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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of March 7, 1978

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abell, Carey, Dolton, Hamand, Helwig, Pierson, Rearden, Rang, Rooke, Shuff, Smith, Weiler, Williams, Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bartling

FACULTY VISITORS: D. Price, D. Downs, R. Rogers

STUDENT VISITORS: D. Betian, S. Liebforth, B. Stauroopoulos

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of February 28, 1978 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication - Media Board - Minutes of February 20, 1978

REPORTS

1. Executive Committee: The minutes of February 28th were distributed late due to complications at duplicating.

Shuff emphasized the importance of the faculty turning out to vote on Wednesday, March 15th.

Shuff pointed out an error in the Eastern News story last week which indicated that the Faculty Senate Constitutional revision was tied to the AFT. This is not true in any way. The Constitution is approved by the BOG with Presidential approval.

There will not be a Senate vote until Spring break.

The Senate would like to congratulate the players and coaches of the athletic teams.

Shuff attended the COF meeting at Governor's State last weekend. He discussed the arrangement of the Budget Committee of Chicago State.

2. Election Committee: Dolton distributed a sign-up sheet for the March 15th elections.
3. FAC/BHE - Laible. The Faculty Advisory Committee to the IBHE did not meet this month due to poor weather. Laible provided the Senate with a written report with excerpts from the BHE's Allocation of the Governor's FY 1978 Higher Education Budget.

The figures listed below include a 6% general salary increase to offset the impact of inflation plus a special 2% increase for a total of 8% for public university employees. A 10% increase is stated for lower paid nonacademic employees. The figures also include a 16% increase in funds to cover increased utility costs for campuses heavily dependent on natural gas for heating. Finally the figures include a 25% increase over FY 1978 for funds allocated to the SURS, still far short of the minimum statutory requirement but an improvement.

	All Illinois <u>Universities</u>	<u>Eastern</u>
FY 1978 Appropriations	\$573,608,000	\$20,564,500
Requested for FY 1979	\$656,181,600	\$23,602,700
BHE Recommendation for FY 1979	\$629,632,900	\$22,666,200
Governor's Suggestion for FY 1979	\$629,273,500	\$22,540,300
Increase of Governor's Suggestion for FY 79 over FY 78		

Note: Eastern's suggested budget does include \$262,000 in program support funds with \$120,000 earmarked for Improvement in Instruction.

4. COF - Downs, Price. Downs reported. 1. Chairperson Titman reported no response to his letter from Senators Percy and Stevenson concerning the mandatory retirement age. 2. Central Office Report - Pringle reported that A) each campus is forming a committee to work on the CAEL (Cooperative Assembly for Experiential Learning) under the direction of the BOG degree person on that campus. B) NEPRS (New and Expanded Program Requests) Central Office Staff has been meeting along with Dr. Pringle with campus officials on each BOG campus to review their plans. C) Senate Finance Committee staff called the BOG staff and met for 3 1/2 hours on budget. A key word used most often was reallocate.

An interim report on the system of systems poll was given. If you haven't sent in your questionnaire to Dale Downs, please do so soon.

An ad hoc committee has proposed a revised constitution for the COF and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

On Sunday, March 5, a Budget Seminar was held. The Central Office conducted the seminar. Dr. Pringle and Wayne A. Rath (Chicago State budget office)

The next meeting of the COF will be held on Eastern's campus on Sunday, April 2 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Effingham Room, and Monday, April 3rd, 8:30 a.m. - noon in the Effingham Room. Interested parties are invited to attend.

In reaction to the report, Abell felt that if the system of systems would terminate, collective bargaining with the BOG as it now stands would end. He felt that the boards appointed by the governor would probably be against collective bargaining. Shuff pointed out that there could be collective bargaining with each school advocacy board after another vote on each campus.

Two concerns also discussed in regard to the Constitutional Revision of the COF are:

1. There isn't any provision for requiring approval of the documents on the BOG campuses.
2. The current policy of rotating the chairperson and secretary so that each campus has it every five years would be eliminated.

Budget Committee of the Faculty Senate will meet with President Marvin at 9:00 a.m. on March 13th.

Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will meet with President Marvin at 9:00a.m. on March 14th.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitutional Revision Committee - Abell, Smith, Weiler. This committee will hold hearings to discuss the proposed revisions of the constitution. Times and dates will be announced.

Discussion centering on points in the "Working paper" involved: a. the definition of staff. b. the relationship of the Faculty Senate to the collective bargaining agent. c. the disenfranchisement of certain levels of administration.

NEW BUSINESS

COF Constitutional revision - Abell moved, Wood seconded a motion to express concern to the COF that the faculty role has been diluted if the Senates of the BOG institutions do not approve changes in the Constitution. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for March 14, 1978 in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Carol Helwig
Faculty Senate Secretary

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

The questions and the unedited candidates' answers are listed below:

COUNCIL OF FACULTIES

Jon Hopkins

1. Since the majority of the faculty members in the BOG universities voted to have the AFT represent them in negotiating with the board personnel, I would expect the COF to be dissolved in the next two or three years unless:
 - a. The faculties choose to keep it as a lifeboat should the AFT lose an election to be retained as the bargaining agent.
 - b. And/or the faculties decide to specify which matters shall be the province of the COF and which matters shall be covered by the AFT.
2.
 - a. To help determine if the COF should continue to exist by polling the several faculty senates or the BOG faculty members.
 - b. If it is continued, to help determine its proper role now that AFT has been chosen as the bargaining agent.
 - c. If it is to be continued and if its role is determined, I would strive to create an atmosphere of cooperative deliberation between the COF and the BOG as opposed to the less desirable adversary relationship.
3. Since the members of the COF are selected by the faculties of the BOG schools to be their REPRESENTATIVES, such faculties communicating through their senates should tell the COF what they want the members of COF to be concerned about.

Frank Hustmeyer

1. To put more emphasis on academic affairs and seek means by which the teacher and scholarly pursuits of the faculty may be more effectively supported.
2. To provide guidance to the BOG relative to the concerns and goals of the faculty so that policy making procedures and programs reflect the aspirations of the "men in the trenches."
3. Academic development should be of more concern for the Council of Faculties now that there is a bargaining agent. But, the COF cannot, at this time, ignore matters other than academic development until the effectiveness of the working relationship between the BOG and AFT becomes better clarified. The welfare of the faculty as an effective teaching body cannot be ignored.