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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of October 30, 1968

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hieronymus, Spaniol, Bouknight, Rawls, Lahey, Fagan, Ferguson, Price, Holley, Crane, Gover, White, Green, Tingley, Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Correction to the minutes of October 23: Dr. Smith should have been indicated as present. Dr. White's memorandum should not have been included as an agenda item, but included as a potential item of new business.

REPORTS:

- A. Council on University Planning, by Dr. Gover. The Council discussed zoning as a part of planning and will do so at a later meeting.
- B. Consultative Council members, by Jane Lahey. The selection process was completed after the Senate members indicated their choices for students. Results:

Vice President for Administration - Patricia Brown, Elizabeth Baker, Larry Hill. Alternate, R. Merle Patton.
Vice President for Instruction - Daniel Proffitt, Wallace Beeler, Amanda Sunderman. Alternate, Ross Kellan.
Dean, Student Personnel Services - Edward P. Zilewicz, Lowell Bourne, Steve Middlemas. Alternate, Cynthia Robertson.
- C. Committee on Nominations and Elections, by Dr. Spaniol. Dr. Plath was elected as the Social Sciences representative to the Council on Teacher Education.
- D. Harbison Award, by Dr. Hieronymus. There has been only one nomination made for the award, so far. Members of the Senate have been asked to offer names of candidates and the entire faculty is asked to present names. The award is given for distinguished teaching and carries an emolument of \$10,000. It would be nice if faculty members would submit names to Dr. Hieronymus or to other members of the Senate by November 6.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From the AAUP, a revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution for the examination of members of the Senate. Each member has a copy.
- B. From Dr. Giffin in response to a question about the rationale of including the Vice President for Administration on the Council on Teacher Education. In summary, Dr. Zeigel is included on the Council because of the possibility of administrative ramifications to actions taken by the Council. Also, certification matters are handled

through his office and a relationship exists there. Finally, in the history of the Council, it is evident that Dr. Zeigel has been deeply committed to matters relating to teacher education through the University, state, and national organizations.

- C. From Dan Thornburgh, a note relating to the Senate constitution. He feels that the constitution will be hard to amend under the proposed provisions.
- D. From President Doudna, a memorandum suggesting that the faculty at its October 31 meeting be advised that "the Board considered for some time the question of whether some kind of proportional representation would not be preferable to equal representation by institutions. The proposal that got the most attention was that each institution have two representatives plus an additional one for each two hundred fifty faculty members or major fraction thereof.

In view of the fact that the faculty representatives from Eastern and Western had not seemed much concerned about this, the Board finally dropped this possibility."

- E. From Dr. Stackhouse, Chairman, Financial Grants Committee, additional information asked for by the Senate. Originally, the number of grants set up were approximately 133, 100 to go to athletics and 33 to be divided among art, theater arts, speech, journalism, music, and women's physical education. The maximum authorized for use in 1968-69 was 80, 60 for athletics and 20 for the other areas. The latter divide as follows: 6 music, 6 speech, 3 art, 2 theater arts, 2 journalism, 1 women's physical education. Approved for athletics were 35 full grants, 15 fees only grants, and 21 room and board grants, or the equivalent of 50 full grants and 6 partials. For the other areas were 18 full grants, 1 fees only grant, and 1 room and board grant, or the equivalent of 19 full grants.
- F. From Dr. McKelvey, Executive Officer of the Board of Governors, minutes of the September 19 meeting of the Board. These were circulated to members of the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Chairman White asked permission to rearrange the order of business so that the Student-Faculty Board matter would become the first item for examination.

As an extension of the previous week's discussion of Student-Faculty Boards it was asked that there be an implementation of the recommendation to publish the policies and memberships of the Boards. It was moved (Holley) and seconded (Ferguson) that the description of Student-Faculty Board policies and Board membership be published for faculty-wide distribution. The motion passed 12 for and 1 present.

- B. Dr. White's memorandum to members of the Senate asked for a reconsideration of the action taken on October 16 to exclude the press from Senate meetings. He expressed a feeling of a lack of communication on campus and an interest to work toward the "clearance of channels" wherever he might be able. Exclusion of the press, he felt, was an unnecessary step and one which led to the danger of charges of secretiveness. He stated that it was "foolhardy to insist upon maintaining unnecessary barriers to intra-campus communication."

It was moved (Hieronymus) and seconded (Green) that the Senate rescind its previous action relating to the exclusion of the press from meetings of the Senate. In the discussion which followed, the possibility of inaccurate reporting was mentioned along with the need for accurate dissemination of information about Senate deliberations. Comments were made relative to the subjective restructuring of debate if the student press member were present. The utility of executive sessions was used as a point of illustration. It was also stated that through the process of correction additional education might be made available to the members of the press, if they were present. Comments in favor of Dr. White's stand were interspersed with the others. The motion was rejected by a vote of 6 to 5.

- C. The order of business was further rearranged to allow discussion of the proposal for a Council of Faculties. An informal indication of individual attitudes about the Council was made and areas of disagreement with the proposal were presented. Particular attention was drawn to the direction of Board contact. The background for the ad hoc committee which helped draw up the proposal was given by Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Hieronymus, both of whom had been at early meetings of the committee. It seemed that the original intent of the committee, as seen by some of its members, was to establish direct contact with the Board. Several Senate members questioned whether this had actually been accomplished. Dr. White stated strongly that such contact had been placed in the proposal and pointed out several instances where it actually appeared in the new document.

Other remarks suggested that the proposal was only token attention to the original purpose and that no clear authority had been handed to the faculties. It was remarked that if the campus forms of communication worked well there would be no need for the Council. Dr. White pointed out that the faculties would now have eight representatives present at all Board meetings--the chairmen of the university Senates and four individuals listed in the proposal.

The discussion as to whether there is direct contact with the Board centered around the statement in the proposal referring to matters of concern to all campuses. Matters of import to all schools are allowable under the new proposal, but it was felt that matters of import to only one school were difficult to find. The relationship between the Council of Faculties and the Council of Presidents was explored in the

discussion of contact.

Dr. Hennings, a visitor, pointed out that the proposal for the Council and the latest revision of the Senate constitution were in conflict on several points which had been taken up in the discussion.

An informal assessment of the attitudes of Senate members toward the proposal for the Council indicated considerable approval of the document along with innumerable objections to specific parts.

Specifically, it was thought that section 4, page 5, relating to the election of the Chairman should be changed. Section 6, page 3, might be changed or removed. Section 4, page 5, relating to the reduction in load was questioned, as was Section I, page 9. Section B, page 2 was talked about since there may be drastic changes in membership on the Council over a period of years. It was pointed out that Eastern will become the smallest institution of the four and the matter of representation will no doubt be important.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The next meeting will be in the Heritage Room of the University Union on November 6 at 8 a.m.

CALENDAR

September	University Calendar
October	Welfare
November	Budget
December	-----
January	-----
February	Welfare
March	Committee Nominations
April	Elections
May	Buildings and Grounds

AGENDA

1. Constitution
2. Major and minor committees and councils
3. Overloads

William J. Crane
Secretary

