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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes of December 8, 1969

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hattabaugh, Palmer, Green, McCabe, Read, Holley, Gover, Hieronymus, Whitlow, Spaniol, Tingley, Crane, Kluge, Keiser.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lahey.

The minutes of November 17, 1969, were approved as published.

REPORTS:

- A. Miss Hieronymus, for the Executive Committee, reported that in response to the Senate's request, President Doudna stated that no decision had been reached about the retirement of Vice President Zeigel or the possible reorganization of his area of administrative responsibility. The President also said that at the appropriate time he would consult with the President's Advisory Council on the matter rather than with the Faculty Senate. It was the consensus that the President's approach to the problem would allow him to present a decision without prior consultation with a representative faculty body, and that the Senate should repeat its desire to participate in the selection of a successor to Vice President Zeigel and/or in the reorganization of his present functions.

Miss Hieronymus also circulated and summarized her report on the Board of Governors' meeting of November 20-21 at Chicago. She emphasized the status of the libraries in institutions under the Board's authority, the procedures established for individuals or organizations to make presentations to the Board, and the amendments recently made to the Open Meetings Act (one of which eliminates "personnel" matters from the general category which can be discussed in closed session.)

- B. The minutes of the meeting of the Council of Instructional Officers of November 20 were circulated. Among other things, the minutes included the following disclaimer: "The Council of Instructional Officers, contrary to widespread impression, did not formulate or invoke the so-called 'directive' on classroom visitations. It simply approved, in principle, classroom visits as a means of improving and evaluating instruction. The so-called 'directive' emanated from the Office of the President. "
- C. The minutes of the meeting of the Council of Administrative Officers of November 13 were circulated. The policy on vehicle violation appeal procedure explained therein was noted. There was some discussion with a member of the Vending Machine Committee, who is also a member of the Senate, concerning the duties of the Committee and the disposition of funds from the machines. Some misunderstanding arose as to what part of these funds are controlled by the Senate, and the matter is to be checked.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Margaret Soderberg, chairman of the library advisory committee, a memorandum requesting that the Senate revise the membership of the committee somewhat because a group of departments are not represented. Referred

to the nominations and elections committee for action.

- B. From President Doudna, a memorandum expressing his approval of the Senate's recommendation to designate the Council on Faculty Research as a major committee and his intention to make the necessary change in the Administrative Manual.
- C. From Vice President Moody, a copy of a memorandum to the Head of the Sociology and Anthropology Department pointing out that his proposed experimentation with student evaluation of instructors could operate in addition to but not in place of procedures outlined in current policy.
- D. From Mr. Byron E. Munson, a copy of a memorandum explaining further his proposal to substitute student evaluation for class visitation. (See Minutes of November 17, 1969, Communications, item B.) Discussion of this and item C was deferred until the general topic of evaluation is considered.
- E. From Mr. John E. P. Mullally, a letter and a copy of an article. The letter raised six questions of concern in regard to the issues raised by the previously circulated policy statement of the Executive Director of the State Board of Higher Education. Discussion was deferred until the appropriate agenda item was reached.
- F. From the State Board of Higher Education, Executive Director's Report #80, Comments on Executive Director's Report #79. The report concludes that "we are recommending that the Board direct the staff to proceed with the development of the criteria and procedures for the implementation of Executive Director's Report #79 and #80 while the discussion of the reports continues." Copies were provided for each member.
- G. From the Council on Faculty Research, copies of its policy paper, Evaluation of Faculty Research Projects. Copies were provided for each member of the Senate.
- H. Minutes of the meeting of the Student Senate of November 13, 1969. Received and circulated.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. It was noted that time was running out if the eleven-and-one-half-month contract proposal is to be put into operation for next year. No news about the disposition of the proposal had been received since the Executive Committee's meeting with the Personnel Committee on the matter. The consensus of the Senate once again was that the proposal constituted a significant overload in the summer and that this was educationally unsound. (See Minutes of October 27, 1969, Communications, item D.) Apparently, this point has been made to

the President by the Personnel Committee. A committee made up of Miss Hieronymus and Messrs. Crane and Hattabaugh was selected to draw up a restatement of the Senate's attitude on the matter.

- B. Mr. Whitlow reported that the Constitution Committee had completed its work, and that the document would soon be ready to be submitted to the faculty.
- C. It was moved (Spaniol) and seconded (Read) to remove from the table the motion to endorse the proposal to adopt new nominations and elections procedures. Arguments for the proposal, as before, centered about the great amount of time required and the chances for error in running an election under the present procedures. Opponents termed the proposal undemocratic, claiming that it would make the Senate self-perpetuating. It was moved (Gover) and seconded (Holley) to amend the proposal by providing that all nominations for faculty elections take place at open faculty meeting and that all voting in elections be done at a central polling place (rather than by mail). The motion was defeated by a vote of three in favor, seven opposed, and four abstentions. It was moved (Kluge) and seconded (Green) to conduct one of the next two elections in the traditional manner and the other according to the new proposal, the order to be determined by a flip of a coin, and a study of the relative effectiveness be conducted at the conclusion of the period. The motion was defeated by a vote of two in favor, eight opposed, and four abstentions. It was moved (Tingley) and seconded (Spaniol) that the nominations and elections committee work out a proposal based on petitions as a means of nomination and present it to the Senate. The motion carried by a vote of nine in favor, four opposed, and one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate is on Monday, December 15, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the University Union.

#### AGENDA

1. Constitution
2. Evaluation (Visitation)
3. Proposal for Nominations and Elections Procedures
4. Eleven-and-one-half Month Contract (Sabbatical)
5. Selection of President
6. Recognition of Retiring Faculty Members
7. Campus Disorders, Local Policy
8. Scholarships for Children of Deceased Faculty Members
9. Faculty News Sheet (Secretary)
10. Intercultural Council
11. Grievance Committee
12. Proposal for University Government
13. Budget for Higher Education
14. Policy Statements of Higher Board

John H. Keiser  
Secretary