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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of November 12, 1974

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Connelly, Doughty

FACULTY VISITORS: Jon Laible, George Rommel

STUDENT VISITORS: John Ryan, Kevin Kerchner

The meeting was called to order at 1404.

The minutes of October 29, 1974 were approved as printed with the following correction concerning the Hackler report. EIU is not offering 10 CEU's this semester but is offering 10 courses which could be used for CEU credit.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Copy of a letter from Jimmie Franklin, Affirmative Action Director, to Janet Norberg, COF Representative, concerning recent appointments on this campus.
2. Copy of Affirmative Action Report, dated July 5, 1974, from Jimmie Franklin.
3. Letter of invitation to Midwest Salary Conference in Chicago, December 6 - 7, 1974.
4. Memo from Ewen Bryden concerning allocation of travel funds.
5. Copy of letter from Vice President Schaefer to the Council on University Budget concerning the BHE's recommendations on the FY 76 budget request.
6. Memo from Ann Jackson regarding the Scholars' Reception.
7. Student Senate Meeting Minutes, October 24 and October 31, 1974.

REPORTS

1. Council of Faculties---George Rommel

Items of discussion at the November 4, 1974 COF meeting included the following:

a. Collective bargaining---

The COF will ask the BOG to conduct a referendum to select a bargaining agent for the faculty.

The COF took a position favoring system-wide collective bargaining.

The COF renounced any claim to be the bargaining agent for faculty at BOG insitutions.

- b. The COF is attempting to have faculty coverage for State of Illinois life insurance be based on 12 times the monthly earning rate rather than 9 times as is the case at present.
- c. All retirement account (SURS) interest will be distributed to individual accounts rather than putting it in a reserve account as in practiced at present. This will mean a higher interest rate on the faculty contribution.
- d. The Council of Presidents, in a joint meeting with the COF, informed the COF members that the Presidents will be asking for a 60:40 (basic:merit) distribution of salary monies for FY 76 and about 50:50 thereafter.

2. Faculty Advisory Council to the BHE---Jon Laible

Laible reported that the primary interest of the November 8, 1974 meeting was the development of Master Plan, Phase IV. Planning for this document began in November, 1973. It is to supplant Phase III, issued in 1971, because of changes in enrollment and changes in the missions of the several universities. The Phase IV plan is scheduled to be completed by late 1975.

The FAC is charged with investigating three areas in particular.

- a. The goals of higher education.
- b. The mission and scope of the several institutions.
- c. Qualitative improvements in programs at the several institutions.

Laible also requested that an alternate representative to the FAC be appointed by the Senate.

3. Executive Committee---MacLaren

The Executive Committee met with the UPC to discuss items of mutual concern. Included in the discussion was reference to the Senate's position on merit pay. The Executive Committee raised questions concerning recent appointments to administrative positions on this campus. Is there justification for these appointments? Has there been a proliferation of administrators on campus with a concomitant decline in faculty and students?

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scholars' Exhibit and Reception---Murray and Elder

It was reported that the exhibit and reception was a success, but the exhibit lifetime was too brief when compared to the effort which went into its preparation.

Weidner moved, seconded by Buchanan, that the Senate adopt the following resolution. The Faculty Senate commends Louise Murray and Carol Elder for their zealous work in helping to bring the Scholars' Exhibit and Reception to fruition. The Senate wishes to thank all others who participated in this endeavor and helped to make it a success (Other members of the committee included Don Swope, Phillip Settle, Mary Ruth Swope, and Ann Jackson). The resolution passed unanimously.

2. The ad hoc Committee to Study Student Evaluation of Faculty. Chairman MacLaren reported that students may not accept the Senate's invitation to participate on this committee.
3. Collective bargaining. It was moved by Rearden, seconded by Elder, that in view of the results of the COF referendum on collective bargaining, the Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University urges the BOG to conduct a referendum to determine faculty choice of an agent to represent the faculty in collective bargaining. After some discussion, the motion passed, 10 yes, 2 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Midwest Salary Conference, December 6 - 7, 1974.

It was moved by North, seconded by Price, to send the following representatives to the Midwest Salary Conference.

David Maurer - UPC
Fred MacLaren - Faculty Senate

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Distribution of Travel Funds.

Brief discussion of this item indicated a considerable lack of information as to who is allocated how much money for travel and whether these allocations are justified. The Executive Committee will appoint a committee of interested individuals to do some fact-finding for the Faculty Senate.

3. The Senate concurred in Chairman MacLaren's suggestion that letters of congratulations be sent to the winners (Campbell, Coffey, Craig) in the recent election for seats in the Illinois legislature from this district.

4. North asked that the Senate and other interested parties offer nominations to the Honorary Degree Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1531.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for November 19, 1974 in the University Union Heritage Room.

Terry M. Weidner
Faculty Senate Secretary