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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of February 24, 1976

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

STUDENT VISITORS: M. Vise, B. Scaggs, J. Galovich, B. Halleran, M. Chizmar, T. Aldridge

The meeting was called to order at 1402.

The minutes of February 17, 1976 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATION

1. Minutes of the Student Senate---February 12, 1976.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Increased student membership on the CAA.

B. Scaggs, J. Galovich, and M. Chizmar were present to support this proposal from the CAA. Ms. Galovich stated that an additional student member would permit representation by students from a greater diversity of degree programs than possible with just two student members. It was pointed out that curricular matters are of the greatest concern to the student body and therefore maximal student input is desirable. A number of questions from the senators were responded to by the student leaders present.

It was moved (North) and seconded (Abell) that the request from the CAA that an additional voting student member be added to the CAA be approved.

Motion carried (11 Yes, 3 No, 1 not voting).

It was agreed by consensus that the CAA should recommend to the President the appropriate time for the seating of the additional student representative.

2. Report of the Subcommittee on Tenure.

Senator Rooke commented that his review of the tenure status of the EIU faculty indicated that the proposed maximum of 75% on tenure recommended by the Report might be reached in three years. A discussion of the implications of such a maximum developed.

It was moved (Nordin) and seconded (Connelly) that the Senate go on record as opposing any limit on the percentage of faculty that may be placed on tenure.

Motion carried (14 Yes, 1 not voting).

Senator Murray stated "The AAUP chapters from WIU and EIU oppose any departure from existing AAUP principles in regard to tenure review and tenure quotas. Both chapters are willing to discuss ways in which maintenance of tenure may be improved, but they believe that members of the Subcommittee on Tenure should give the Faculty Senates and individual faculty members opportunity for consultation in advance of any decisions, so that all have the opportunity to have input regarding any changes considered in relation to tenure."

Concern was expressed by several senators regarding the implications of widespread use of temporary contracts. No action was taken at this time.

No agreement was reached regarding other provisions of the Report. The Senate will pay close attention to subsequent actions of the Joint Council's Subcommittee on Tenure.

3. The President's Special Committee on Teaching Power---Weidner

Weidner informed the Senate of subjects under discussion within the Special Committee. A number of alternatives have been considered by the Committee although no specific recommendations have been made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Governor Walker's speech---The Senate's response.

It was agreed that Chairman Weidner should be present at the speech given on February 24 to ask questions of the Governor regarding funding for higher education.

The meeting adjourned at 1540.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for March 2, 1976 at 1400 in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Michael Goodrich
Faculty Senate Secretary