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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of June 29, 1976

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hackler, *Shuff*.

STUDENT VISITORS: L. Miller, D. Hesler, B. Halleran

The meeting was called to order at 1502.

The minutes of June 22, 1976 were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minutes of the Summer Student Senate---June 17, 1976.
2. Minutes of the Council of Faculties---June 6-7, 1976.
3. Copy of a letter from D. Price, Chairman, EIU Monitoring Committee, to Angelina Pedroso, Chairman, Council of Faculties, stating that the Monitoring Committee has been active at EIU.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Attendance Policy---Rearden

It was reported that the Faculty - Student Relations Committee plans meetings in the next week with Debbie Smitley, Chairman of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, to review current policy, as well as the Stapp request for a more stringent attendance policy.

2. New administrative positions---Weidner

As has been reported in the Faculty Campus Newsletter (June 18, 1976), a new position as Dean of a newly organized Division of Adult Education and Special Projects has been created.

The Faculty Senate discussed this matter, and the creation of several other new administrative positions, in executive session on June 22, 1976. It was agreed at that time that the Senate should express concern to the President regarding these new positions. Accordingly, on June 25, 1976, the Chairman sent a letter to the President, detailing Senate objections.

It was moved (Pierson) and seconded (Buchanan) to publish the letter to the President with the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
(See Appendix A)

The meeting adjourned at 1545.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for July 13, 1976 at 1500
in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Michael Goodrich
Faculty Senate Secretary

APPENDIX A

June 25, 1976

TO: President Fite

FROM: Terry M. Weidner, Chairman
Faculty Senate

At its June 22 meeting, in executive session, the Faculty Senate discussed the announcement that a Dean's position was being created. Additionally, we discussed reports that one or two new administrative positions were being added in the office of the Dean of the Graduate School and that new administrative positions have been added in the School of Business.

The Faculty Senate wishes to express its concern regarding these new administrative positions for two reasons.

1. While we recognize that there may be some 'need' for these positions, the Senate believes that faculty morale will sink to a new low inasmuch as austerity, belt-tightening, increasing teaching loads, etc. are all a part of normal faculty expectations while, at the same time, the number of administrative positions increases.

The recent report of the Committee on Teaching Power recommended that no new permanent teaching faculty be hired for AY 76-77. This Committee assumed that any money thus generated would go toward hiring temporary persons in understaffed departments. The use of money thus saved to hire new administrative staff is a perversion of this Committee's intent.

2. The By-Laws and Governing Policies of the Board of Governors (p. 39), in relation to faculty participation and representation, states that:

"The faculty organizations (I interpret this to mean Faculty Senate) should generally have these functions:

- c. To advise the presidents on the creation of major administrative positions and the appointment of administrative officers."

The Senate has not been consulted on these matters except in a most informal way, more than a year ago.

The Faculty Senate requests the opportunity to discuss these matters with you before any decisions regarding these new positions are permanent.