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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of December 10, 1974

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Connelly, Doughty

FACULTY VISITORS: John Laible, David Maurer

STUDENT VISITOR: John Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 1407.

The minutes of December 3, 1974 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minutes of the Council of Faculties---December 1 and 2, 1974.
2. Student Senate Meeting Minutes---November 21, 1974.
3. Copy of a letter to Dalias Price, Chairman, Monitoring Committee, from J. M. Sachs, Acting Executive Officer, BOG.

REPORTS

1. Faculty Advisor Committee to the BHE---Jon Laible

It was indicated that most of the FAC's time at the 6 December meeting at Illinois State University was spent discussing the several mission statements for the senior public institutions. These statements are to become part of Master Plan, Phase IV. Laible submitted a copy of his report, "Comparison of BHE and Institutional Mission Statements," to the Senate. It was suggested that the Senate might want to comment on EIU's mission statement.

Laible pointed out that, in addition to bringing information to the Senate from the FAC, he could also carry faculty concerns to the FAC and, thus, to the Board of Higher Education.

2. Monitoring Committee---Price

This committee is still groping for its niche within the university. Price reported that the letter from Acting BOG Executive Officer Sachs has provided the committee with more stable footing.

3. Committee on Travel Funds---Goodrich

The committee is still gathering information, including a look at how travel monies are distributed at other BOG schools.

4. Committee on Personnel Files---Buchanan

A preliminary report will be distributed to the Senate for study and comment at its next meeting. Buchanan reported that it was his understanding that faculty had no legal grounds to compel the administration to permit access to personnel files but that faculty had a moral right to see most items in the files.

5. The ad hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Faculty---Johnson

It was requested that the Senate approve the committee's conducting a survey of faculty opinion concerning student evaluation of faculty. The survey will be conducted in January by mail. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wiseman, that the Senate approve this survey. The motion passed unanimously.

The survey, in preliminary form, is printed below:

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| 1. Do you approve of student evaluation of faculty? | YES | NO |
| 2. If so, for which of the following purposes (or purpose) should it be used? | | |
| a. Self-improvement of faculty. | YES | NO |
| b. Salary, promotion, and tenure. | YES | NO |
| c. Publication of results by students. | YES | NO |
| 3. Should evaluation be: | | |
| a. mandatory? | YES | NO |
| b. voluntary? | YES | NO |
| 4. Additional comments | | |

6. Tenure Study Committee---Wiseman.

Wiseman reported that he had received little formal Senate or other faculty opinion concerning tenure. He asked for additional input concerning this important matter.

7. The Midwest Salary Conference---MacLaren & Maurer.

This annual conference is held to elicit discussion of salaries and fringe benefits, Participation includes faculty from universities in adjacent midwestern states.

It was reported that Eastern neither led nor was at the bottom in percentage raises for the most recent fiscal year. We were, however, near the lowest reporting with our average 5.4% salary increase.

Materials on salaries and fringe benefits gathered at this conference will be turned over to appropriate faculty groups (e.g., the UPC) for further study.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Executive Committee recommended the following faculty to serve on the 6-member Committee on Special Professorships (3 to be selected by President Fite):

Rebecca Wild
John North
Dan Foote

It was moved by Goodrich, seconded by Buchanan, that the Senate approve these recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The Senate moved into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 1529.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for January 21, 1975 in the University Union Heritage Room.

Terry M. Weidner
Faculty Senate Secretary