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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Minutes of May 7, 1980

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: James, Weiler

FACULTY VISITORS: Robert Barford, Robert Hennings

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

The minutes of April 29 were approved with the following corrections:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 2. Nominations--Bob Gower should be Bob Glover (newly elected president of the student body)

Appendix A: last paragraph, line 2: decision on the should be decision of the

Appendix B: line 5: increased should be increase; line 18: omit and; line 20: aroung should be around; line 24: are should be have been; line 53: omit a; footnote 4: \$19,000 should be \$19,500

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. William Clark - to Wood - on conditions governing faculty appointments to the Union Board (April 30) (Turned over to the Nominations Committee. The Senate will invite Mr. Clark to its next meeting to discuss the issue.)
2. Lewis Coon - copies of the Division II/I Study Committee Report (May 1)
3. COF - to Dr. Robert A. Pringle - reports on three Council of Faculty committees (copies) (The EIU members of the COF will be invited to a summer Senate meeting.)
4. Leonard Durham - on Senate summer school position paper draft - objections to cutting back chairperson contracts (May 5)
5. Ruth Erckmann - thank you note for retirement tea (May 2)
6. Robert Weidner - to Johnson - praise for draft of Senate summer school position paper (May 6)
7. Alan Aulabaugh - to Johnson - on Senate position paper - comments on summer employment decline (May 5)
8. Delbert Simon - to Johnson - on Senate position paper - agreeing with concerns of Senate (May 6)
9. Robert E. Snyder - to Senate - praise for Senate position paper (May 6)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Executive Committee will meet with President Marvin on May 16 at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Faculty Advisory Committee: Jon Laible reported on the meeting at EIU on May 2. Discussed were the financing of community colleges, the increase in appropriation bills for higher education (from 8% to 9%), the state-wide comparison review of schools of business, the projected reviews of English and Foreign Languages for 1981-82, SB 1690 which would allow students of nationally-accredited proprietary institutions to be eligible for scholarships in Illinois. The next meeting (June 26-27) will take up budgetary considerations.
2. Nominations: A motion (Knoop/Laible) to approve the nomination of Sharon Bartling to a 3-year term to the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Higher Education passed on a voice vote. A nomination for an alternate to the Intercollegiate Athletic Board will be delayed until next time. Action on the over-appointing to certain boards will be delayed until the fall.
3. Executive: At its meeting with the President, the Executive Board took up the following matters: the A & S dean search, a committee or committees to perform the functions of the old UPC which are not included in the new UPC, a Senate motion on CAA action on social science distribution courses, the Senate draft of a summer school position paper, and space reassignment.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Space reallocation: Robert Barford (Philosophy Chair) and Robert Hennings (History Chair) voiced their concern that apparently serious consideration is being given to moving business departments from Blair Hall to Coleman Hall and moving either (1) English or (2) Philosophy, History, and Sociology from Coleman Hall to Blair Hall, despite the objections of the concerned parties. Wood noted that the issue would be coming before the Council of University Planning and Budget (May 9) and that all parties, including the Senate, should express their concerns to the Senate-appointed members (Elder, Rooke, Smitley, and Wallace). Discussion elicited no support for the possible moves.
2. Faculty petition objecting to CAA action on social studies distribution courses: A motion (Lasky/Johnson) to remove from table the motion in Appendix A, April 29 minutes, passed on a voice vote. After considerable discussion, various changes in wording were made. A motion (Laible/Sullivan) to remove the last sentence in Paragraph 3 and the introductory phrase in the first sentence in the last paragraph (from "Consequently, we think" to "Until the above steps are taken") passed on a show of hands. A motion (Johnson/Smith) to revise the first sentence (see revised motion below) passed on a voice vote. (Note: certain changes in this sentence led the Secretary to make editorial changes in the second sentence in order to make its content consistent with changes in the content of the new first sentence.) A motion (Laible/Preston) to remove the last three sentences from the last paragraph passed on a voice vote. Both Dan Hockman and Hank Pierson introduced written comments that could serve as substitute motions if this motion is defeated. A motion (Johnson/Hockman) to submit the revised motion to a mail ballot by the fifteen senators passed on a voice vote. The motion as revised is as follows:

In considering the faculty petition which requests the reversal of the decision of the Council on Academic Affairs allowing three courses outside of the Social Sciences (HE 2831, Tech. Ed. 1413, EDF 1000) to satisfy the Social Science distribution requirement for General Education, the members of the Faculty Senate think that the primary consideration raised by this petition is the substantial opposition of faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. A canvass of the Social Science Departments and of allied areas sustains this judgment. Were the appeal to us based on the nature of course content, we would think the appeal inappropriate because the Senate is elected as a governing body. Here, however, the question is one of procedure: how to deal with the opposition of the majority of the faculty to the principle that courses offered in departments far removed from traditionally defined areas be allowed to satisfy course requirements in these areas.

In our view it is very important to secure the consent of the departments constituting the area to be affected. The argument that courses already exist which are allowed to satisfy area requirements though offered from outside that area does not in our view constitute an impressive argument.

Consequently, we strongly urge President Marvin to veto the decision of the Council of Academic Affairs to include courses from the departments outside the Social Sciences (HE 2831, Tech. Ed. 1413, EDF 1000) in the Social Science distribution list.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary