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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of August 4, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connelly, Dolton, Elder, Goodrich, Pierson, Price, Rearden, Rooke, Shuff, Weidner, Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abell, Buchanan, Hackler, North

FACULTY VISITORS: L. Hamand

The meeting was called to order at 1000. This special meeting was called at the request of three senators in accordance with Article VI., Section 2, of the Senate Constitution, which reads:

"Special meetings of the Faculty Senate may be held at any time at the call of the Chairman or at the written request of any three members of the Faculty Senate."

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of an Acting President --- Wood

The recent appointment of the Acting President came under discussion at the request of three senators.

It was moved (Wood) and seconded (Price) that the following resolution be approved:

"The Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University wishes to express its dismay that Vice President and Provost Peter Moody was not appointed Acting President at the July, 1976 meeting of the Board of Governors. The failure of the Board to make what, in the circumstances, would have been the obvious choice (Dr. Moody has been Vice President since October, 1967, has been Provost for more than four years, and has served as Acting President several times during the past five years) suggests a want of confidence in Vice President Moody which we, the elected representatives of the faculty, emphatically do not share."

In making this resolution the Faculty Senate takes note of Article III, Section 5 of Governing Policies Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities which states: "The Board welcomes suggestions or criticisms of its actions or policies from any source, if made in good faith and aimed at the improvement of the operation of the institutions under its jurisdiction."

Motion carried (8 Yes, 1 No, 2 not voting).

It was moved (Pierson) and seconded (Shuff) to publish the letter conveying the sense of the Senate to the Board as an appendix to the minutes. (See Appendix A.) Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1100.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for August 31, 1976 at 1400 in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Michael Goodrich
Faculty Senate Secretary

APPENDIX A

August 4, 1976

Dr. Donald E. Walters, Executive Officer
Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities
222 College Street
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Dr. Walters:

At a special meeting on August 4, 1976, the Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University passed the following resolution:

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It seems apparent to the Senate that Dr. Moody was misled regarding his status as a candidate for the Presidency at Eastern. We believe that it is the Board's duty to inform the appropriate people on this campus of decisions affecting their personal welfare. Unfortunately, many Faculty perceive this as a unilateral Board action which disregards campus input and personal feelings. The sequence of decisions announced by the Board will undoubtedly make the work of both Dr. Schaefer and that of the University Presidential Search Committee more difficult in the months to come.

For the Faculty Senate,

Michael Goodrich, Secretary