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E A S T E R N I L L I N O I S U N I V E R S I T Y

FACULTY SENATE

Monday, August 30, 1971

Ad hoc Higher Education Caucus

Representatives of the following Universities and respective organizations were present:

Belleville Junior College	AAUP
Chicago State	Faculty Senate, Civil Service Advisory Committee, AFT-Faculty Union
Eastern Illinois University	Faculty Senate, Non-Academic Employees, IAHE, Personnel Committee, AFT, AFCCME
University of Illinois: Champaign	AAUP, Faculty Senate, Faculty Group on Collective Bargaining
Illinois State University	Faculty Senate, IAHE
Northeastern	Faculty Senate, Civil Service, Student Senate
Northern Illinois University	Faculty Senate, IAHE
Southern Illinois University: Carbondale	AAUP, Federation of University Teachers, Faculty Council, Faculty Senate
Southern Illinois University: Edwardsville	Members of the Higher Board, Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Non-Academic Employees Council
Triton Junior College	Faculty Senate
Western Illinois University	Faculty Senate, AFSCME, IAHE, AAUP, Student Government Association, Western Illinois Professors, Non-Academic Employees

The meeting was opened by Roger Whitlow, Chairman of Eastern's Faculty Senate. He offered words of welcome to the group and the planned format for the meeting. He mentioned that there were economic measures involved in the budget cuts which go far beyond the University as it affects the area around the University. He suggested the following as possible resolutions and outcomes of the meeting.

1. A statewide coordinating council.
2. A lobby organization with representatives from all campuses in Illinois

3. A statewide committee to prepare and distribute publicity to educate the people of the state.

It was his feeling that this should be a continuing group.

Chairman Whitlow cited the need for communication between the various organizations on the campus as well as between colleges and universities within the state so that a concerted effort could be made to oppose budget cuts and generally the decreasing quality of higher education in Illinois.

Dr. Robert Shuff of Eastern reported on the results of the budget cuts at Eastern.

1. The budget for 71-72 would be \$800,000 less than last year.
2. Contractual obligations came first in priority order rather than educational programs.
3. Approximately 5% of the students were deferred or classes will not be available to them.
4. 50% cut in the student employment budget will mean that some students will not be able to attend college.
5. Because of the reduction in the Library Budget current publications will not be purchased during the coming year.
6. The cancellation of maintenance contracts will increase the need for replacements at an earlier date and cost more in the long run.
7. The telephone service has been radically reduced.
8. No replacement of Civil Service or faculty.

Dr. Shuff stated that apparently the inadequacies of a Governing Board to govern and/or the conclusion that they are willing to accept an inferior quality of education in the institutions of higher education in the State of Illinois makes it necessary for the faculties to take coordinated action. He stated that it was imperative to take action to restore the services cut at all institutions.

A representative of the Student Government Association at Western stated the effects of the budget cuts at Western were similar to those cited by Dr. Shuff. He mentioned that the student vote in the forthcoming elections will have an effect upon future budgets in higher education as students will attempt to elect those legislators who support higher education.

Three professors from the University of Illinois indicated the effect of the budget cuts which include:

1. No salary increases for Faculty and Civil Service

2. Non-tenured faculty members have been given terminal contracts in the event the budget cuts continue in another year. This results in a serious morale problem.
3. There is a freeze on hiring of faculty and civil service.
4. There is a freeze on student admissions.
5. The operational budget is \$4.1 million less than a year ago.
6. All equipment except for the library was removed from the budget.
7. The Physical Plant maintenance program is not following the regular plans for prevention thereby increasing the cost of replacement at an earlier date.
8. The funding of the retirement system is an extremely serious matter as money had to be borrowed from the Junior College fund to make payments to retired staff this year.
9. \$3,000,000 worth of professional positions were eliminated which means that other staff will have to take up their duties.
10. The most serious problem of all was that marijuana was growing out of the bushes because no one can clip or spray them.

Illinois State, Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois, Chicago State and Northeastern all indicated similar problems resulting from the budget cuts but deferred discussion of same so that more time would be available for organization and resolutions.

Chairman Whitlow cited the need for state representation rather than factions on each campus fighting their own battles. He asked for comments relative to the possible formation of a coordinating council. He mentioned that whatever action was taken by the people attending this meeting would not be binding on any group or organization on their campus but any action taken would be by a group of individuals hopefully to unite efforts for a common cause. It was felt that a statewide coordinating council would be much more effective and would reflect the general feeling of the various University communities. A motion was made and seconded to establish an Ad hoc Committee on a statewide basis which is representative of all segments of the University community. (Segments of the college community would include the AAUP, Faculty Senate, IAHE, AFSCME, AFT, Non-Academic Employees and Student Government.) A discussion ensued which indicated the need for communication from representatives of a coordinating committee to the individual campuses. Thus, if established, this committee would be a coordinating and communicating body with the responsibility to disseminate information to all groups on a given campus. A motion was made and seconded to amend the main motion by replacing the word "University" with "College". The amendment passed. A motion was made and seconded to amend the main motion by adding a purpose as follows: "To deal with legislative matters of concern to higher education". The second amendment passed thus the main motion was amended as follows: "To

establish an Ad hoc Committee on a statewide basis which is representative of all segments of the college community to deal with legislative matters of concern to higher education". The main motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to elect or appoint a representative from each institution as a member of the Steering Committee which will make plans and develop guidelines for the organization of the Ad hoc Committee. The motion passed without opposition.

A short recess was declared by the chairman to enable each group to caucus and elect or appoint a representative to serve on the Steering Committee. The following were elected or appointed to the Steering Committee:

University of Illinois	Milton Derber
Eastern Illinois University	Robert Shuff (Chairman)
Chicago State	Ted Stalarz
Southern Illinois University: Carbondale	Robert B. Harrell
Southern Illinois University: Edwardsville	Leo Cohen
Western Illinois University	Lois Mills
Northeastern	Don Hoops
Illinois State	Ivo Greif
Northern Illinois University	James King
Triton Junior College	Russell Bruce
Belleville Junior College	Betty Oelrich

The following resolutions were discussed and voted upon by the group in attendance at the caucus:

Be it resolved that the Ad hoc Committee representing state colleges urge the Honorable Senator Jack Walker to sponsor legislation necessary to override the Governor's veto. The resolution passed without opposition.

A resolution was introduced and seconded that this committee oppose, at all levels, tuition increases at institutions of higher education in the State of Illinois. The resolution passed unanimously.

Be it resolved that this committee go on record supporting HB 1 and that it actively solicit by mail, phone or other means of communication the necessary votes needed to pass that bill. A motion was made to amend this resolution by removing any reference to specific bills from the resolution. A motion was made and seconded to introduce a substitute motion as follows:

That this group go on record as supporting legislation allowing collective bargaining for public employees and college and university faculty and staff. The substitute motion was passed without opposition.

RESOLUTION ON CUTBACKS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS: Governor Ogilvie's slash of the higher education budget means serious curtailment of university services; and

WHEREAS: Many students will be turned away from schools because of lack of moneys; and

WHEREAS: What little moneys that are available will go into the administrative bureaucracy while many teachers will get no salary increase, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of this body go on record against the Governor's action by demanding the state legislators over-ride the veto and be it further

RESOLVED: That the members of this organization actively campaign to defeat Governor Ogilvie.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution by deleting the third "whereas". The motion to amend the resolution passed. A motion was made and seconded to delete the last paragraph of the resolution. The motion passed. A vote was taken on the main resolution which was approved by those in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion failed.

It was moved and seconded that this group endorse a resolution that students be allowed to vote in the community in which they are attending school. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. This motion passed.

Donald A. Kluge