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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of November 27, 1979

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Summers, Preston

FACULTY VISITORS: Lewis Coon, John Beacon, Vice-President Miller

STUDENT VISITORS: Lola Burnham

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

The minutes of November 13, 1979 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Charles Syester, Chairman of COF - to Wood - copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of WIU Faculty Senate (copies given to Rogers and Smith).
2. Herbert Lasky - to Wood - resignation from the Library Dean search committee (now that Jane Lasky has been elected).
3. Pres. Marvin - to members of the Senate - "Mission of EIU" from the Council of University Planning and Budgeting (copies have also been sent to Department Chairman). The Senate will look into this draft at it's next meeting.
4. Joan Schmidt - to Wood - on the use of the term chairman. A copy of the National Association of Parliamentarians.
5. Library Advisory Committee - minutes of Nov. 14, 1979 (listing the members and their alternates).
6. Jon Laible - to members of the Senate - Faculty Advisory Committee's position paper on Faculty Development, which should appear in the agenda for the Dec. IBHE meeting. The FAC has members from two-year and four-year schools, both public and private. The position paper thus represents a wide view of faculty development needs. The paper takes up 1) faculty scholars program, 2) mini-grants in faculty development for improvement of instruction and improvement of course content, 3) a faculty exchange program, 4) an eminent scholars program, and 5) an administrative internship program. Faculty interested in seeing the paper should contact Jon Laible (Math).
7. COF - minutes of Nov. 4-5, 1979.
8. Council on University Planning and Budgeting - revised copy of the Subcommittee on Organization Report, to be discussed at the Nov. 27 meeting.
9. T.M. Weidner - to Wood - appreciation for correcting the spelling of botany.
10. Jane Lasky - to Wood - copy of an April 1978 article in the Journal of Higher Education calling attention to the fact that after Jan. 1, the Library of Congress will computerize its catalog listings. Senator Rearden noted that this change in categorizing rules will eventually produce changes in the EIU library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Executive Committee will meet with Pres. Marvin on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Nominations - Knoop - a motion (Knoop/Carey) to nominate Scott Smith to replace Herbert Lasky on the search committee for a Library dean passed on a voice vote.
2. Student/Faculty Relations - Johnson
 - a) Apportionment Board - students have apparently worked out the problems discussed at the last two Senate meetings. Sullivan and Johnson attended the last meeting and were accepted without incident.
 - b) proposed by-laws of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board - the wording in two or three places needs to be changed to strengthen the students' authority to approve the IAB budget.
 - c) proposed Fall break - there have been eight or so negative comments from faculty, chiefly concerned with the increased difficulty in scheduling labs.
3. Constitution - Rogers
 - a) Rogers was elected chairman of the ad hoc constitution and liaison committee.
 - b) the present Senate constitution does not indicate when Senate officers are to be elected, so there is no reason why elections for the 1980-81 officers can not be held in the Spring of 1980 rather than in the Fall.
 - c) the committee went over the six points mentioned in the Nov. 6 Senate minutes and assigned Rogers and Smith to work out revisions in the major areas. The committee will next meet on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Office.
4. Executive - Wood - Pres. Marvin has presented to Donald Walters the committee's objections to Walter's proposed revisions of the Senate's proposed revision of its constitution. Also the President has selected the chairmen of the search committees for an A & S dean and a Library dean. The compositions of the committees should be announced shortly.
5. Search Committee for a dean of the School of Education - Johnson reported that the list has been narrowed to eight names, which Preston is presenting to the President.

PROGRAM - Dr. George E. Miller, Vice President for Administration and Finance.

Dr. Miller clarified the support, function, and scope of his office - which includes treasurer, computer services, buildings and grounds, research and planning, personnel services, and budget. In brief, his office is to manage the business and the financial affairs of the university. Matters affecting the faculty which he has been concerned with include establishing regular maintenance for cars in the motor pool, attempting to fill the vacancy of Assistant Director of User Services, getting a new machine for test-scoring services, arranging for advisory committees for Computer Services and increasing the emphasis on energy conservation (EIU has established a 20% reduction in the last 4-5 years). Dr. Miller noted that 50% of the energy used at EIU is controlled by

people. We can all conserve by turning out lights, keeping thermostats low, and so on. (The Senate was doing its bit by freezing in the unheated Martinsville Room of the Union). In reply to questions about the Textbook Library, Dr. Miller mentioned that the Nov. 14 bids on the building's renovation have been opened and that all of our requests for improvements will be met. The problems with the computer were due in part to bugs that needed to be worked out and in part to a lack of textbooks. However, the textbook appeals committee will meet soon to attempt to iron out these difficulties. Dr. Miller stressed the value of central planning for the entire university and the necessity of departments participating in this planning by working out their goals, plans for space and equipment, and so on two or three years in advance so that they can be allowed for and justified within the proposed university budgets. Subsequent requests by departments will be granted largely on the basis of whether they appear in these plans. But, he noted, educating departments in how to write objectives, request resources, and so on will take time. In answer to the question of why, since the IAB budget comes from three sources (each with its own restrictions), the monies must all be lumped together, Dr. Miller replied that since the budget is already broken down in separate budgets for each of the sports, both men's and women's, a further subdividing would be unwieldy.

Wood thanked Vice President Miller for his clear and detailed presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wood received permission to invite Dr. Switzer to talk to the Senate about summer school.

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, at 2 p.m. in the Martinsville Room.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary