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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of May 8, 1968

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bloss, Bouknight, Crane, Fagan, Hieronymus, Holley, Kline, Miess, Price, Rommel, Catherine Smith, Spaniol, Trank

MEMBERS ABSENT: McCabe, Penn

In the minutes of May 1, Reports, B., the statement about the English department's moving should have read " to Coleman Hall." The minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS:

- A. Council of Instructional Officers, Mr. Fagan: Seven principal items were discussed at the meeting of May 2: (1) Dean Hamand introduced a form designed to prevent students from receiving both graduate and undergraduate credit for the same course. Use of the form was favored by the Council. (2) A letter from President Doudna called attention to the Council that shifting of staff between departments should be preceded by requests for transfer accompanied by the Faculty Personnel Committee, and usually the transfer is approved. The Council concurred that this procedure was reasonable. (3) The possible need for a commencement program at the end of each quarter was considered. The Council generally looked upon this idea with disfavor. (4) The next item was concerned with collection of telephone bills of dormitory students. The consensus of the group favored a recommendation that the collection of delinquent bills should be handled through dormitory directors in connection with dormitory occupancy and housing privileges rather than through classroom instructors and the academic program. (5) The policy to be observed by staff and library personnel in procurement of textbooks and supplies for courses in the curriculum was discussed. It dealt with a) textbooks adopted for courses, b) reserve books, c) workbooks, d) textbook resale, and e) supplementary textbooks. The document considered extends and reinforces the policy already in existence for these items, found on pages 5 and 6 of Internal Governing Policies in the Administrative Manual. On a vote for recommendation, eight favored the policy as reported, one opposed. (6) Vice President Moody reported on the status of staff acquisitions. Twenty-six of the new positions authorized have been filled. Six of these have the doctorate. A discussion of recruiting procedures followed. No recommendations emerged from the discussion. (7) A brief abstract of a report constituting the Fall Quarter portion of the continuing cost and space study of public universities by the State Board of Higher Education was considered.
- B. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee: The Committee presented the names of nominees to the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From President Doudna, a memorandum noting that changes in the Administrative Manual concerning the tenure requirement for major committees were being made, but questioning the removal of the requirement for the Personnel

Committee, since that committee must work closely with the President and be able to voice opinions vigorously with no apprehension, even though the apprehension might not be justified. He requested that the Senate reconsider this before making the change.

- B. From President Doudna, a memorandum noting that he had received the report of Senate views from Vice President Ziegel, that he had given them careful consideration, and noting that he would make the best judgment that he could in the matter.
- C. From President Doudna, a copy of a memorandum to the summer rotation Policy Committee (Dean Ringenberg, Dr. Merigis, Dr. Lowell, Dr. Hadwiger, Mr. Gover, Mr. Hattabaugh) noting that the first three members had been appointed by Vice President Moody and the last three by the Senate, that Dean Ringenberg would serve as chairman, and that the committee should work at their own pace.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Distinguished Faculty Award: The Senate met in executive session to select the recipient of the award. It was agreed to keep the award secret until it is announced by President Doudna at Commencement.
- B. Constitution: The two views of a Constitution and its scope were discussed at length. One view stated was that what was needed was not a cooperative relationship but an adversary relationship. The Constitution should give strength to the faculty view. In adding to this view it was questioned whether we should try to make rules for an area where we are not operating. It was felt, however, that this could be done in defining all areas of relationships.

Another idea stated was that there was need for a forum for discussion among faculty, administration and students, not necessarily for the purpose of action but for the purpose of communication. The idea of checks and balances in the university community was felt to be valid and desirable; thus, a constitution for the faculty should make its action effective.

Another view stated was that including all members of the community would be more effective. The fear that administration could dominate such a Senate would be groundless, partly because they simply would be in the minority since election would be representative. The University is not like a government; it could more properly be compared to a business. The University Constitution would be the only effective means of communication; otherwise, we have isolated camps of opinion.

After discussion, the Senate was polled on two questions. First considered was the inclusion of students. The number in favor was -3, against-8, present-1. Second was the original question. Those in favor of a University Senate Constitution - 6; those for a Constitution for teaching faculty - 6.

The purpose of the Constitution was discussed. The Constitution should define generally the authority and responsibility of the faculty. The By-Laws

should spell out such matters as membership, election, procedures in meetings and so forth.

- C. Personnel Committee Membership: It was moved (Crane) and seconded (Spaniol and Bloss) that we recommend that Personnel Committee members be elected from full-time teaching faculty with tenure. The motion passed yes-8, no-3, present-1.
- D. Secretary to the Faculty: It was felt that the position of Secretary to the Faculty would be helpful and effective in several ways for the faculty at Eastern. It was the consensus of the Senate that a memorandum be sent to President Doudna pointing out the specific functions needed in such an office. Miss Smith, Mr. Bloss, and Mr. Spaniol offered help to the Senate secretary in drafting the list.
- E. Senate Position in Policy-Making: This question's relationship to other discussion of the day was noted. Consideration was given to recourse the Senate can take when the voice of the faculty is not heard or considered sufficiently or insufficient information is made available. One path is to go to the faculty and ask for a referendum. Another is to go to the Board directly, but informing the President as is required procedure. It was noted that communication takes place not through the passing of memos, not through occasional confrontation, but only through regular association. The point of regular association was emphasized -- since on a first meeting, facts may not be at hand, a second meeting allows facts and ideas to be assimilated.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The chairman expressed his gratitude to those members of the Senate who are leaving for their fine contribution to a good year's work.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45. The meeting of the newly organized Faculty Senate will be held on May 15 at 8 a. m. in the Heritage Room of the University Union.

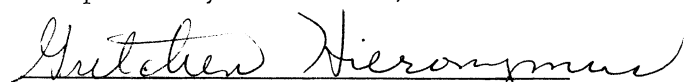
CALENDAR

January	Homecoming nominations
February	Welfare
March	Committee nominations
April	Elections
May	Buildings and Grounds
June	-----
July	-----
August	-----
September	University Calendar
October	Welfare
November	Budget
December	-----

AGENDA

1. Reasons for dismissal of non-tenured faculty
2. Consultation with Department Head
3. Personnel Committee Structure
4. Procedures of Personnel Committee
5. Constitution for the Senate
6. Senate Position on Policy-Making
7. University Parking
8. Faculty Appointments
9. Year round contract
10. Stadium-Auditorium
11. Secretary to the Faculty
12. Conflict of Interest
13. Communication between Senates

Respectfully submitted,


 Gretchen Hieronymus, Secretary