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## EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of June 22, 1976

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

FACULTY VISITORS: J. Laible, G. Rommel, F. MacLaren, D. Maurer

STUDENT VISITORS: L. Miller, D. Hesler, T. Aldridge

The meeting was called to order at 1302.

The minutes of June 15, 1976 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memo from Angelina Pedroso, Chairman of the Council of Faculties, asking about the status of the Board Policy Monitoring Committee at each of the BOG Universities.
2. Minutes of the Summer Student Senate-- June 10, 1976.
3. Memo from D.E. Walters, Exective Officer of the BOG, with copies of statements by the Faculty Senates of Western and Northeastern regarding tenure awards this year, and a copy of the Board's letter of response to the statements.

REPORTS

1. Faculty Advisory Council to the BHE---J. Laible

The Faculty Advisory Council met on May 28, 1976 at Governor's State University.

Information on the progress of the budgets for the state universities was received. The higher education budget, as it comes out of the General Assembly, is \$35 million under the budget recommended by the BHE, but \$20 million over the Governor's budget. An amendatory veto by the Governor is expected to reduce the budget to the level originally requested by his office. Prospects for an override of his veto by the Legislature are not believed to be good.

Work on the budgets for fiscal 1978 has begun. The individual Universities work on their budgets in June, July, and August. The budgets are sent to the BOG in September, which passes them on with recommendations to the BHE in November. The BHE considers the budgets in January.

The Faculty Advisory Committee requested that a breakdown of the budget comparing administrative and educational costs at the various institutions be published.

2. Council of Faculties---G. Rommel

The Council of Faculties met in Springfield on June 17, 1976.

Members of the COF responded to the BOG decision to defer salary increases pending the results of the voting on a bargaining agent for collective bargaining. It was requested that salary increases be made retroactive to September 1, 1976, and that these increases be paid prior to January 1, 1977.

3. Report of the Chairman---Weidner

As Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, Weidner reported that the BOG Committee has completed initial screening of presidential candidates. Credentials for all 127 candidates will be examined by the Search Committee at Eastern during the summer term. Information on the progress of the Search Committee will be reported to the Faculty through the campus Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Grade Appeals System---Rearden

Rearden reported on a lack of agreement between the Faculty-Student Relations Committee and the Student Senate on the revision of the Grade Appeals System.

It was moved (Rearden) and seconded (Buchanan) that the Faculty Senate approve the policy recommended by the Faculty-Student Relations Committee. Motion carried unanimously. (See Appendix A.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Stapp request for establishment of an attendance policy.

Weidner asked Senator Rearden to discuss this matter with the Faculty-Student Relations Committee and report to the Senate.

The Faculty Senate then moved to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 1627.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for June 29, 1976, at 1500 in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Michael Goodrich  
Faculty Senate Secretary

## APPENDIX A

### GRADE APPEALS

1. The student shall confer with the faculty member who gave the contested grade within the first four weeks of the semester following the one in which the grade was assigned. In the event the faculty member is not available, he shall confer with the Department Chairman.
2. In the event the student and the faculty member cannot arrive at a mutually agreeable solution, or the faculty member fails to respond to the student inquiry within two weeks, the student may confer with the Department Chairman who, in consultation with the faculty member, will attempt to arrive at a solution.
3. If the above conference does not result in a solution that is agreeable to the student and faculty member, or four weeks have elapsed since the initiation of the appeal, the student may file a written appeal to the Department Personnel Committee setting forth the basis for the appeal, and shall supply supporting evidence, a copy of which shall be provided the faculty member. The written appeal must be filed within eight weeks after the start of the following semester wherein the contested grade was assigned. The appeal will be reviewed by the DPC and if previously outlined procedures have been followed, the DPC may (1) confer with the student and faculty member and/or (2) hold a fact finding session. Both the student and faculty member shall be entitled to be present during such a session and present evidence themselves or have another present evidence in their behalf. The session will not be open to the public. If the faculty member is a member of the DPC, he or she shall be excluded from the deliberations that occur after the fact finding session along with the student who was assigned the contested grade. At the close of the session, the DPC will deliberate privately and render one of the following recommendations:
  - a. dismissal of the appeal for lack of justification;
  - b. propose additional evaluative procedures;
  - c. request the faculty member to grade the student's work anew;
  - d. other such action as will bring about substantial justice.