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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of February 26, 1969

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Spaniol, Lahey

Changes to the minutes of February 19, 1969: Page 4, 4th paragraph, line 4, "as" should be inserted between "faculty" and "defined;" Page 5, in line 2 after "by the Senate and" should be inserted "the constitution as approved at this point."

The minutes of February 19, 1969, were approved as corrected.

REPORTS:

- A. Chairman White on the Council of Faculties: The orientation meeting of the Council of Faculties will be attended by three representatives and one alternate from Eastern Illinois University. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the Council members of the background activities leading to the organization of the group, matters of financial concern, and similar items. The meeting is apparently not a regular meeting of the Council, but preliminary to the first official session.
- B. Chairman White on a parking committee for the Senate: Since several campus groups seem to be planning for parking for the University, it was felt that a coordinating group should be organized to look into the planning taking place. The executive committee recommended a Parking Committee on an ad hoc basis with Fred Bouknight as chairman and Catherine Smith and Dalias Price as members. It was moved (Tingley) and seconded (Hieronymus) to accept the recommendation for the establishment and membership of the committee. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- C. Chairman White on the recent meeting of the Board of Governors: The Board met February 20, 1969, and the general tone was to maintain stringent limitations on all expenditures for the rest of the biennium. Items relating to Eastern Illinois University were (1) authorization of the sale of revenue bonds for the auditorium and a women's residence hall, (2) preliminary plans for rehabilitation of Lincoln and Douglas Halls, (3) negotiations for the acquisition of property, (4) replacement of the roof of Old Main, (5) a feasibility study for a 600-bed apartment-type residence hall, (6) planning for remodeling a portion of Booth Library, (7) requesting consideration of various possibilities for fraternity housing on University property, (8) the remodeling of the Reserve Reading Room, Sargent Gallery, and Blair Hall, (9) the percentage of Eastern students on scholarships, (10) a revision of the textbook rental system, (11) John Young's request for the relocation of a dormitory, (12) the expenditure of contingency funds, (13) consideration of dismissals at Chicago State College.

During the Senate discussion which accompanied the report, it was pointed out that a part of the budget problem at Eastern Illinois University stems from an underestimation of the increase in student population. It may be that contingency money will have to be spent to meet necessary expenditures. Budget problems in several departments were given as examples of the situation.

The plans for remodeling were apparently not brought to the attention of the Planning Council, although department heads who were directly involved were consulted.

- D. The University Planning Council: The Council discussed priorities of buildings as they related to the capital budget. At present, the order of construction is: Physical Plant Building, Clinical Services building addition, and the Fine Arts Building. The possibility exists that there will be no new buildings begun during the next biennium, because of the limitations on spending.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Mr. Alms on Garfield lights: The new lights on Garfield have been placed and adjusted so that the crosswalks are visible.
- B. From Dr. Norberg, Secretary of the AAUP, a copy of a letter to the Council on Academic Affairs. Action was taken by the AAUP:

"In view of the lack of opportunity for all areas of the University to adequately study the recently published proposal of the Council on Academic Affairs for the determination and compensation of faculty overloads, the Eastern Illinois University Chapter of AAUP urges that no action be taken by the Council before the end of March, so that the published proposal may be thoroughly studied, discussed and formally reacted to by all concerned parties to Council action."

Discussion in the Senate centered about the question of propriety. It is possible that the matter of overloads is being acted on by the wrong group. If the matter is considered one of welfare, then it is not the place of the Council on Academic Affairs to make recommendations to an administrative body. There are obvious overtones of academic effect, in that the proposals may tend to limit the extent of graduate offerings possible in any or all departments.

- C. From Ken Kidkiff, Speaker of the Student Senate, a letter regarding a faculty bibliography. The topic was deferred until the next meeting.
- D. From Dean Williams, a memorandum relating to the changing of examination times for students.
- E. From Dean Kluge, a note about ratification of the Senate constitution. A Senate motion setting the pattern of ratification was reported in the

minutes of February 19 and as approved would allow ratification by the faculty as defined in the new document. Dean Kluge asks for reconsideration and recommends that the faculty group voting on the constitution be the same group that has been voting in faculty matters for the past three years. Action on the memorandum was deferred until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vice President Schaefer on the problem of communication between the planning groups and the faculty. A number of actions have been taken in the name of university planning and it has been stated that the faculty had been involved in the actions. In the opinions of several Senate members, faculty involvement was not present and in some cases, no mention was made of possible decisions until after the decisions had been turned into fact. Because of the questionable communication with the Faculty Senate, Vice President Schaefer had been invited to discuss ways to improve both communication and participation.

The role of the Council on University Planning and the position of all advisory councils and committees were described by Vice President Schaefer. It is his feeling that each department has a great contribution to make in planning. At present, there are a number of committees within departments and divisions and schools doing planning for the future. The plans for five-year programs are the beginning of long-range planning and it is expected that these programs can be compacted into specific developmental plans. The Council on University Planning does the spade work and the office of Planning and Development implements. At the present time, this office and the other administrative offices are revising plans that have already been presented by the schools, divisions, and departments. Some of the tentative plans have been presented for study to the Board of Governors. Some plans made in the past have already been rejected by legislative committees and must be restudied on campus.

Several Senate members offered illustrations of the fact that while department heads had been consulted about planning, in many cases, members of the various staffs have not been asked for opinions. It was suggested that, since the individual faculty members will be expected to implement plans and to use the facilities, individual staff members should be consulted at some level. It was noted that in planning the AAE and the Life Science buildings, staff members were asked to contribute and their ideas were discussed at length.

In the placement of the new auditorium and in the remodeling of Blair, Sargent Gallery, and the Reserve Reading Room, the University Planning Council was not included in the decision-making. The role of the Council has thought to be that of planning for large construction and for major items of planning. When minor matters are under consideration, such as the use of Sargent Gallery, it is thought to be an administrative problem and not one for the Council.

The University Planning Council is made up of the Vice Presidents, five faculty members--three from the Senate--the Dean of Letters and Science, the Dean of the Faculty for Professional Education, and the Director of the School of Health and Physical Education. The group makes recommendations on the basis of general agreement, but does not use a formal voting procedure.

It is difficult for staff members themselves to ask to be included in planning activities. Department heads do not always take kindly to such suggestions. There was some agreement with the idea that a set of directions could be sent to department heads and division chairmen pointing out that staff members be involved in the planning of buildings or in changes in buildings. Such guidelines could come from the office of Planning and Development or directly from the President. The directions could contain the formal procedural steps for planning, a description of items to be given to the Council on University Planning and ad hoc committees set up to work on special projects.

Vice President Schaefer indicated that he would consider the possibility of guidelines for planning.

B. The Awards Committee proposal was deferred until the next meeting.

Just before adjournment, Chairman White said that the constitution would have to be finalized at the next meeting and that a special faculty meetings would have to be arranged--perhaps for Thursday, March 27, at 10 a. m. Speed is becoming important in the establishment of the constitution, because the major elections for faculty members will be held during the Spring quarter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a. m. and the next meeting will be March 19 at 8 a. m. in the Heritage Room.

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