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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of September 17, 1974

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

FACULTY VISITORS: Lewis Coon, Charles Switzer, Robert Weidner

STUDENT VISITORS: Diane Ford, John Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 1405.

The minutes of September 3, 1974 and September 10, 1974 were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memo from Larry Thorsen indicating that the Model United Nations organization will, henceforth, oversee the Overseas Library Project.
2. Student Senate Meeting Minutes---September 5, 1974.
3. Copy of a memo to President Fite from Harold Coe, Psychology Department Personnel Committee, containing suggestions for grammatical and substantive changes in the Personnel Policies and Procedures.

REPORTS

1. Nominations Committee---Knott.
  - a. Corrections concerning the composition of the present UPC and eligibility to serve on the UPC are forthcoming in a Faculty Campus Newsletter.
  - b. It was moved by Knott, seconded by Buchanan, that the Senate accept the following nominations:

Council of Faculties---Alternates

Frank Abell  
Lewis Coon

Library Advisory Board---Alternates

Gerhard Natzner---Faculty of Education  
Lynn Miner---Foreign Language, Speech, Speech Pathology

Marge Lanman---School of Business  
Ben Watkins---School of Fine Arts

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Elections Committee---Price.

Progress was reported in setting up the mechanics of the September 26 election to be held in the Union.

3. Monitoring Committee---Price.

Acting as Chairman pro tem., Price reported that neither students nor the campus civil service organization have appointed their representatives to the committee.

4. Murray gave a preliminary report concerning the reception to be held in conjunction with the faculty publications exhibit.

5. Board of Governors Meeting---MacLaren.

Chairman MacLaren reported that local news media had given a good account of happenings at the Board meeting. A copy of MacLaren's statement to the Board on procedures for awarding tenure was circulated (see a summary of this statement in The Press Run, September 13, 1974).

6. Student-Faculty Relations Committee---Johnson, Rearden, Connelly.

Johnson reported considerable faculty input into the design of this year's questionnaire for student evaluation of faculty. Copies of the questionnaire were provided for the Senate by Diane Ford, director of the student effort. It should be noted, however, that this project is not being funded by the Senate and, therefore, students have the final say in its makeup. As of now, the faculty will have two options:

- a. Participate and results will be published.
- b. Do not participate.

Johnson pointed out that a third option,

- c. participate and not be published,

was unacceptable to the students. Johnson recommended the following actions to the Senate:

- a. Advise the faculty to participate or not at their own discretion.
- b. Encourage each department to have its own evaluation and questionnaire, the student one, if acceptable. In addition, each department should define the role that student evaluations will play in the overall evaluation process.

- c. Some faculty group should be established or given the job of exploring student evaluation of faculty.

Connelly and Rearden, differing in some respects from Johnson's recommendations, offered their own views.

The Senate took no action on the recommendations.

Diane Ford requested that questions, comments, etc. concerning the student evaluation should be directed to her at the student government offices in the Union.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. BOG Presidential Evaluation. Wayne Owens, who is overseeing this evaluation on Eastern's campus, will be invited to the next Senate meeting to discuss this item.

#### REPORT ON KSU CONFERENCE

The participants (J. North, C. Switzer, R. Weidner, T. Weidner, and R. Wiseman) held a panel discussion concerning highlights of the conference. The focus of the conference was faculty evaluation, though associated activities included evaluation of administrators and faculty development. Reports indicated that the most successful student evaluations of faculty were:

1. directed by a full or part-time faculty member to provide continuity for the program.
2. voluntary, though participation was often above 90%.
3. confidential, though faculty members could release results if they so desired.
4. multi-faceted in that questionnaires were tailored to departments or individuals.

The meeting adjourned at 1550.

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