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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of March 4, 1980

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Preston

FACULTY VISITORS: none

STUDENT VISITORS: Marc Pacatte (EN)

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The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

The minutes of February 26, 1980, were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Marvin - copies of the final draft of the Mission and Goal Statement for EIU (This is an important document for planning and budgeting.)
2. President Marvin - request for 3 Senate appointees to a campus-wide ad hoc committee to consider the relationships and respective roles of our three highest elected faculty committees: CAA, COTE, and CGS (The Senate appointees are William James, Herbert Lasky, and P. Scott Smith.)
3. Keith Kohanzo, University Judicial Hearing Officer - request for two appointments to a judicial commission to review the Student Conduct Code (turned over to the Nominating Committee)
4. Bill Houlihan - appointing an undergraduate member, Steve McGrath, to serve on the Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee (The graduate member has not yet been appointed, but since only six weeks remain for the committee's task, Wood asked Rogers to convene the committee as soon as possible.)
5. Fred McClerren - announcement that the first visit of an A & S Dean candidate, Dr. Max James, will be on March 12 and 13. The Senate will have a chance to visit with him on March 13 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
6. David Maurer - copies of a Faculty Development proposal. Dr. Maurer will be at the Senate meeting next week to discuss the proposal.

7. Robert and Marian Shuff - note of appreciation for the pot luck supper last Friday (Wood thanked the Social Committee for the event.)
8. William Crane - on adds and drops and on the Textbook Rental Service
9. Martin Dubin - letter and documents on the Association for State University Governance Body

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Faculty Advisory Committee to the BHE - Jon Laible - The committee met at Sagamon State last Friday. The guest was Richard Wagner, the Executive Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs of the Board staff (he was the one who came up with the under-funding/over-funding idea). He talked on the allocation of the governor's budget which came out Thursday of last week. The BHE higher education budget was cut some 20.5 million dollars by the governor, and the BHE has had to adjust its budget in accordance with these cuts. (The 7.6% salary increase was kept.) Though the legislature will start with the BHE budget, the governor will probably use his line-item veto to get the budget back down. An override seems unlikely. There was no decrease in the non-personnel items; program support was reduced. Next year promises to be worse because of tax relief measures. Answering questions, Wagner said that faculty can get increases only by eliminating positions. Wagner said that faculty lack clout because faculty can absorb cuts in higher education without decreasing output. The next meeting will be at the end of the month at Illinois State.
2. Elections - Bill Weiler - Answers to questions are coming in from the candidates. They will be published in the March 11 minutes. The election will be held on March 19 and 20.
3. Nominations - Cary Knoop - Faculty are strongly reminded that the committee welcomes all suggestions for nominations and volunteers to serve on faculty and student/faculty committees and boards.
4. Student/Faculty Relations - June Johnson - A motion (Johnson/Hockman) to remove from the table the following motion--to approve a Columbus Day break without further adjustment in the fall schedule--passed on a voice vote. After discussion of whether or not the faculty poll accurately represented faculty sentiment, a motion to retable the motion (Lasky/Sullivan) passed on a show of hands. A motion (Johnson/Knoop) to place the issue on the ballot for the March 19 and 20 election passed on a voice vote. (It was felt that such a vote was needed to give a clear mandate.)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer School - After much discussion about the reduction of faculty positions during the summer without a corresponding decrease in administrative positions, a motion (Johnson/James) to draw up a position paper giving the Senate position with regard to the ratio of administrators to faculty during the summer school session passed on a voice vote. Wood will set up a committee to develop such a position paper. There was also a motion (Pierson/Smith) that the Senate Executive Committee ask President Marvin to appoint the Director of Summer School as a voting member of the University Budget and Planning Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.
2. Association for State University Governance Body - Among other things, this body wishes to show the legislature that there is strong faculty support for a 13% salary increase. There was some discussion as to whether this might conflict with AFT efforts. All agreed, however, that cooperation between this organization and the AFT could be useful. Since it was felt that Wood would have to report back to the Senate before committing the EIU Senate to support any proposed action by this committee, a motion (Pierson/Laible) to formally endorse the Faculty Senate chairman as a full participant in this organization passed on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session (Lasky/Knoop) passed on a voice vote. The session lasted from 3:28 to 3:35 p.m. A motion to move out of executive session (Lasky/Knoop) passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for March 11, 1980, in the University Union Martinsville Room at 2:00 p.m.

Dick Rogers  
Faculty Senate Secretary