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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of December 3, 1974

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Connelly, Hackler, Knott

FACULTY VISITOR: George Rommel

STUDENT VISITORS: Chris Curl, Cindy Patterson, John Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 1405

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Council on University Planning Minutes---November 18, 1974. North reported on these minutes.
2. Letter from Dr. Jerome Sachs, Acting Executive Officer, BOG, responding to the Faculty Senate Resolution concerning the collective bargaining referendum---November 25, 1974. He suggested that the Senate correspond with the BOG through the Council of Faculties.
3. Copy of a letter from President Fite to Joe Dunn, Student Senate Speaker, rejecting a student request for student membership on the University Personnel Committee.
4. Copy of a letter from President Fite to George Rommel, Council of Faculties, regarding financing of faculty development as suggested by some COF documents.
5. Memo from President Fite concerning the Special Professorships (see Old Business).
6. Memo from Wm. Keppler regarding student evaluation of instruction (an evaluation form was attached).
7. Student Senate Meeting Minutes---November 14, 1974.
8. Copy of a letter to Dr. Jerome Sachs from the Monitoring Committee.
9. Tenure Study Committee Minutes---November 26, 1974. Wiseman reported on these minutes.

REPORTS

1. Board of Governors Meeting---MacLaren

It was reported that Board action on the modification of procedures for awarding tenure, originally suggested by the Senate, was postponed until the January meeting in order to make slight modifications in the language of the proposal.

Action on a request by Don Marshall, Chairman, Council of Faculties, to the Board to establish procedures for implementing selection of a collective bargaining agent was postponed until a subsequent meeting.

2. Council of Faculties---Rommel

A brief outline of the makeup and procedures of the COF was given to enable the Senate to better understand the Council's function.

It was reported that the position taken by the EIU Senate on salary distribution has been supported by at least three of the five schools on the Council (see Vol. III, p. 36).

The COF supports the Council of Presidents' plan for free health insurance coverage for dependents of university employees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Senate Elections Committee---Price

Price presented a copy of a memorandum to be sent to the executive committees of various university-wide elected councils and committees. Implied in this document is a proposed change in pre-election procedures for candidates seeking election to various offices, e.g., Faculty Senate, COF, CAA, UPC, COTE, and the Graduate Council. The committee is suggesting that, at the time nominating petitions are returned to the Senate Nominations Committee, each candidate be asked to respond, in writing, to questions concerning several important issues before that particular council. The Senate Elections Committee is requesting that each executive committee submit a list of two or three key issues dealt with by that particular council in recent months. The Senate Elections Committee would then write suitable questions for the candidates.

It was moved by North, seconded by Goodrich, that the Senate submit the proposed document to the various committees or councils. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Monitoring Committee---Price

The newly-organized committee is studying its role and options in meetings with the President and by correspondence with the Executive Officer of the Board of Governors.

3. Special Professorships (Vol. III, p. 39). The Executive Committee and President Fite agreed to a 6-member committee with three faculty to be selected by the Senate and three by the President. Vice-President Moody will be an ex officio member of the committee. The committee will develop standards, criteria, teaching load recommendations, etc. for the Special Professorships. The Executive Committee will submit a list of nominees to the Senate at a future meeting.

4. Committee on Travel Funds, an interim report---Goodrich

A lively discussion arising from the report centered on the means by which effective faculty input into the preparation of the University Budget could be obtained.

5. Personnel Files

Chairman MacLaren appointed the following Senate members to serve on a committee to look into potential alternatives to our present Policy on Personnel Files (p. 49, Personnel Policies and Procedures, March 30, 1974).

Buchanan, Chairman
Doughty
Johnson

6. Scholars' Exhibit and Reception---Murray

Murray reported a suggestion from President Fite that the exhibit be repeated every two or three years. She also reported that Dean Jaenike indicated that the Paul Sargent Art Gallery could be made available for such an exhibit. By consensus, the Senate agreed that the exhibit should be held every three years and recommended that the Senate finance the exhibit and reception.

NEW BUSINESS

The Senate moved into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 1549.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for December 10, 1974 in the University Union Heritage Room.

Terry M. Weidner
Faculty Senate Secretary