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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR April 3, 2001 (Vol. XXX, No. 26)

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I. Call to order by James Tidwell at 2:04 p.m. (Conference Room, 2540 Buzzard Hall) Present: W. Addison, J. Best, M. Boshart (S), D. Brandt, G. Canivez, J. Dilworth, C. Eberly, B. Fischer, F. Fraker, N. Greer, G. Kelly (S), J. Tidwell, B. Young, and A. Zahlan. Excused: R. Benedict and P. Fewell Absent: M. Toosi Guests: J. Ryan

II. Approval of the minutes of March 27, 2001.

Motion (Best/Dilworth) to approve the minutes of March 27, 2001.

Zahlan: 4. Student-Faculty Relations: Line 20, change "satisficing" to "satisfactory".

Yes: Addison, Best, Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fischer, Fraker, Greer, Tidwell, Young, and Zahlan.
Passed.

III. Communications

- A. Minutes of Intercollegiate Athletic Board--March 29, 2001. Chair Tidwell read from the minutes:
New Business, C. 2. Student athletes generated an "athlete-friendly" professor list to assist student-athletes in avoiding professors who do not honor the university attendance policy by penalizing student-athletes who miss class for university sanctioned events. G. Kelly: The same is true for military science students.
- C. 4. Student-athletes were concerned that the coach's evaluation by the supervising administrator does not include comments or the evaluations by the student-athletes. This will be forwarded to the administrators.
- D. Faculty Athletics Representative Report – Gail Richard
 1. Athletic administrators decided not to participate in the gambling research study proposal. While the decision to decline was disappointing to IAB, the manner of informing the two professors who proposed the study was upsetting. These two individuals spent numerous hours with the IAB, coaches, and administrators explaining their study, addressing concerns, making modifications, etc. They were informed in a one-line email from the Director of Athletics. It is most unfortunate that the same courtesy of personal communication or formal letter of response with rationale was not afforded the professors.
- B. E-mail from Professor Christie Roszkowski concerning April 12 assessment forum--April 2, 2001.
- C. E-mail from Professor Cheryl Hawker concerning Parking Committee meeting of March 29, 2001-April 2, 2001.
- D. Best: Announced the Initiating a Conversation on Retention, Thursday, April 5, 2:30-4, Charleston-Mattoon Room.

IV. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Tidwell: The President is back on campus and is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Executive Committee. Senate needs to think about the annual retirement reception. Each year we spend several hundred dollars on a pen set. Should we continue the practice? Each is \$15-18 each, and it is up to whether the President will pay since gifts cannot be paid out of appropriated money. Dilworth: Is that what we want? I would rather the money be given to a scholarship fund. Zahlan: There should be something. Tidwell: Assuming the money is found, do we want to do it? There will be between 15-20 people retiring. Zahlan: What about one of the Commemorative Courtyard bricks? Tidwell: Think about it, there is no need to make a decision today.

2. Nominations: Canivez distributed the 2001-2002 Faculty Senate Appointments to University Boards and Councils (see Attachment). The deadline to apply is Friday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m. to Gary Canivez (Gary Canivez, 581-6413, cfglc@eiu.edu).

3. Elections: Elections: Fischer distributed a list of people running for office plus their election statements. Elections will be Wednesday-Thursday, April 11-12, 2001. He also distributed a copy of Senate poll assignments. Best: The credibility of the Senate depends upon the selection of people being elected. He would like to extend time to find two more people who could run for the office, and he has succeeded in finding one more person to run for Senate. Tidwell: If we do that we need to do it for all the councils and not just the Senate. Best:

Can we afford to extend the petition process to this Friday? Canivez: It is a good idea to extend it because there are no candidates for the Academic Program Review Committee from the College of Business and Applied Sciences. Best: Is there someone who has an objection? Dilworth: If I had gotten all this together, and they chose to extend the deadline, I would think that my petition was not good enough. Apply the deadlines to the next election. Fraker: What about extending where there is not a full slate of candidates. Best: I am trying to address the technical problem that means we must run a special election, which is more costly. Tidwell: We do have the option of the write-ins. Best: Everybody running here deserves a lot of credit, but I want to make sure that we have six people running for Faculty Senate. Young: Fraker has suggested the solution: Extend only in cases where there are not enough people running. Zahlan: I agree that we need another person on the Senate in a competitive election, but I still have a problem with the idea that adding people at this time is appropriate. Best: The Senate has to be the best judge of its own welfare. The Senate has to take care of its own business. If we extend the deadline and we don't get enough, then we have tried our best. **Motion: (Canivez/Dilworth) to extend the petition deadline to Monday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m., for the faculty Senate, and the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee from the College of Business and Applied Sciences.** Fischer: Eberly needs the information tomorrow morning to publish the list. Zahlan: This is going to smack of "insider" stuff. Dilworth: I think this smells bad. Tidwell: We do have the write-in option. Eberly: There really is not an option given the printing requirements to change the nominations at this point. Tidwell: The write-ins still have to get 70 percent of the lowest total vote among the people running. Zahlan: There is no way the new candidates will be listed in the minutes. Tidwell: It can be placed on the website, but not in printed minutes. Young: If we vote this up, then the motion will go into the minutes, but the information about the possibility will not go out until Friday. Tidwell: We will have to figure out some alternate way to make the Unit "A" faculty members aware that it has been extended. Zahlan: What about printing the ballots? Fischer: I guess I can get them printed on Monday. Tidwell: Senate has to approve the slate. Young: If we vote this up, it has to be assumed that we will find a parallel method of informing the faculty, and we will still have to approve the slate on next Tuesday. **VOTE: Yes:** Best, Canivez, Fischer, Fraker, Greer, and Young. **No:** Addison, Brandt, Dilworth, Eberly, and Zahlan. Abstain: **Tidwell. Passed. Y-6, N-5** Canivez: I have the entire Unit "A" email list in my address book. I'll be happy to send it to all Unit "A" faculty. Fischer: The statements and who is running will sent by Monday afternoon via e-mail. But, can I send that out before we approve the slate? Dilworth: How can we approve the slate? Tidwell: That has to be done in a public forum. Is it feasible to have a special meeting of ten minutes on Monday to approve? What we could do is approve this current petition with the changes. Fraker: I think you approve it as an incomplete slate. Fischer: The goal is to get this so I can send it to everyone on Monday afternoon. Young: I think Fraker is right, we send it out as incomplete, with the notice that a full slate will be available by e-mail on Monday. **Motion: (Fraker/Dilworth) moved that the Senate accept the slate as incomplete, and give the Chair of the Election Committee the authority to add people to the ballot as they meet the requirements for the remaining two open positions (Faculty Senate, and College of Business and Applied Sciences Seat on the Academic Program Elimination and Review Committee).** **Vote:** Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fischer, Fraker, Greer, Tidwell, Young, Zahlan, Addison, and Best. **Passed.**

4. Student-Faculty Relations: no report

5. Faculty-Staff Relations: no report

6. VPAA Search Committee: Best: We are in the process of interviewing. The process is going very well. People are coming out for the sessions well; make certain that you complete an evaluation form. There is one more person next week then we hope to have a meeting on April 16 to send names forward to the President.

7. VPBA Search Committee: Tidwell: The interview schedules are now on the website and in the University newsletter. The first candidate comes in on Tuesday, April 17. The 4:00 p.m. open session is for faculty, staff, and students. Candidates are here all day and on the next morning. This is also an important position for us to attend the interviews.

8. CAA Taskforce-- French Fraker: We met last Friday and we will meet again a week from this Friday. I will ask to bring the final report and distribute it to Faculty Senate. We are looking at the process by which courses are approved, and what modifications are needed if the course is on line.

9. Electronic Grade Book Committee- French Fraker: The process is still underway. They are developing the web page, and hope to have a model of what it will look like in several weeks. They may have a mock-up of what it will look like by the end of the semester.

10. Steering Committee for Technology Enhanced and Delivered Education: Tidwell: We are continuing to meet. Fischer: My constituents think that this is taking way too long. We thought that someone would be on board by July 1. Tidwell: There is no chance of that. Fischer: All the bodies have made a recommendation. You got the feedback you wanted, and now you are stuck somewhere. That (TEDE) was a committee that was viewed as moving quickly, and now seems stalled. Even the TEDE committee told us that the recommendation would be out by this time. Tidwell: Chairs were appointed as ex-officio members, and some people thought that would mean non-voting. Tidwell said he objected strenuously to that, and said the decision about the model would not "fly" without the Chairs voting. Dean Augustine said he would check with the President. Canivez: I cannot imagine anyone volunteering to serve on a committee and not have a right to vote on that committee. Fraker: Have you talked about a goal for when you want to forward your recommendations? Tidwell: No, there are still lots of different ideas. Fraker: I would like to recommend that you take back to the committee that they set a timeline. Fischer: I would like to remind them that the major committees on campus have made their recommendations a month ago. Tidwell: I am assuming that the four faculty members on the committee should have voting status.

11. Search Committee for Director of Greek Life--Norman Greer: Five candidates will be brought in for interviews. Two are internal; three are external. Candidates have been scheduled for next week. Tidwell: Students have a big role on this, and sit on the committee.

12. Search Committee for Director of Housing and Dining Services--Charles Eberly. Four candidates will be on campus April 18, 19, 20 and 23.

13. Ad Hoc Calendar Committee--Mary Hogg. No report.

14. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee--Addison. We still do not have a graduate student named for the selection Committee; Katie Cox should make the appointment. Next Wednesday is the deadline for the nominations from interested people.

15. Textbook Rental Committee. Fischer: We should see a change in procedures associated with textbook rental. Fischer will distribute a copy of them to the Senate this next week. Canivez: Are these changes up for consideration? Fischer: Yes, you will see them before we vote. The dollar figures on which they are based are different.

16: Enrollment Management Advisory Committee: Best: We are thinking about enrollment from a different perspective, in terms of quality as an input driver. What level of quality do we want, and how many students can we recruit to achieve that quality. Fraker: Is this being done in conjunction with budget and planning? Best: It will have to be. There is the question of how much quality can you pay for? Tidwell: Were final spring enrollment figures announced? Best: We have seen those, and I can retrieve them at this point. The freshman class looks pretty good for this fall. Transfers a looking close to 1000 to 1200, or about 26-2700 folks. Transfers are not quite at the 1000 figure yet. Transfers are a little below what we might want to see. Addison: The enrollment decline seems more related to retention. That is why the meeting this week is important. Eberly: I recently learned that in the past four years we have had about 350 transfer minority students earn degrees from EIU, and that half of them were BOT degrees, meaning that they were earned in places like Parkland and Lake Land. On campus, then, only about 175 minority students earned degrees. We need to be looking at why there are so few students, and what is the level of support that these students receive when they are on campus. Not all, but many of them are first-time-in-college from their family, from disadvantaged backgrounds, and economically limited. Yet I have learned that the two graduate student assistantships that have traditionally supported these students in minority student affairs have been eliminated. How can we be serious about retention of at-risk students when we eliminate their support structure?

B. Other Old Business

<p>1. Achievement and Contribution Award Selection Committee: Tidwell: Faculty Senate should provide two names to forward for the committee by April 15, 2001. If anyone is interested to serve on the committee, please contact James Tidwell by noon, April 10, 2001 (581-7118, cfjat@eiu.edu).</p>
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2. Parking on Fourth Street: Tidwell distributed an e-mail from Dr. Hawker expressing her concerns

with the Parking Committee. Canivez: Our representative, Joe Williams, is equally frustrated with the committee, in that deals are done in advance, and their input is hardly accepted on the committee. Best: The university officials on the Parking Advisory Committee claim that the city officials are citing a state regulation as the basis for widening 4th Street in order to increase its safety. Yet the university officials also claim that the reason that the parking spaces are being taken away at this time is because it is consistent with the Master Plan, which actually stipulates closing 4th Street as a thoroughfare. You can't have it both ways. If the Master plan has precedence, then the state should not be permitted to widen the road, but if the state's plan has precedence, then the Master plan should not include removal of the parking spaces. I believe the appropriate university and city officials need to sit down together to study the feasibility of temporarily reengineering the existing space to achieve the goal of safe parking that permits faculty members to do their jobs effectively, at least until such time when all the provisions of the Master Plan are implemented. Young: I agree with Hawker's statement that we should not regard this as a done deal until this happens. We can always petition for a waiver from the State if we want to do so. Best: They can widen the street and reengineer the places, but to the best of my knowledge that has not been discussed. I will consider pledging some money to replant the trees that need to be replanted. Tidwell: Hawker's comment about handicapped parking is surely important. How do you get access to those buildings? Young: There will always be a need for handicapped parking. Fischer: It also disturbs me that it seems to be a done deal. Best: I placed a telephone call to the City of Charleston Commissioner of Streets, but have not had a chance to get a response. That is Chief Larson. Fischer: Maybe it is time to invite him to Senate. Best: The way Joe Williams presented this to me this morning is that the university and city officials had agreed upon a plan, and it was presented in that manner. We as faculty members are trying to do a quality job, and having the parking there so that we can try to meet student needs as best as we can is a part of it.

17. Senate Officers, 2001-2002: Best: We have three more Senate meetings after this. Who will be the officers of this body for next year? Tidwell: That is an agenda item for new business for the last meeting of the year.

V. New Business (Tidwell)

1. Fischer will be at Bloomington for the meeting of Senate Chairs. My impression is that they will be creating a formal organization.
2. Keith Sanders, Executive Director of IBHE, will be here on April 17,
3. The Faculty Senate sponsored International Tea is on Wednesday, April 25, 2001. Please do plan to attend it.
4. Think about the retiree reception for consideration next week.

VI. Adjourn: Fischer: 3:37 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- A. April 5, 2001 meeting of Senate Chairs from around the State of Illinois-- Fischer is representing EIU
- B. Dr. Keith Sanders, executive Director of IBHE, will meet with the Senate April 17, 2001.
- C. Senate sponsorship of an International Tea--April 25, 2001, 2-4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Charles G. Eberly, Recorder