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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes of January 15, 1969

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Smith.

Corrections to the minutes of January 8, 1969: On Page 1, third paragraph, should read "Another recommendation was to support the Graduate Council's action to change classes for the summer graduate session from four meetings of 75 minutes each per week to five meetings of 50 minutes each per week."

On Page 3, first paragraph, line 2, after "and/or" insert "academic".

On Page 3, fifth paragraph, should read, "The motion was made (Hieronymus) and seconded (Gover) that the Senate go on record as favoring choice B. There were 4 for, 7 against, and 1 abstaining. It was moved (Bouknight) and seconded (Holley) to submit the four proposals to the faculty at-large for a straw vote." The remainder of the paragraph stays the same.

The minutes of January 8, 1969, were approved as corrected.

REPORTS:

- A. Council on Faculty Research: A printed report from G. L. Cunningham, Chairman of the Council, indicating the actions taken by the Council, eight meetings held during the Fall Quarter, grants approved for a total of \$22,832.87, final research reports received and adopted, and the Statement of Policy Relative to Research at Eastern Illinois University revised and submitted to the Faculty Senate and the Vice President for Instruction.

Following the distribution of the report, it was stated that the Senate should request reports from the other councils and committees under the Senate's aegis. A report form will be drawn up by Hieronymus and Holley so that regular reports can be obtained. It was specifically mentioned that the Council on Faculty Research should be complimented for its report and its consistency in making reports.

- B. Council of Instructional Officers: The Council has been talking about the five-year plan currently under study in the departments of the University. Vice President Moody has prepared a plan which has evidently been sent to each department for examination and to serve as a series of guidelines for their own planning. Dr. Szerenyi made a report to the Council on changes being made and planned for the library along with recommendations being made for materials and procedures. The restrictive nature of a plan and the advantages of a plan were discussed by Senate members.
- C. Committee on Voting: During the last discussion on voting, it appeared that the Senate needed specific guidelines. An ad hoc committee was

formed and asked to present information to the Senate at this meeting. The following approaches were suggested:

1. Voting by mail
2. Voting at central voting booth
3. Ballots sent by mail but returned by persons to a central polling place and names checked off a list

The committee had agreed that computerized voting should continue. The increased amount of work needed for mail balloting was mentioned in the discussion. It was moved (Tingley) and seconded (Hieronymus) that the Senate adopt plan number 1. Voting was 9 for, 2 against, and 2 abstaining.

- D. Nominations and Elections Committee: A brief report about the straw voting process. Counting will be on January 20.
- E. University Planning Council: A combined report by Holley, Gover, and Bouknight about topics covered in the monthly meeting of the Council. Recent discussion has been about student housing with an apparent leaning toward apartment housing. Bids for the next dorm, which will apparently be of the traditional type, will be sought in the immediate future. Senate members discussed the purchase of land for future building, apartment and traditional housing, and private vs. public housing trends.

At this point, the Senate moved into Old Business to accommodate Mr. Hooper, who had been invited to discuss the activities of the academic advising section. At a recent meeting, the Council of Instructional Officers had dealt with a communication stating that academic advisers were recommending certain majors to students. Since the Senate was not completely conversant with the duties and procedures of the academic advisers, Mr. Hooper had been invited to talk to the Senate members.

Mr. Hooper pointed out that when the system of academic advising was being organized, each department head had been consulted as to his preferences and wishes related to advising. The advisers have tried to follow the suggestions of the department heads.

The advisers have been oriented toward program planning and have specifically and expressly assumed responsibilities for planning each student's program. In addition to such orientation, the advisers supply help in selecting programs and enroll each student as fits the requirements set down by the University.

There had been criticism about advice-giving on the part of the advisers, but they share the responsibility with the counseling center, various department people, and with the placement office.

Although a student was previously required to name a major upon entering school, this is no longer necessary. Still, changes of major occur with some

regularity. There are, however, hundreds of "undecideds" in regard to a major and, apparently, no appreciable difference in the pattern of majors and changes.

The advisers regularly check with each other to insure the accuracy of information for advisees. Meetings for this purpose are held and informal conversations help.

In the discussion that followed Mr. Hooper's presentation, the accuracy of printed information available to the advisers was questioned. More direct contact with the departments was suggested. A point about the extensive vocational orientation of the advisers was made. It was recommended that the advisers make a special attempt to see that students are sent to department representatives for advice on the details of majors and the vocational and cultural benefits pertaining thereto.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From President Doudna, a letter from Dr. McKelvey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Governors, outlining the procedures to be followed for the election of representative on the Council of Faculties. The procedures and other details for nomination and election were stated. A number of questions were raised about the process of election and accompanying steps to be taken.

Because of the late hour it was impossible to deal with the problems as they were presented. A special meeting of the Faculty Senate was called by Chairman White for 4 p. m. January 17 in the Heritage Room. It is hoped that solutions will be found at this time. The special meeting will be limited to the single topic.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 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