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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of September 28, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abell, Buchanan, Connelly, Dolton, Elder, Goodrich, Hamand, Helwig, Pierson, Rang, Rearden, Rooke, Shuff, Wood

MEMBER ABSENT: Bartling

FACULTY VISITORS: Ceide, Norberg, MacLaren, North, Soderberg

STUDENT VISITORS: D. Hesler, E. Liczwck, J. Remlinger, K. Smith

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

The minutes of September 21, 1976 were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memo from Dean Mergis concerning Bill Keppler's representation on COTE.
2. Memo from Bill Keppler concerning his representation on COTE and CGS.
3. Council on Faculty Research Minutes of September 23, 1976.
4. Memo from Music Department Personnel Committee concerning teaching faculty cuts for Summer 1977.
5. Memo from Roger Whitlow - resignation as alternate on Council on Faculty Research.
6. Memo from Vice President Moody concerning teaching faculty cuts for Summer 1977.
7. Memo from Dalias Price concerning a replacement on Monitoring Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Affirmative Action Plan

Affirmative Action Director Ceide presented the background of the Affirmative Action Plan as revised and awaiting BOG action. Ceide requested Senate endorsement of the plan.

By consensus, the Senate withheld action on approval until members of the Senate and the faculty at large had an opportunity to react to the document. Faculty may examine copies of the document at the Booth Library Reference Desk or in the Affirmative Action Office. The office, located in the Student Services Building, is open mornings on Monday and Friday and afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The Senate welcomes faculty comments.

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2. Sabbatical Leaves

A discrepancy between the Policy Handbook (p. 35) and the statement on sabbaticals published in the Faculty Newsletter (September 24) had been noted and the Senate was queried concerning a potential change in policy. Dr. Soderberg, representing the UPC, stated that the matter had been discussed by the UPC and that the statement in the Faculty Newsletter was an indication of the manner in which the requests would be prioritized this year and not a change in policy.

3. Rights of Faculty on Temporary Contracts

The UPC initiated a discussion with the Senate relative to voting rights of persons who have the distinction of being "continuing temporary" faculty members. There are currently 64 faculty members on temporary contracts. A number of these persons have had such contracts for more than one year, some for three or more years. They have had no rights in elections of any kind- e.g.- department chairman or personnel committee. In some cases this prevents departments from fully complying with all policy requirements.

Senate Chairman Connelly requested a statement in the form of a motion from the UPC be presented at the next Senate meeting, October 5, such motion to appropriately revise the policy on voting membership in departments.

It was moved (Abell) and seconded (Buchanan) that faculty who have been on temporary contracts for a year and a day be permitted to vote for department personnel committee and department chairman.

Voting on the Abell motion will be held at the October 5 meeting.

Faculty members are invited to comment, orally or in writing, on the matter of extending voting rights to faculty on temporary contracts. (Written comments may be addressed to the Chairman or Secretary of the Senate.)

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Robert V. Shuff
Faculty Senate Secretary