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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of September 18, 1979

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Hockman, James, Lasky, Pierson, Preston, Rearden, Rogers, Sullivan, Smith, Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnson, Knoop, Laible, Summers

FACULTY VISITORS: Robert Karraker, Lewis Coon, Sam Taber, Richard Sandefer

STUDENT VISITORS: Lola Burnham, Ellen Oliver

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

The minutes of September 4 and 11 were approved with the following corrections

September 4, 1979, minutes:

Reports: Nominations Committee: 3rd line should read "(Carey/Knoop)"
 Faculty Advisory Committee: 3rd line should read "in its report"; 10th line should read: "be available on the basis of demonstrated academic ability/potential and grants on the basis of financial need. We applaud the"; page 2, 2nd paragraph: 2nd line should read: "Center to list proprietary school offerings as well as information concerning private and public institutions so that this information"

September 11, 1979, minutes:

Communications: 4. should read: "Lewis Coon--preliminary analysis of the disparity between EIU faculty salaries and those of our sister institutions."

Reports: 1. 2nd paragraph, fourth line, first word should be "incurred"

Appendix: Financial Grants: "Richard White" should be followed by "E. & J.H. Ed.--Alt."

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Catherine Smith - advisability of having a mid-term break during the Fall semester (9-14-79). (This note was turned over to the Senate's Student/Faculty Relations Committee for discussion.)
2. William Zeigel - oral communication - concern about whether certain survivor benefits should be taxed by the IRS.
3. BOG minutes for July (including EIU's report to the BOG), and the agenda for the September meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Executive Committee - Wood reported on the meeting between the President and the members of the Executive Committee. With respect to the various search committees, the membership of the search committee for the Dean of the School of Education has already been selected and will probably be announced shortly. The search committees for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the head of the Library have not yet been selected,

but the Senate's Executive Committee will be consulted about the composition of the committees.

Several Senators expressed their concern that the Senate, as a general practice, should be consulted about the composition of search committees and stressed the advisability of having Senate members or representatives on these committees.

With respect to the status of the Senate's revised Constitution, Walters of the BOG will be sending a letter detailing his concerns about changes in the Constitution, which he believes are necessary because of the AFT contract. Smith cautioned that the Senate would probably have to look at these proposals very closely to make sure that the scope of the Senate's concerns is not threatened.

The President clarified the rationale behind the reduction of proposed research grants this past summer by pointing out that these research funds were not a budget item but had to be generated out of available funds, which turned out to be less than expected.

The President also mentioned that the Council of Planning and Budgeting is working on a statement of goal and mission for the University.

The committee discussed with the President the possibility of using a civil service secretary for the Senate. Members of the Committee briefly discussed the pros and cons and decided to have it discussed more fully at a later session of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Vice President Bond will meet with the Senate on October 2.
2. President Marvin, at the invitation of the Senate, will address the entire faculty on October 4 with report on the state of the university.
3. Dr. William Zeigel, a former vice president of EIU, is tentatively scheduled to meet with the Senate on October 9 to discuss various concerns in connection with the retirement system.

OLD BUSINESS:

Creation of ad hoc committees: Social, Liaison, and Constitution - Wood and Smith briefly discussed the need for these committees, noting that the Senate will undoubtedly play a key role during the present transitional period brought about by the new AFT contract.

A motion to approve the formation of the committees (Carey/Hockman) passed. The composition will be as follows:

Social: Sullivan*	UPC and AFT	Constitution and	
Knoop	Liaison: Pierson*	By-Laws:	James*
Preston	Smith		Rogers
	Preston		Sullivan

(* denotes chairpersons)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sullivan reported on the Social Committee's arrangements for the Senate soiree scheduled for Friday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. at Carey Knoop's house. (Wood apologized to the Senators for setting up the Social Committee and putting it to work before it had been officially approved by the Senate.)

2. A motion was made (Hockman/Carey) and passed that President Marvin be requested to allow the Senate to appoint two members to the search committee for a Dean of the School of Education.

PROGRAM:

Richard Sandefer, director of the Textbook Library -

The concerns expressed by the Senators were that students have had to spend hours waiting in lines, that the Textbook Library ran out of books for several courses, that in some cases books had not been ordered and that in others books were not given out though they were on the shelves. Sandefer and Taber pointed out that it is not economically feasible to order sufficient books to cover all eventualities though they do order more than they think they will need. However, if large numbers of seats are added to certain classes during registration, the library will not have sufficient books to cover the increases. And since publishers are extremely busy during this period, it may be several weeks before the library can get the necessary books. Also, some students drop courses but do not return their books right away, causing an additional shortage. Books that are turned in cannot be recirculated until their cards have been processed through the computer system, which takes time due to the large numbers of cards that the library handles. (The Library checks out some 75 to 80,000 books.)

The Senators suggested several possibilities for alleviating these problems: students could be held up on their drops until they have returned the books, the library could be open during week-ends and/or at night, the library could be given increased help, a priority system similar to that used at registration could be employed so students would have assigned times to get their books. Taber and Sandefer pointed out that it would take many manhours to work the computers in order to penalize students for not returning books, that if the library were kept open more hours and extra help were hired that more mistakes would probably occur than occur now (due to the inexperience of the new help). They pointed out that a new system employed in January was supposed to solve many of the problems mentioned but that it proved unworkable and the library is now working with a standby system. When the present facilities are redesigned, the traffic flow will be improved, but the space and problems will remain the same.

The Senators were appreciative of the difficulties involved but emphasized their concern that sufficient books need to be gotten to students easily and quickly. So Sandefer was asked if he would present to the Senate a list of staff he thinks he would need in order to keep the library open more hours. Sandefer agreed to address himself to this task.

The Senate also indicated its surprise that the textbook library is apparently not consulted before such large numbers of seats are added to courses.

The Senate expressed its appreciation to Sandefer and Taber and offered to assist the textbook library in any way it could.

The next meeting of the Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary