

1979

February 6, 1979

Faculty Senate

Follow this and additional works at: https://thekeep.eiu.edu/facsen_mins

Recommended Citation

Faculty Senate, "February 6, 1979" (1979). *Minutes*. 729.
https://thekeep.eiu.edu/facsen_mins/729

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Senate at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in Minutes by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact tabruns@eiu.edu.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of February 6, 1979

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Guckert, Hamand, Helwig, James, Johnson, Knoop, Rang, Rearden, Rogers, Shuff, Smith, Summers, Weiler, Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

FACULTY VISITORS: None

STUDENT VISITORS: Cindy Haiduck, Linda Phillips, Joni Simmons, Laurie Smith

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 P.M.

The minutes of January 30 were approved as corrected:

Vol. VIII- 3 & 4 should read Vol. VII - 57 & 58

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. History D.P.C. - Response to Colbert Memo.
2. Student Senate - Student-Faculty General Provisions
3. Crofutt, L. - (Botany) - Exam Schedule 2/5/79

REPORTS:

1. Smith - Student-Faculty Relations Committee. Joni Simmons presented the following proposal for consideration by the Senate:

An unfortunate situation has arisen this semester (Spring '79) concerning the calendar arrangement of finals and Commencement. Finals are scheduled for May 10, 11, 14, 15, & 16. Commencement is May 13.

We feel that this is especially unfair and inconvenient for graduating seniors who have to take finals after going through the graduation ceremony. Therefore, we the Student Senate of Eastern Illinois University propose the following alternatives.

- 1) Allow graduating seniors to arrange with their instructors to take all finals that are scheduled after commencement early.
 - a. the instructor could arrange special time(s) for seniors to take the exam, perhaps the evening of the last regular day of class.
 - b. the instructor could give the exam the last regular class day.
 - c. in the case of multi-sectioned classes, the graduating seniors could take the exam with another section which is scheduled before commencement (provided there are no schedule conflicts).
- 2) Graduating seniors could be exempted from taking finals, except where the final will determine passing or failing the course.

We would also like to recommend that the above proposals be presented to the faculty as options. They have the choice of any one of these, but there must be some provisions made for graduating seniors to take their exams before commencement.

Carey moved and Smith seconded a motion to support the recommendation of the Student Senate for Spring Semester 1979.

The pros and cons of rescheduling examinations as well as the problems entailed in exempting seniors from final exams were discussed. Several members pointed out the objections they had heard from members of their departments relative to the changing of the exam schedule. Hamand pointed out that graduation is the high point for seniors and that the faculty should be willing to bend this one semester.

Rang proposed and Summers seconded the following amendment:

"The proposal will apply to Spring Semester only."

The amendment carried unanimously.

Johnson moved and Rang seconded an amendment to amend the final paragraph of the proposal to read:

"We would also like to recommend that the above proposals be presented to the faculty as options. The selection of one of these is strongly recommended."

The motion carried -- 14 yes - 1 no.

It was pointed out that the burden was on the student to inform the faculty that he/she is a graduating senior.

2. Helwig - Elections Committee. Helwig reported that 148 votes were cast in the elections for the Constitution Amendments with five ballots invalidated. The results show that Article I failed to pass while all other Articles passed. The following results were tabulated:

Article I	Yes - 66	Article VI	Yes - 84
	No - 77		No - 54
Article II	Yes - 84	Article VII	Yes - 84
	No - 56		No - 54
Article III	Yes - 84	Article VIII	Yes - 86
	No - 56		No - 53
Article IV	Yes - 86	*Article IX	Yes - 93
	No - 53		No - 62
Article V	Yes - 62	*Article X	Yes - 95
	No - 54		No - 59

*The discrepancy of number of votes in Articles IX and X would indicate that some persons voting a straight ticket on the first card of the ballot also voted on the second card.

Knoop moved and Summers seconded a motion that the Senate accept the report of the Elections Committee. The motion passed unanimously. The results will be sent to the President as amendments to the Constitution.

3. Carey - Nominations Committee. Carey reported the following nominations to the Communications Board:
 - a. Harry Read (University Relations) will move from alternate to regular to replace Harlan Stensaas;
 - b. Calvin Smith (Speech) will replace Victor Vitanza who is on leave; and
 - c. Jeffrey Lynch (English) is the alternate.

Carey moved and Knoop seconded a motion to accept the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Carey moved and Knoop seconded a motion to move into Executive Session at 3:03 P.M.

Knoop moved and Helwig seconded a motion to move out of Executive Session at 3:24 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Weiler - Purdue Evaluation. Weiler pointed out that due to the foul-up in the computer center, student evaluations of faculty are not available for consideration by Department Personnel Committees thereby creating an unfair situation for faculty members in need of these evaluations. He also pointed out that in the fall the request form came out with a very short deadline for returning although it eventually was extended.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for February 13 in the University Union Martinsville Room at 2:00 P.M.

June Johnson
Faculty Senate Secretary