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## EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## Faculty Senate

Minutes of March 18, 1980

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Knoop, Pierson, Preston, Summers

FACULTY VISITORS: David Maurer

STUDENT VISITORS: Bonita Gower (EN)

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

The minutes of March 11 were approved with the following correction:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nominations: Crofott should be Crofutt

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Wood to Pres. Marvin - recommendation that Director of Summer School be given a seat on the Council of University Planning and Budget
2. Pres. Marvin - request for information of where the Senate has a surplus in its budget
3. Samuel Taber - request for reaction to the tentative 1981-82 academic calendar (The Senate expressed concern that in Summer, 1982, finals for the eight-week session are scheduled after rather than before commencement.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Elections - Bill Weiler - On Wednesday the election table will be set up in the Union lobby; on Thursday it will be in the east third of the Ballroom.
2. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee - Bill Weiler - The committee is now functioning (minus its graduate member who has not yet been appointed by the Student Senate), and information has already appeared in the Faculty Newsletter and will be appearing in the Eastern News. Nominations for the Award may be made by EIU faculty, administrators, students, and alumni. Nominating packets may be secured from any member of the committee or the Alumni Office in Old Main. Committee members are Bill Weiler (Life Science 309C), Jerry Sullivan (Fine Arts 105), Dick Rogers (Coleman 315K), Dale Downs (Buzzard 203), John Wright (Applied Arts 224), and Steve McGrath (Carman Hall 259). Nominating packets consist of a nominating form to be filled in by the nominator (who will also provide documentation) and six substantiating forms:

three to be given to students and three to faculty and/or administrators--to be filled out by them. The deadline for nominations to be turned in is April 11. Award recipients will be announced on April 25.

ELIGIBILITY - To be eligible for nomination for the EIU Distinguished Faculty Award, a faculty member must be in at least his/her fourth year of full-time employment at Eastern Illinois University.

CRITERIA - Basically, there are three areas in which a faculty member should excel if he/she is to be considered for a Distinguished Faculty Award (though the selection committee should use its best judgment in determining the weight to be assigned to each area):

Teaching ..... A superior teacher is one who is able to present subject matter in such an interesting and resourceful manner that students will not only develop their understanding of the material but also be stimulated to critical and open-minded thinking.

Development ... In addition to keeping current in his/her field, a distinguished faculty member shows substantial professional growth by contributing meaningfully and consistently to the development of knowledge and/or by engaging in substantial creative endeavor.

Service ..... A strong contributor to the welfare of the academic community is one who serves with wisdom, integrity, responsibility, and dedication on committees within the department, college and university, and probably participates generously as well in worthy student and community activities.

3. Social - Jerry Sullivan - Details for an end-of-the-semester get-together were discussed.
4. Textbook Rental Service - Bill James - Informal polls taken by members of the committee indicate textbook shortage problems have improved but are still serious. The committee will soon meet with Richard Sandefer.
5. Executive - Leonard Wood - The Association for State University Governance Body (consisting of the chairpersons of the Faculty Senates of all public state universities) at its last meeting established guidelines setting forth the purposes of the organization: to exchange information of mutual interest, to promote the general welfare of all state universities, to develop majority decisions not binding on individual members, and to develop a common script on issues (such as pay raises) to be presented to Legislative members. On April 12, the committee will meet in Sagamon State to discuss the specifics of a common script.

A representative of the Student Senate has presented Wood with their proposal for a moratorium on quizzes for the four to five days prior to final exams. This item will be placed on the agenda for next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Senate went briefly into executive session to discuss the reactions of Senators to the two A & S Dean candidates who recently visited our campus.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. University Fellows proposal from the Office of Faculty Development - David Maurer addressed his remarks to the concerns voiced by Senators during last week's Senate meeting. He pointed out that the proposal allows departments to originate proposals and put specific faculty in charge, but that it also allows faculty to submit proposals without enlisting department cooperation. With respect to the possible limitations inherent in a three-man selection committee, Maurer outlined the administrative and economic considerations that led to the composition of the committee. He offered to convey to the administration that the Senate expressed a desire that the selection committee be composed perhaps of the Faculty Involvement Advisory Council. Discussion elicited that the money for FY 81 (if the proposal is approved) will come out of the existing budget, but funding for FY 82 might come through new money - also that funding for such proposals here at EIU is much lower than that at other state universities. Maurer also indicated several kinds of proposals that might secure funding. He ended by inviting further response in writing from individual Senators.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, March 25, 1980, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers  
Faculty Senate Secretary