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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Minutes of April 8, 1980

MEMBERS PRESENT: James, Johnson, Knoop, Laible, Lasky, Preston, Rogers, Smith, Sullivan, Weiler, Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hockman, Pierson, Rearden, Summers

FACULTY VISITORS: James Martin (Records Office), Samuel Taber (Student Academic Services)

STUDENT VISITORS: Rick Colclasure (Chairperson, Academic Affairs Committee), Bonnie Bijak (Executive Vice President, Student Senate), Leesa Freeland (Eastern News)

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

The minutes of March 25, 1980, were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Kenneth Hadwiger - request that the Senate explore a way of honoring Lawrence Ringenberg
2. President Marvin - reference to a memo from Donald Walters (BOG) related to matters of faculty governance
3. President Marvin - rejection of Senate's request that the Summer School Director be given a seat on the Council of University Planning and Budget
4. Lewis Coon - notice that the Senate needs to nominate a faculty member to the IAB - also a schedule for the April 8 meeting
5. Lawrence Dennis - notice that the next ASUGB meeting will be on April 12 in Springfield - also minutes of the last meeting
6. President Marvin - notice of what kinds of matters will be handled by Vice President Bond and what matters will be handled by Dr. Soderberg
7. Petition from 69 members of the faculty - see NEW BUSINESS
8. Samuel Taber - note on the Senate's objection to the summer commencement date on the proposed academic calendar
9. Bonnie Bijak - relating to the Student/Faculty Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Donald Walters (BOG) will meet with the Senate on April 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the 1895 Room of the Union.
2. The A & S Dean candidate invited to accept the deanship has declined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Faculty Advisory Committee to the BHE - Jon Laible - On March 28 at Illinois State University, the Committee met with the chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee (Dave Knicker) and the chairperson of the Students Advisory Committee (Betsy Forkens). They gave their positions on

funding, tuition, scholarship, services, and so on. The Citizens generally supported BHE funding requests and endorsed the Faculty Development Position Paper, though they felt that colleges ought to emphasize training in human relations and de-emphasize sophisticated vocational training. The Students were opposed to tuition and fee increases but wanted improvements in funding for programs and supportive services. The next FAC meeting will be at EIU on May 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Coffee at 9:30 a.m.) Everyone is cordially invited.

2. Social - Jerry Sullivan - Thursday, May 1, will be the date for the Faculty Senate Tea to honor retiring faculty and will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the 1895 Room of the Union.
3. Elections - Bill Weiler - To clarify the results of the last election, Bill Weiler referred to the Senate by-laws which indicate that there must be at least two nominees for every opening. When there are more than two, a run-off is usually held. In the case of the CAA election, the top 6 candidates will be in the run-off for the three available positions. (Only if a candidate receives a majority--in this case, 125--will he be elected without a run-off.) There will also be a run-off for CGS and area III of UPC. The run-off election will be Tuesday, April 15, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The results will be published in the Faculty Newsletter and in the Senate minutes.
4. Nominations - Cary Knoop - His requests for nomination possibilities has netted many replies.
5. Library deanship search - Scott Smith - The Committee has met with two candidates and will meet with two more this week.
6. Executive - Leonard Wood - The Executive Committee met with President Marvin on April 7 to discuss the shared governance issue (which presents no problem at EIU), the rejection of a position on CUPB for the Summer Session Direction (which he explained), administrative assignments in the office of Academic Affairs, the options available to the A & S Dean search committee, released time for the Faculty Senate secretary (which is still under consideration), and the fact that a new appointment to the BOG will be coming up very soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee - Rick Colclasure - The following proposal was presented for the Senate's consideration:
 - I. Instructional Days
 - A. No test or quiz is to be given 2 school days before finals.
Classes will meet as regularly scheduled.

- B. Strongly suggest that no tests or quizzes will be given 5 school days before finals week to enable the student to have enough time to prepare for finals.

II. Grade Repeat Policy Change

- A. Students receiving a D or F in a class will be allowed to repeat the course one time.
- B. After completing the course the second time, the second grade will replace the initial grade to be averaged in with the cumulative GPA.
- C. Both grades will be shown on the student's transcript.

Though the Senators were sympathetic to the problem addressed in I (that students need time to study during the week before finals and should not be sidetracked by having to study for tests given during that week, the consensus was that faculty could not be required not to give tests, and that some courses necessitated tests during that week. At length, all agreed on a proposal (Smith/Sullivan) which carried on a show of hands: "Strongly recommend that faculty members avoid giving tests and quizzes in the two school days before finals, with the exception of lab practicals, studio practicums, and such special instances, or where there is a test by class agreement."

Issue II (Grade Repeat Policy) was deemed a matter for CAA rather than for the Senate.

2. University Fellows proposal - On a voice vote, the Senate passed a motion (Laible/Johnson) which approved the adoption of the following memo to be sent to the Office of Faculty Development:

"The Faculty Senate supports the concept of Faculty Development as embodied in the position paper of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the IBHE. Specifically that position paper sets forth two major aspects of Faculty Development - instructional improvement on the one hand and faculty training and/or retraining on the other. Because we support the general concept of Faculty Development, it is all the more unpleasant for us to withhold endorsement of the University Fellows program currently being proposed by our Director of Faculty Development. The program as now constituted approaches only the instructional improvement aspect of Faculty Development and moreover would do so at the expense of already scarce personnel services and travel funds. We are disappointed that support from without the university (such as Higher Education Cooperation Act funds) are not being sought to fund Faculty Development efforts. We are concerned that the term University Fellow is being so lightly applied to those who might participate in this limited venture."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petition from 69 faculty members:

"We, the undersigned members of the faculty, petition the Faculty Senate to review the CAA rejection of Agenda item 79-53 on 14 February 1980. In particular, we recommend that the Faculty Senate support the following two proposals and voice its support to the President:

- A. That HE 2831, Tech. Ed. 1413, and EDF 1000 be removed from the list of Social Studies courses satisfying the distribution requirement in general education, and
- B. That the following principle be established: any course added to the list of Social Studies courses should be one that comes from the recognized Social Studies departments in the College of Arts and Sciences."

This item will be put on the agenda for next time.

2. The chairperson will invite representatives of the COF and the various major councils to give reports to the Senate which will summarize their major concerns during this past year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary