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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of November 13, 1968

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Spaniol, Gover.

Corrections to the minutes of November 6, 1968: In Communications, C, change the wording of the second sentence to read, "The letter recommended that there be a student member, in some form, on the Committee."

REPORTS:

- A. University Planning Council. Zoning plans for Charleston and the possible effects upon university planning were discussed. Greek organizations have objected to the present plans for zoning because of anticipated problems in fraternity and sorority housing. Funds for building and land purchase were examined in relation to planning.
- B. The Harbison Award. Dr. Hieronymus reported that a name had been given to the President and it was expected that he would forward it to the appropriate office as a nomination from this institution. The name of the faculty member was not announced, nor will it be announced to the nominee, according to the rules of the award granting group.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From the Student Body President in response to a discussion of the Student-Faculty Boards in a previous meeting of the Faculty Senate. Miss Bratcher offered a clarification of (1) the organization of the Boards, (2) continuity of student membership on the Boards, (3) her efforts to inform the students of their duties as members, and (4) the provisional nature of the organization of the Boards. She asked that the Faculty Senate take the problems into consideration and adopt an attitude of leniency rather than one of criticism.
- B. From the President of the Student Body making a correction to the above letter and adding "perhaps the Faculty Senate would be willing to accept the responsibility of appointing faculty members and overseeing operation of the Boards for the next year."
- C. From the President of the Student Body presenting figures relating to attendance at meetings of the various Student-Faculty Boards. She stated that, so far, "there have been only two student absences as compared with ten faculty absences." Several of the Boards have met one or more times and the Artists Series Board has had no meeting. Miss Bratcher offered to meet with the Faculty Senate to answer questions about the status of the Boards.
- D. From the President of the Student Body in answer to a letter from Dr. White, Chairman of the Faculty Senate. Miss Bratcher had asked that the Faculty Senate appoint two members to meet with two members of the Student Senate to "discuss the problems and possible solutions that face faculty members,

students, and the University as a whole." Appended to the letter making the original request was a twelve-page document listing many suggested changes in University policies and procedures. Because the document was unsigned, undated, and directed to no one in particular, Chairman White asked Miss Bratcher for more information. In the current communication, the Student Body President explained that the document had been unanimously passed by the Student Senate and sent to President Doudna and the several Vice-Presidents, but was for information only and not of direct concern to the Faculty Senate.

In regard to the suggestion that there be meetings between representatives of the two Senates, it was pointed out that communication between the two groups, with the President of the University, and with any other individual or groups presently possible through the University bodies that have already been established and it was suggested that we should encourage the Student Senate to use the machinery already set up for the purpose of communication. The consultative councils have been organized and are available for direct contact with the officers of the administration, although they do not relate directly to the teaching faculty. It was moved (Crane) and seconded (Price) to have the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate appoint two members to meet as recommended by Miss Bratcher in her letter. The motion was approved unanimously.

- E. From Robert C. Meredith, Past Chairman, JFPC, Chicago State College. He is concerned about the ratification of the proposal for a Council of Faculties and, after having served on the JFPC and the ad hoc committee which drew up the proposal for a Council, says, "There is an evident need for one central faculty voice to deal with propositions affecting the system of colleges and universities under the Board . . . The Council is free of the various local bodies of governance simply because it must be. It addresses itself to policies beyond local jurisdiction." Several arguments are presented in the letter and he concludes by saying, "I make an appeal to you, therefore, to help bring this proposal to others as something worthwhile before it can be thought, by those whose interests are as yet unfocused, but whose claims are very wide, that what we have worked upon can have little merit. I feel that such is not the case."

Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Hieronymus have received amended copies of the fourth revision of the proposal for a Council of Faculties, but no request for action has been received by the Senate from the Board. The question of what to do about the proposal was discussed and it was moved (Smith) and seconded (Rawls) that a request be sent to Dr. McKelvey, Executive Officer of the Board of Governors, asking about the present status of the Council of Faculties proposal. During the discussion, the motion was withdrawn. It was moved (Bouknight) and seconded (Fagan) to make inquiry as to the present state of the proposal for a Council of Faculties, reputed to have been approved at the October meeting of the Board of Governors. The motion passed nine for and none against. During the discussion it was asked whether the letter of inquiry should be sent to the Chairman of the Board or to the Executive Secretary. Chairman White will send the letter to the latter individual.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Constitution. Because the Senate was unable to reach agreement on the definition of "faculty" based upon load, the Executive Committee suggested that three definitions be considered informally by the members of the Senate:
1. The Faculty Senate shall be composed of faculty engaged in full-time teaching and/or academic research.
 2. The Faculty Senate shall be composed of faculty engaged exclusively in classroom teaching and/or academic research, with the single exception that librarians, department and division chairmen be included. (AAUP version)
 3. The Faculty Senate shall be composed only of those members of the academic community who have faculty rank, but specifically excluding the President, the Vice Presidents, the directors, the deans, the associate deans, and the assistant deans.

An additional definition was recommended during the discussion:

4. The Faculty Senate shall be composed of members drawn from all University personnel who are not on civil service or maintenance contracts.

Before indicating a preference for one or the other of the definitions, it was pointed out that additional information was needed as to the wording of titles. Also, one or two definitions would mean, if accepted, that someone would have to check on eligibility each quarter. Mr. Hennings, a visitor, said that when he worked on the original AAUP version it was felt that the library people should be included. There was a question as to whether the definitions would apply only to members of the Senate or to eligibility for voting. The problem of eligibility was deferred until a definition could be agreed upon by Senate members.

The Senate was polled on each of the four possibilities: (1) three for and ten against, (2) eight for and one against, (3) none for and one against, (4) one for and six against. Definition (2) seemed to be preferred and Mr. Holley will check on the use of titles. At the next meeting, an attempt will be made to take into account the intent of the statement and to be more specific in the matter of exception and exclusion.

Next, the segmentation by the AAUP version of the constitution into Functions and Procedures was taken up. It was decided to avoid bifurcation and to deal with the constitution in separate sections. So, the AAUP recommendation can be renumbered into nine Articles. It was moved and approved with no opposition to eliminate sections A and B in the above version.

The two preambles were discussed. The purpose of a preamble as a statement of direction was noted, another approach which would relate the preamble to a statement made previously by the Board of Governors was recommended,

and a preference for brevity was stated. The preamble of the AAUP proposal was accepted by a vote of 11 to 1.

The listing of the function of the Faculty Senate is the same in each of the two proposals. It was approved by consensus.

Article II, as presented by the AAUP, was offered for discussion. It refers to Recourse upon Administrative Rejection of Senate Recommendations or Action. A question of the need for a thirty-day time limit was made, but thought to be needed to encourage more or less immediate action by the President. Acceptance of Article II was made with no opposition.

During the discussion of the various items Jane Lahey was appointed as a collator so that all items and articles could be brought together for an eventual final decision by the Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. and the next meeting will be in the Heritage Room of the University Union on November 20 at 8 a.m.

CALENDAR

AGENDA

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

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

William J. Crane
Secretary