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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes of April 30, 1969

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

The minutes of April 23, 1969, were approved as distributed.

REPORTS:

- A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Because the order of business is not oppressive for this meeting, the Executive Committee suggested that the usual order, from Reports to Communications to Old Business, be followed. The previous request to supply members for the Committee on Experimentation and Innovation was referred to a special study group composed of Tingley and Fagan. They will examine the situation and report back to the Senate with recommendations and, possibly, nominations. The problem of deciding the status of committees and councils was given to a study committee of Spaniol, Hieronymus, and Price. They were requested to report back to the Senate at the earliest possible moment.
- B. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Miss Lahey gave a brief report on the work done to get the present balloting under way. The deadline for voting is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 1.
- C. LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The report of the Committee was deferred until later in the meeting when members of the Committee would be present to meet with the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Dean Anfinson, a copy of a memo to the Student Senate asking for a list of student members for the Student-Faculty Boards.
- B. From the Student Senate, a copy of a list of members for the Student-Faculty Boards.
- C. From President Doudna, a memo suggesting that the Senate might like to appoint faculty members as observers to meetings between students and administrators where the requests of black students were discussed and evaluated. It was suggested that members of the Senate or other faculty members might be regular members of the committees formed to examine the problems. It was pointed out that at least two of the committees are going to talk about topics that have direct relevance to the teaching duties of the faculty. In the event that Senate members are appointed to the study groups, four members of the Senate asked not to be appointed because of heavy loads they are currently carrying.

It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Hieronymus) to send observers to the committees. The motion passed with 12 for and 2 abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Constitution: Dr. Spaniol has recommended that a special study be made of the various sections of the constitution and that each item be offered to faculty members for their vote and comments. This action will be a poll of opinion and a re-evaluation of the constitution. Once the new Senate is organized, it will deal with the results of the poll. There is a need for both favorable and unfavorable comments and for a sizable return from the faculty to offer support for any points made about revision. It was said that the poll will be an attempt to create a constitution from the bottom up, instead of from the top down, as was done before. It was also suggested that the poll would offer each faculty member an excuse for reading the constitution as it was previously proposed. It was moved (Hieronymus) and seconded (Price) that the Senate take a poll of faculty thinking concerning the constitution; that the poll take the form of a poll of definite issues in the constitution, and that the poll be so constructed as to allow an analysis of the sources of information. The vote was 12 for, 1 no, and 1 abstaining. The major issues of controversy will be defined and clarified by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Senate at its next meeting. The form of coding will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- B. Letter from Dr. McKelvey to Mr. Norman Swenson, President, Cook County College Teachers Union. Discussion of the letter had been deferred. Mr. Swenson had requested that a secret ballot poll of full-time faculty be conducted in the two Chicago colleges "to determine whether there should be a collective bargaining relationship between the faculty and the Board at these two institutions." Dr. McKelvey stated that "The Faculty Senate of each institution is the organization which deals with internal matters and is the voice of the faculty." He concluded, "The Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, in consideration of its policy statement on faculty representation in January, 1968, and of the views expressed in this letter, reiterates its position on this matter and will not conduct the poll referred to in your letter."
- It was pointed out by Chairman White that the phrase "voice of the faculty" is an idea that might be kept in mind by the Senate and other faculty members.
- C. The ad hoc parking committee asked that its report be deferred because of the time needed for the visit of the representatives of the Library Advisory Committee.
- D. Dr. Munson's letter relating to the use of WP and WF and to the length of time recently set by the Council on Academic Affairs for the drop period. The Council on Academic Affairs, in effect, has removed WF as a grade for the first half of each quarter. Dr. Munson's suggestion.

for the use of a substitute grade of NG would mean that someone other than a faculty member would be doing the grading for students in cases where a faculty member did not turn in grades. It was mentioned that no one should be doing the grading except the instructor. A major issue is the length of the drop period. The action of the Council on Academic Affairs was taken without the opportunity for the faculty to make suggestions for revision, although the item had been continued on the agenda for some time. On the agenda, the item was listed as a change to be made because of health reasons offered by students, but the action taken by the Council was to be applied to all students.

Dean Rogers, present as a visitor, indicated that some special consideration should be given to students with health problems, when their absence results in poor grades due to a lack of attendance or work not done. Senate members and other members of the faculty were asked to offer comments on the action of the Council taken on April 17, 1969.

It was moved (Tingley) and seconded (Spaniol) that the Senate ask the Council of Academic Affairs to reassess its action of April 17 in regard to item 69:22. The motion passed 14 for and none against.

- E. Letter from Edward S. Gibala, Executive Director, State Universities Retirement System, relative to recently proposed changes in the retirement regulations. The letter was given to Dr. Ferguson who will examine it and report to the Senate at its next meeting.
- F. Creation of new administrative positions: The role of the Senate or Senates, in the creation of new administrative positions will be sent to the Council of Faculties to be placed on its agenda for study.
- G. Library Advisory Committee: Members of the Committee (Szerenyi, Soderberg, Hennings) were present to discuss a budget matter and a recommendation made by the Committee. The Committee has requested the support of the Faculty Senate for its request for \$400,000 to be used to purchase back issues of periodicals. The matter is pressing, because little money has been allowed for the purpose and because faculty members in several departments have expressed the urgency of need for such materials. The figure offered represents the opinions of a number of departments and divisions and is needed to repair a serious deficiency in the service of the library.

Dr. Szerenyi said that the budget request for backruns of periodicals was affected by his estimate of the size of the staff that would be available to do the work in the library, including the work needed on backruns. He felt that it would be possible to use staff members for this work by relieving them of the press of duties elsewhere in the library. What he felt to be the total staff needs was not met in the budget, but necessity would dictate the assignment of staff.

Several new graduate programs have been submitted by departments, and several of the departments have acknowledged the fact that the

periodical facilities were inadequate. Some programs have been approved, in any case. It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Price) that the Faculty Senate follow the recommendations made by the Library Advisory Committee and that notes be sent to President Doudna, the Governor, the Chairman of the Budgetary Commission, the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, members of the Board of Governors, the Vice President for Instruction, the Vice President for Administration, and the Director of the Library. The motion passed with 10 for and 1 abstaining.

- H. Faculty Manual: Dr. Hollister will be asked to compare the revised faculty manual and the recommendations made by his committee.
- I. Parking proposals: Dr. Bouknight asked that the Senate delay consideration of the proposals until the recommendations of the Student-Faculty Traffic and Safety Board have been seen. He, as Chairman of the ad hoc committee, will request action at that time. The Student-Faculty Board members are working on plans for enforcement at present and they should have suggestions to make shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. and the next meeting will be May 7, 1969, at 8 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

CALENDAR

September	University
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
4. Special remunerative practices
  - a. salaries for department heads
  - b. summer rotation plans

William J. Crane  
Secretary