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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of February 25, 1975

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hackler, Johnson

FACULTY VISITOR: David Maurer

STUDENT VISITORS: Joe Natale, Al Willer, Laura Marini, Diane Ford, Jeff Brooks

The meeting was called to order at 1411.

The minutes of February 18, 1975 were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Student Senate Meeting Minutes---February 13, 1975
2. Minutes of the Library Faculty Advisory Committee---February 19, 1975. The Committee voted unanimously to ask the help of the Faculty Senate in obtaining the restoration of the book budget to this year's level. The Committee voted unanimously that it could not support the request of the Student Senate to change the faculty loan policy (see February 11, 1975, Faculty Senate Minutes).
3. Memo from G. Rommel with a copy of an article by G. Colby on "The Con of Student Evaluation." Colby's article was distributed to each Senate member.
4. Copy of the "Statement of Policy Relative to Research at Eastern Illinois University" from Fred Schram, Chairman, Council on Faculty Research.
5. Memo from Wiseman with a copy of the "Report of Special Committee on Tenure for Eastern Illinois University."
6. Memo from J. Laible, FAC representative, pointing out that the February 11, 1975 Minutes should indicate that the BHE committee will study the structure of the (insert) governing system of higher education in Illinois.

SPECIAL APPEARANCES AND REPORTS

1. Help Line Project---A. Willer and L. Marini.

These students appeared before the Senate to ask its help in distributing an appeal for faculty help (in the form of a home-cooked? meal for two) to keep the project going until it can obtain outside source of funds.

It was moved by Rearden, seconded by Goodrich, to append a letter from the Help Line group to the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Please take note of the attached letter which describes this unique fund-raising effort.

2. Final grade report deadlines---S. Taber, Dean, Student Academic Services.

There was considerable discussion of Taber's proposal for a policy governing re-scheduling of last-day final examinations. The Senate asked for substantial reasons which precluded an extension of the time period in which to turn in grades. The reasons given were either impractical or inconvenient depending on one's point of view. The oft-expressed view was that faculty had become the servants of the computer instead of vice versa.

D. Maurer distributed a list of comments concerning the Taber proposal. Maurer claims that faculty would give better, more meaningful examinations if more time were permitted for careful grading. Taber's view is that this lack of time for grading is not a significant faculty problem. In response to a question, Taber said that a 4-day exam period would cause a large number of students to be scheduled for three examinations on the same day---there are more courses per student on the semester system.

Further discussion on this item will be scheduled for the next Senate meeting.

3. The student evaluation of teaching project---Diane Ford.

Ms. Ford was invited to the meeting to provide the Senate with first-hand information concerning the procedures being used in preparing the Fall Semester, 1975, evaluation for publication in the Eastern News. Some faculty concern was expressed after an ad appeared in the News asking for volunteers to help write the critiques. No personal comments of the students engaged in writing the critiques will be permitted according to Ford.

The Faculty Senate Secretary was asked to include a note in the Minutes pointing out that the Faculty Senate has not supported this project financially. He has done so.

4. Nominations-Elections Committees---Knott, Price.

Preparations for the forthcoming elections were reported. Answers to candidate's questions should be returned to Price as soon as possible.

Knott reported that the Student Senate has asked the Faculty Senate to appoint faculty to a new student-faculty board, the U.N.-Debate Board. It was moved by Knott, seconded by Price that the following be appointed to this board (expiration of term in parentheses):

Abdul Lateef	(1976)
Paula Reynolds	(1977)
Dave Smith	(1977)
Hal Nordin	(alternate)

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOG ad hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining---MacLaren.

It was reported that only representatives of the AFT, NEA, and the EIU Faculty Senate (MacLaren) gave formal presentations at the February 24, 1975 meeting of this Committee. Two others, from Western Illinois, may not have been able to travel because of a snowstorm that day. MacLaren reported that it was his feeling that the persuasion of the Committee, at this time, is to wait for enabling legislation before the BOG would be asked to enter into collective bargaining with faculty.

This committee will have another meeting in March to discuss collective bargaining with legislators and unnamed out-of-state groups.

The Senate offered its congratulations to Chairman MacLaren for his excellent statement to the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Travel funds study. The Executive Committee is working on recommendations to the CIO and CUB to be presented for Senate approval at a subsequent meeting.
2. Final grade report schedule. A motion by Wiseman, seconded by Doughty, to invite R. Spaniol to a meeting to discuss the role of the Computer Center in this area of concern was defeated; 4 yes, 7 no, 2 abstain.

The meeting adjourned at 1605.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for March 4, 1975 in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Terry M. Weidner
Faculty Senate Secretary

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CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS 61920

Dear Faculty Member,

We need your help in making the Coles County HELP LINE Radio Marathon a success. We would like YOU to assist us by inviting a couple of E.I.U. students to your home for a home-cooked meal.

The Marathon is being sponsored in cooperation with the campus radio station WELH, and will be aired March 15 from noon to midnight. WELH broadcasts to all buildings on campus and is carried by Liberty Cable TV Channel 5. The format of the show will run something like this: "Dr. _____ of the _____ Dept. is inviting two people to his/her home for a home-cooked meal. The caller with the highest pledged contribution to the HELP LINE in the next five minutes will get that invitation." The highest contributor will contact you later to make arrangements.

This is just one of our many efforts to raise funds to keep the HELP LINE in existence until monies from the United Fund are available to us in 1976.

We greatly need and would appreciate your cooperation. If you are willing to help a most worthy cause, please fill out the attached response and return it by campus mail to LAURA MARINI 522 Lawson Hall. If you have any questions please call Laura at 581-5339.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

The HELP LINE

P.S. We will graciously accept all other donations.

YES! I would be most willing to invite to people to my home for a home-cooked meal as my contribution to HELP LINE.

name

Dept. and office #

home phone #

(Return by March 10 by campus mail to Laura Marini 522 Lawson Hall)