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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of October 29, 1974

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doughty

FACULTY VISITOR: George Rommel

STUDENT VISITOR: John Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 1405.

The minutes of October 22, 1974 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Tenure Study Committee Minutes---October 22, 1974. Wiseman reported on these minutes. A brief discussion followed.
2. Student Senate Meeting Minutes---October 17, 1974.
3. Memo from President Fite with materials relating to student evaluation of instruction at Governors State University.
4. Copy of letter from Janet Norberg to Jimmie Franklin, Affirmative Action Director, regarding recent appointments on this campus.

REPORTS

1. Council of Faculties---George Rommel

Rommel reported that the COF has repeatedly asked the BOG for faculty representation on various Board committees to no avail. The COF is particularly concerned about the revision of the Board's By-Laws. The COF will be preparing a statement on collective bargaining to be presented at the November Board meeting. The COF reported to the Board that the Senate at UNI had endorsed the EIU Senate position on merit pay and that the WIU Senate will consider a similar motion.

The final tally of the COF-sponsored poll on collective bargaining is listed below.

	# ballots distributed	# returned (%)	# returned YES (%)	# returned NO (%)	% YES of total ballots	% NO of total ballots
UNI	340	247 (73)	202 (82)	23 (9)	59	7
GSU	139	98 (71)	80 (81)	18 (18)	58	13
System	1951	1585 (81)	1313 (83)	244 (15)	67	13

Not returned---366
 Abstention----- 2
 Invalid----- 26

2. Board of Governors Meeting---Weidner

At the request of Chairman MacLaren, Weidner initiated discussions with the Ombudsman at WIU during breaks in the Board Meeting. The Executive Committee of the Senate is considering whether such a position on Eastern's campus would be of significant value. This item is to be brought before the Senate at a future date.

3. Scholars' Exhibit Reception---Murray

It was reported that preparations for the reception continue to proceed smoothly. One of the Senate's members suggested, informally, that she would like to see a male pouring coffee at the reception. No action was taken on this suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chairman MacLaren recommended, for the Executive Committee, that Jon Laible be appointed to a 3-year term as Eastern's representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Higher Education. It was moved by Connelly, seconded by Hackler, to approve this recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman MacLaren recommended the appointment of the following faculty to the ad hoc committee to study student evaluation of faculty:

June Johnson, Chairman
 John Rearden
 Charles Switzer
 Terry Weidner

plus two student members

It was moved by North, seconded by Goodrich, that the Senate approve the Chairman's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Johnson requested that the Senate issue a statement to clarify the role of student evaluation in UPC and DPC decisions this year. No formal action was taken on this request.

SPECIAL REPORT

George Hackler, Director of Continuing Education and Community Services, presented an invited report on the operation of his office and, especially, on the Continuing Education Unit (CEU).

The CEU is defined as "... ten contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction or supervision."

Hackler reported^d that the CEU is a growing entity and that EIU is offering about 10 CEU's this semester. These offerings are designed to pay their own way.

Formalizing the CEU non-academic credit provides both a useful method of accounting for continuing education and may permit formal reports to governing boards for funding purposes. However, the CEU demands an untried method of record-keeping. There is also some speculation that CEU's may be equated to college credit, the kind now available for "life experiences" in some degree programs. Hackler opposes CEU's being used for college credit.

The meeting adjourned at 1523.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for November 12, 1974 in the University Union Heritage Room.

Terry M. Weidner
Faculty Senate Secretary