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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of October 2, 1979

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Hockman, James, Johnson, Knoop, Laible, Lasky, Pierson, Preston, Rearden, Rogers, Sullivan, Smith, Summers, Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

FACULTY VISITORS: Lavern Hamand, Jon Hopkins, Thomas Bond, Margaret Soderberg

STUDENT VISITORS: Lola Burnham, Linda Phillips, Ellen Oliver

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

The minutes of September 18, 1979 were approved. There was no meeting on September 25, 1979.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Marvin - letter permitting the Senate to recommend two members to the search committee for a Dean of the School of Education.
2. Donald Walters (BOG) to President Marvin - communication concerning numerous objections to the Senate's proposed constitution. (The Senate copy was turned over to the Senate's ad hoc committee on the Constitution and By-Laws.)
3. BOG - action summary of the September 20, 1979 meeting
4. Council on Faculty Research - minutes of September 18, which contains a list of approved proposals
5. William Zeigel - copies of a letter from Donald Hoffmeister summarizing bills approved by the governor which affect our retirement system. (The copies were distributed to the members of the Senate.)
6. Glenn Williams - request for names of two faculty to serve on an ad hoc committee to study the campus effects of House Bill 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

William Zeigel will speak to the Senate on October 9 about the retirement system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Nominations - Knoop reported that the two names that will be recommended to the President for inclusion on the search committee for the Dean of the School of Education are Lewis Coon and June Johnson. A motion (Knoop/Sullivan) to approve the recommendation passed. Knoop reported that the committee recommended Alan Aulabaugh and A. Douglas Davis for the ad hoc committee on HB 21 (revised drinking age). A

motion (Knoop/Carey) to approve the nominations passed.

2. Student Faculty Relations - Johnson said that the committee will be meeting with students soon to discuss the possibility of a mid-term break for the fall semesters.
3. Executive - Wood and Smith reported on the Council on University Planning and Budgeting retreat at Robinson on September 24 and 25. The CUPB has been working on a document outlining in a very inclusive manner the goal and mission of our university. The retreat allowed the committee (along with the deans and vice-presidents) an intensive examination and evaluation of the proposal. Also discussed were the need for better PR to publicize what we do well, the need to project ourselves effectively to the BHE, and the need to reach out to the larger community. Later, the Senate-chosen members of the CUPB will be invited to address the Senate on the function of the council and the role that faculty can play in developing new programs and planning for the future.

Wood mentioned that sometime in the future Vice President George Miller will be invited to speak with the Senate on such matters as computer programming and the role of the vice presidents in planning the university.

Knoop warned that the time is fast approaching when the Senate will need to consider the formation of the new UPC called for in the AFT contract.

PROGRAM:

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Thomas Bond

In a question/answer session, Dr. Bond went into the following areas:

1. Textbook Library - (subject raised by Lasky) - In response to the issues the Senate discussed with Taber and Sandefer on Sept. 18, Bond reported that the textbook library would be redesigned to have three lines entering and leaving separately in comparison to the present single line. In the planning stage is a system to delay processing students' drop cards until they have turned in their textbooks for the dropped courses. Also in the planning stage is a proposal to lengthen the textbook library hours during registration week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the week and from 8 to noon on Saturday. A problem still to be solved is long lines. Bond indicated that if a student's record is clear he can be issued his books quickly. But if his record is not clear (e.g., due to an unpaid library fine), the problem must be searched out and the student sent to clear his record. It is this kind of student who causes the delays that result in long lines. Some way must be found to notify such students to clear their records before they get in line in the first place. Bond also indicated that the normal procedure is to check with the textbook library before adding seats to a class. James raised the issue that faculty are not kept adequately informed as to whether the books are in or whether the editions have been changed. Bond noted that most of these changes occur during the summer when the majority of faculty are not here and so cannot be notified.

2. Work Load - (Subject raised by Laible) - On the issues of loads in excess of 24 work units (the limit set by the AFT contract), Bond noted that initially it will probably be cheaper to pay faculty for overloads than to hire new faculty. It may also be necessary to cut down on very small classes. Eventually (FY '82) the budget will include money for new faculty but meanwhile the funds will have to come from flexibility within the present budget. With respect to establishing equivalency units among different kinds of courses and teaching assignments and establishing released-time equivalents, Bond indicated that information would be requested from faculty and departments but that (in keeping with the provisions of the contract) the final determinations would come from the top down.
3. Academic program - Bond reported that EIU is recognized by the BOG, the BHE, and Springfiels as having a strong liberal arts image. We need to be sure that we do not overextend ourselves but that we accent what we do well.
4. Honors program - the Vice President's office is working on such a program. The key is adequate funding.
5. Academic planning - Planning must be tied to the budget. The formation of the CUPB is a move in that direction, but all faculty must recognize that academic programs, whether new or old, are tied to the budget.
6. Minutes of the major councils - (subject raised by James) - Bond indicated that his office's commodities budget is too small to continue funding the full distribution of the minutes of the major councils. The new proposal is that only a few copies for posting be sent to each department and to the library for filing. The senators discussed alternate ways to fund the present system, but Bond reported that the only one that appeared workable was for individual departments to contribute money out of their own commodities budgets if they wanted copies for their full membership.
7. Athletic scheduling - (subject raised by Hopkins) - Hopkins expressed concern that the various meets in certain sports forced some students to miss many class sessions. Bond indicated that the schedules are national and are made up many years in advance and so do not lie within our control. Since only a few students have such problems, Sullivan suggested that students be advised as to how to adjust their programs to fit their athletic commitments.
8. Advising - (subject raised by Preston) - Bond indicated that required advising did not seem to work any better than our present system, and that most of our problems came from transfer students who need to know equivalencies.
9. G. E. requirements - Bond commented on the necessity of keeping all of our standards high (entrance requirements, ACT scores, grades) and of keeping our required courses (including those for the majors) within reason. He invited the faculty to study the recent CAA proposal for an alternate program of general education (CAA, Sept. 27). He also noted that the lists of courses available for Humanities credit need to be drastically pared.

Wood thanked Dr. Bond for addressing the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Senate is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary