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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes of June 18, 1969

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lahey, Tingley, Holley, Gover, Green, Crane, Hieronymus, Hattabaugh, Keiser, Read, Sparks, Whitlow, McCabe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Spaniol, Palmer.

Corrections to the minutes of May 21, 1969: Under Communications, F, line 1 after "From" should read "President Doudna, a copy of a letter from the President to Vice President Moody."

The minutes of May 21, 1969, were approved as corrected.

REPORTS:

- A. Miss Lahey presented the report of the Nominations and Elections Committee. The committee suggested that a "walk-in" vote at some central place would be a better method for faculty elections than that in current use. The major consideration behind this was the time which would be saved. The difficulty in obtaining an up-to-date list of eligible faculty members resulting in eligible voters not receiving ballots and ineligible ones receiving them was observed. It was suggested that any change in rank or position of faculty during the year be sent to the Senate. Secretarial help for the conduction of elections was requested. Some change in the election procedures for the Council on Academic Affairs, explained in the Administrative Manual, p. 50, was suggested to prevent the confusion involved in election to this committee in the past.
- B. Miss Hieronymus reported that the Executive Committee met on June 17 and made appointments to committees of the Senate. (A list is appended to these minutes.) Recommendations for new business for the Senate's consideration included the subjects of campus disorders and some more suitable method of recognizing retiring faculty members.
- C. Mr. Gover reported that no decisions on matters of major concern to the Senate recently had been reached by the Council on University Planning.
- D. Mr. McCabe, Senate observer on the Council of Administrative Officers, presented the minutes of its last meeting. They were received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From President Doudna, a memorandum requesting the officers of the Senate to review the section on the Faculty Senate to be included in the revised Administrative Manual. The members of the Executive Committee at present are undertaking this task.
- B. From President Doudna, a letter explaining that "because of the very serious budget situation" he is holding invitations for unfilled staff positions. He hopes the situation will be resolved at least by July 1. He points out that "should

the cuts go through as proposed, we would have to shut off all new appointments and take other very drastic measures." A clipping from the June 10 issue of the Mattoon Journal-Gazette on the same subject was also received from the President.

- C. From President Doudna, a memorandum requesting that the Senate provide his office with a statement of election procedures for the Council of Faculties. The information is to be included in the Administrative Manual. The matter was referred to the Nominations and Elections Committee for action.
- D. From President Doudna, a memorandum requesting that he or the proper vice-president be informed of any "problems and questionable practices" related to the insurance program at the University. (See p. 2, Communications, item C of May 21 minutes.) The matter had been referred to the insurance committee, and discussion was deferred until the following, related communication was read.
- E. From Mr. McConkey, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, a letter responding to Mr. Long's previous questions about insurance and explaining the present practices. Mr. McConkey pointed out that Eastern has a franchise plan, not a true group insurance plan, available on a voluntary basis in which the insured pays the premiums. There is not one master contract, but individual contracts are issued. He explained that there had been a three-month period to sign up without a physical examination, and that this was explained to all faculty in two letters and a brochure. Mr. Long applied for insurance later, was rejected, and his premiums were returned. Mr. McConkey found the North America Life and Casualty Co. had met its obligations to this point, but he endorsed Mr. Long's recommendation for a full-time insurance staff member. It was recommended that the section on Group Life Insurance, p. 4 of Fringe Benefits and Salary Schedule, distributed to new faculty members make clear the matter of required physical examinations or any period when they might be necessary.
- F. From Kenneth Hesler, a memorandum requesting information relating to possible replacements for evaluative committee observers who are no longer members of the Senate. The matter is being checked by the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- G. From Mr. Williams, a memorandum regarding his intention to "hold the line tightly" on the matter of changing the times of finals. He requests that faculty continue to refer these matters to him according to procedure. Accepted without discussion.
- H. From Don Marshall, Chairman of the Council of Faculties, concerning campus disturbances and including a copy of the policy statement on the subject adopted by the Board of Governors. Discussion deferred for New Business.
- I. From President Doudna, a memorandum requesting an audience with the Faculty Senate on June 18. Accepted.
- J. From Beverly Cook, a letter resigning from the Artists Series Board. Accepted.

- K. From A. J. DiPietro, a memorandum explaining that the Personnel Committee would be unable to meet with the Faculty Senate on June 18. An invitation is to be extended for an appearance at the next meeting.
- L. From Miss Hieronymus, the Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of April 16, 1969. Received.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. It was moved (Crane) and seconded (Holley) that the subject of campus disorders become an item on the agenda of the Senate for future discussion. The vote was 11 for and 1 abstaining. Each member will be provided with a copy of the statements on the subject by the Board of Governors, by the American Civil Liberties Union, and by the President of Amherst University, as a basis for discussion. Mrs. Sparks offered to supply the Senate with copies of pertinent federal legislation.
- B. It was moved (Gover) and seconded (Keiser) that discussion of a method providing for suitable recognition of retiring faculty members be placed on the agenda of the Senate for future discussion. Acceptance was unanimous.
- C. President Doudna addressed the Senate concerning his proposal to create a President's Consultative Council. In addition to the President and the Vice-Presidents, the membership, he thought, would consist of three or four faculty members from the Faculty Senate and an equal number of students from the Student Senate. The group would meet monthly and discuss an agenda prepared by representatives from each group. There would be no limits on types of agenda items. This approach had been used on an ad hoc basis in the past, and it had resulted in some constructive decisions. At present, the President felt, such a group as the one he proposed would facilitate communication between faculty, administration, and students. He asked for the Senate's reaction in two or three weeks. It was moved (Hattabaugh) and seconded (Read) that the proposed President's Consultative Council become an agenda item. Acceptance was unanimous.

President Doudna also informed the Senate of the state of the budget. The matter remains unresolved at this point, and the President felt much depended on the fate of the pending income tax legislation. He also said that Eastern's requests in terms of the Operating Budget, the Capital Budget, and the Illinois Building Authority Projects were faring relatively well to this point, but that it was too early to draw final or certain conclusions regarding specific items.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Miss Lahey suggested that discussion of the Constitution be deferred until Mr. Spaniol submitted his report on the response of the faculty to the proposed constitution. Agreed.
- B. A report from the ad hoc Committee on Major and Minor Committees was circulated. Action was deferred until the next meeting.

- C. Miss Hieronymus recommended that the several reports and recommendations concerning parking be considered by a Senate member who would summarize matters which he believed deserved the attention of the Senate. Mr. Crane accepted the assignment.
  
- D. Mr. Tingley requested a change be made in the meeting time of the Senate because of schedule conflicts. Mondays at 12 and 1 p.m. was suggested, and the matter is under consideration by the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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. Special remunerative practices
  - a. salaries for department heads
  - b. summer rotation plans
4. Recognition of retiring faculty members
5. Campus disorders
6. President's Consultative Council

John H. Keiser  
Secretary

COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

BUDGET and FINANCE:

Crane, Chairman  
Sparks  
Spaniol

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Holley, Chairman  
Gover  
Tingley

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS:

Whitlow, Chairman  
Green  
Lahey  
Hattabaugh  
Read

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

McCabe  
Crane (alternate)

COUNCIL OF INSTRUCTIONAL OFFICERS:

Palmer  
Read (alternate)  
Hattabaugh (summer alternate)

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Read