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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of July 24, 1979

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Hamand, Hockman, James, Johnson, Knoop, Pierson, Rang, Rearden, Shuff, Smith, Wood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Helwig, Sullivan, Summers.

FACULTY VISITORS: None.

STUDENT VISITORS: Linda Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Marvin -- Secretarial help for Senate. 7/19/79
2. Edward Moll -- Distinguished Faculty Award. 6/29/79
3. Linda Phillips -- Proposed revisions in the IAB/AB structure and the IAB bylaws. 7/24/79

REPORTS:

1. Shuff reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee with the President. The amended constitution is in the hands of the Executive Officer of the Board who expressed concern over the fact that the Senate may with a 2/3 vote override a presidential veto and take a matter directly to the Board. Shuff pointed out that this does not represent a change since it is already contained in the current document.

A recommendation will be presented to the Board at the July meeting to change the spring 1980 calendar so that exams will take place before graduation. If it is approved, classes will end on May 2 with exams from May 5-9 and graduation on May 10. The semester would then end on May 10.

Several other items to be recommended by the Executive Director to the Board are:

- (1) the change of retirement age for administrators from 65 to 68. This, however, will not be retroactive. The faculty, after August 31, 1981, may now teach until the age of 70;
- (2) an increase in travel reimbursement to 17¢ a mile and per diem allowance to \$17.

Awaiting the Governor's signature are:

- (1) a bill which will permit the delivery of alcoholic beverages to state facilities, which would include the Union;
- (2) a bill which will make it possible for employee contributions to the retirement system to come under tax shelter;
- (3) the Stuffle bill that applies the 3% escalator to your current year's retirement. This will make the increase cumulative.

The Board of Governors received the lowest percent of increase of the four governing groups in higher education -- BOG - 8.4%; Board of Regents - 8.9%; Southern - 14.4%; and the U. of I. - 10.8%. Eastern's increase is 9.2%; Northeastern's - 9.7%; Western's - 6.8%; Governor's State's - 6.0%; and Chicago State's - 8.8%.

2. Linda Phillips discussed with the Senate the proposed revisions in the IAB/AB structure and the IAB bylaws. The Student Senate wanted to increase student control of student fees and have the IAB under the control of the AB, which was the case until three or four years ago. President Marvin has rejected this proposal arguing that the Athletic Department needs to have a guaranteed amount of money each year in order to commit itself to a given level of activity. Linda presented the suggestion that the IAB retain its faculty/administrative majority and act in an advisory capacity to the President on matters of policy, separate the athletic fee from the activity fee in order to guarantee a set amount to the Athletic Department each year but give the AB the power to scrutinize and approve their budget. The problems with this proposal were discussed, and the Senate concurred in its recommendation that Linda pursue this matter.

Extensive discussion regarding the questions raised was held. The Senate concurred that she pursue the matter.

Wood questioned how much input the faculty members on the Budget Committee have had. Apparently a recent meeting at which the distribution of monies was determined was held over a weekend without the faculty members being present. Shuff recommended that all four members of the Budget Committee be invited to a Senate meeting in early fall to discuss the matter with the Senate.

Scott reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union. The Board had originally signified that it would broaden the scope of negotiations but is now dragging its feet.

Wood requested information on recent administrative appointments -- specifically whether they had gone through Affirmative Action.

Knoop requested information on the status of the Tarble Art Gallery pointing out that it is difficult to get information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for September 4 in the University Union Martinsville Room at 2:00 P.M.

June Johnson
Faculty Senate Secretary