summer Schedules: L. Hencken: To date it appears that we may surpass our goal of 250 new students for the fall semester.

V. New Business:

1. Motion (Benedict/Fischer): To appoint Senator Jean Dilworth to the Academic Technology Advisory Committee. Yes: R. Benedict, J. Best, D. Carwell, L. Clay Mendez, J. Dilworth, B. Fischer, J. Pommier, M. Monippallil, J. Tidwell, A. Zahlan

2. IGP Changes: Senators are in receipt of a draft copy of the IGP changes.

3. Budget Requests: J. Best: What is the status of the 7.1 million for planning the new science building? L. Hencken: The request is in the budget and should proceed as planned. J. Pommier: Is the parking garage still being planned? L. Hencken: A parking garage continues to be discussed as a viable alternative to our parking space needs. J. Tidwell: What is the plan for the Fine Arts building? L. Hencken: There are no definitive plans as of now. L. Hencken: The sidewalks on the north side of campus that collect water will be repaired by the fall semester.

VI. Old Business:

B. Fischer: We need to decide who will speak at the faculty luncheon in the fall. It was decided that Louis Hencken, Blair Lord and Michael Hoadley will briefly speak at the faculty luncheon.

B. Fishcer: Thanks for the year. I enjoyed serving as the Chair of Faculty Senate this past academic year. I especially enjoyed interacting with students. Please go out and continue engaging students. It has been insightful to listen to what they have to say.

R. Benedict: Thank you Bud for doing a great job as chair and moving the Senate forward this semester.

A. Zahlan: I would like to thank the outgoing chair, the executive committee, and the other senators who will be leaving us. All present senators echoed A. Zahlan's and R. Benedict's sentiments.

J. Tidwell: I have served on the faculty senate for seven years. This service has been a big part of my life. It has been a joy to serve.

VI. Adjourn: Fischer (adjourn) 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Reed Benedict