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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of April 11, 1978

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wood

FACULTY VISITORS: J. Liable, R. Rogers

STUDENT VISITORS: S. Liebforth, M. Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room.

The minutes of April 4 were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Report of Summer School Task Force
2. Budget Office - Requests for 1978-1979
3. President Marvin - Search Committee Requests
4. President Marvin - Notice of Meeting with Don Walters on Tuesday, April 18

REPORTS

1. FAC/BHE - J. Laible. A meeting of the FAC was held on March 31st at Belleville Area College. The guests were Robert Corcoran, Educational Assistant to Governor Thompson, and James Furman, Executive Director of BHE staff.

Corcoran advises the Governor on educational issues at all levels. He said that he actually spends more time with the elementary and secondary levels because the BHE handles higher education so well. Since this is an election year, no new taxes but lots of action on local matters will take place. Political appeal will be a strong consideration in whatever happens in Springfield. The Governor and legislature have a decent, working relationship - "creative tension." Since the line item veto exists, the Governor has the last word.

Budget review: \$501 M in new spending
 105 M unavoidable - tax refunds, interest on debts, etc.
 140 M public aid
 20 M relief to senior citizens
 54 M for other state expenditure
 \$182 M for education - (\$103 M ele/sec, \$79 M higher education)

The percent of general revenue funds has decreased from 24% to 16 1/2% from 1970 - 1978. Cocoran believes this has bottomed out but we must fight to keep it at 16 1/2 %. Cocoran said that he felt the boards should decide tuition not the legislature.

Furman stated that the BHE staff position must be bipartisan - not an extension of current political structure. He agreed that the percent of loss of general revenue is over, but we will never return to the 24% level. He concurred with Corcoran's remarks. Furman felt that universities must be concerned with the management of decline since the traditional college age population is decreasing and the "new learners" (adults, etc.) will not compensate for the decline. Retrenchment and reallocation will have to occur. We must develop a mind set for "personnel re-deployment." Universities agree that there will be a decline in enrollment but not at "my" school, of course! A faculty salary increase of 1% = \$6M. When asked about remedial education and how it will be funded, Furman said that if he had his way in ten years there wouldn't be any remedial education in the senior universities; however, some would be in community colleges. He would like minimal competency exams and high schools would handle remedial work. Essentially there is an informal hiring freeze system-wide. There was discussion of faculty retraining and who would finance this. The BHE should help, but the faculty must take the lead and suggest creative solutions.

The next meeting, a work session, to compose a response to the Governor's letter, will be held on April 28th at Eastern Illinois University, Booth Library, Room 128 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

2. Elections Committee - Dolton. The results of the runoff election held on April 5th are as follows:

Council on Academic Affairs

*S. Whitley - 96
*R. Wholstein - 88
T. Floyd - 80
D. Garner - 79

Council of Faculties

*J. Hopkins - 124
G. Jones - 88

Faculty Senate

*J. Johnson - 126
*L. Wood - 124
*H. Pierson - 113
*C. Knoop - 105
*R. Rogers - 75
W. James - 74
F. Summers - 70
J. Simpson - 62
J. Guclert - 62
P. Ward - 55

* - indicates elected

Hamand moved, Bartling seconded the motion to accept the results of the election. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Nominations Committee - Helwig. The present faculty and student-faculty boards were published in the April 4th Senate minutes. The Nominations Committee requests interested parties or suggestions of individuals who would be competent and willing to serve on the boards. Send your suggestions to Carol Helwig, BEB 224.
4. Executive Committee - Shuff reviewed with the group the structure of the search committees as delineated by the President's office. The Senate's appointments to the search committees are:

Vice President Administration and Finance

Larry Williams

Tim Gover

Dean - Academic Development

Bill Weiler

Claudia Hale

Dean - Graduate School and Extended Degree Programs

Scott Smith

Pat Lenihan

Gene Blair

Director - Summer School
Joe Carey

Peggy Brayfield
Jay Sanders
Herb Morice

Director - Personnel
Phyllis Rearden

Don Smitley

Rang moved, Rooke seconded the motion to accept the slate of nominees.
The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Hamand - The date of the Retirement Tea has tentatively been changed to Tuesday, May 2nd at 2:30 p.m. The Senate meeting will be held at 1:30 on that same date.

The Senate went into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for April 18th in the University Union Martinsville Room.

Carol Helwig
Faculty Senate Secretary