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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of September 10, 1974

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buchanan, Connelly, Doughty, Elder, Goodrich, Hackler, Johnson, Knott, MacLaren, Murray, North, Price, Rearden, Weidner, Wiseman

FACULTY VISITORS: George Rommel, Alice Stoughton, Lewis Coon

STUDENT VISITORS: John Ryan, Scott Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 1405.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memo from David Maurer concerning books for the Overseas Library Project.
2. Memo from Lewis Coon concerning Senate involvement with student evaluation of faculty.
3. Student Senate Meeting Minutes -- August 29, 1974.
4. Memo from Ann Jackson, Chairman, CAA, inquiring about sponsorship of a reception in conjunction with a faculty publications exhibit.

REPORT ON COUNCIL OF FACULTIES MEETING

George Rommel reported that the following were the major topics of discussion at the most recent COF meeting:

1. The COF is seeking greater input into budget matters which come before the Board. The BOG is now discussing a potential 12% salary increase for next year. This includes 3% in "catch-up" monies.
2. Preparations are continuing for the COF-sponsored poll on collective bargaining. The COF, which has taken no official stand on the issue, will poll the faculty on October 11. The ballot will ask for a "yes" or "no" response to a proposal for system-wide collective bargaining. Attached to the ballot will be a preamble describing some of the pros and cons of collective bargaining.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Report by Student-Faculty Relations Committee. Johnson reported that the committee's meetings with the students working on the questionnaire for student evaluation of faculty have produced the following results:
 - a. There are now about 15 questions with a good possibility of further reduction in the number.
 - b. Students no longer expect Senate funding for the project.
 - c. Students are adamant about publishing the results. The Senate committee does not agree.
 - d. More meetings with the students are scheduled.

2. Report of the Executive Committee meeting with President Fite. MacLaren reported that the President is interested in regular discussion of items of concern to the faculty and President Fite hopes that this Senate committee will bring these items to his attention.
3. Report of the Nominations Committee. Knott reported that the special election for a 2-year term on the University Personnel Committee will be held on Thursday, September 26. A runoff, if necessary, will be Thursday, October 3. Details concerning the election are to be published in the Faculty Campus Newsletter.
4. Price reported that the first meeting of the Monitoring Committee awaits the appointment of student and civil service representatives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Overseas Library Program (Maurer's memo, Communications). Price moved, seconded by Murray, that the Senate continue to support the Overseas Library Program, financially, by paying postage (the Senate spent approximately \$60 for the project last year). The motion passed unanimously.
2. Reception, faculty publications exhibit. Wiseman moved, seconded by Elder, that the Senate sponsor a reception in conjunction with the proposed faculty publications exhibit. The motion passed unanimously. MacLaren appointed Murray and Elder to meet with Ann Jackson concerning this matter.
3. MacLaren will speak at the Board of Governors meeting on Thursday, September 12. He will suggest changes in the BOG's procedures in awarding tenure. The suggested changes grew out of Senate discussions of personnel matters during recent executive sessions.

REPORT ON THE KSU CONFERENCE

The first of a two-part report on the Kansas State Conference on Faculty Evaluation and Development in Higher Education was presented. Attending this conference from EIU were J. North, C. Switzer, R. Weidner, T. Weidner, and R. Wiseman.

North introduced the program with an outline of the objectives of the conference. Wiseman followed with a presentation of taped highlights of remarks by several of the featured speakers at the conference. Comments by the conferees followed the taped presentation. A panel discussion will be presented during the second hour of the next Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1535.

Terry M. Weidner
Faculty Senate Secretary

MEETING NOTE

A General Faculty Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, at 2 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom. President Fite will present brief remarks. A question and answer session will follow.