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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of September 9, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abell, Buchanan, Connelly, Dolton, Goodrich, Hackler, Murray, Nordin, North, Pierson, Price, Rearden, Rooke, Weidner, Wood

FACULTY VISITORS: H. Bartling, J. Franklin, D. Maurer

STUDENT VISITORS: N. Chizmar, J. Galovich, J. Koch, L. Miller, J. Remlinger, B. Scaggs

The meeting was called to order at 1400.

The minutes of September 2, 1975 were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memo from A. Jackson regarding a possible referendum of the faculty to allow them to express their preference for either elected or appointed Department Chairmen.
2. Letter from J. Galovich, Executive Vice-President, E.I.U. Student Government, endorsing the action of the Faculty Senate in adopting the Purdue Faculty Evaluation System.
3. Letter from G. Zwicky regarding the need for a Faculty Senate Calendar Committee.

REPORTS

1. Executive Committee. The Committee recommends the following senators for the Standing Senate Committees for 1975-76:

Nominations

Buchanan, Chairman
Dolton
Connelly

Elections

Price, Chairman
Dolton
Murray

Budgets

Hackler, Chairman
Rooke
Wood

Student-Faculty Relations

Rearden, Chairman
Nordin
Pierson

Buildings & Grounds

North, Chairman
Abell
Goodrich

It was moved (Buchanan) and seconded (Abell) to approve the recommended Committees. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Progress Report on the Purdue Faculty Evaluation System--Herb Bartling.

Bartling reported progress in adapting the Purdue System to the E.I.U. computer center.

In using the System a series of five "core questions" will be used University-wide. Purdue norms will be used for comparison until Eastern builds up sufficient data from use of the questions here. In the next few weeks, Departments will receive materials which will enable them to choose questions from the System particularly suitable to evaluate quality of instruction in each department. Subsequently, each individual instructor will be supplied with full information and forms for selection of questions in addition to the core questions used throughout the University and those used within the instructor's department.

Discussion of the timing of the evaluations and the return of results to instructors resulted from explanations of the procedures in handling these. The consensus of Senate opinion was that evaluations should take place late in the semester.

It was moved (North) and seconded (Buchanan) that the evaluations be carried out after November 1, and that results be supplied to instructors after grades have been turned in. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved (Buchanan) and seconded (Connelly) that each instructor be provided with a release form, at the time he applies for the evaluation program, to permit publication by the Student Senate of the results of the University core questions. It will be possible for a faculty member to participate in the program while not permitting results to be published. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Performing and Visual Arts Board--Buchanan.

Proposed changes in the composition of this board were described, and discussed by the Senate. Further discussion of this matter will take place at a later meeting.

2. Affirmative Action Report. J. Franklin was present to discuss the Report with the Senate.

Dr. Franklin stated that he had consulted with Womens Equalization, several minority student groups, and numerous other members of the University community in preparing the Report. In particular, he had received and considered comments from Senator Elder, among others, on earlier drafts of the Report. Earlier drafts have been available for examination by interested groups or individuals at Booth Library since early last spring.

Lengthy discussion of several provisions of the Report ensued.

It was moved (Connelly) and seconded (Pierson) that the Senate approve the Report. Motion carried (13 yes; 2 not voting).

The Senate moved into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 1615.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for September 16, 1975 at 1400, in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Michael Goodrich
Faculty Senate Secretary