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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate *Don*

Minutes of July 8, 1980

MEMBERS: Hockman, James, Johnson, Knoop (absent), Laible, Lasky, Pierson (absent), Preston, Rearden, Rogers, Smith, Sullivan Summers, Thurman, Wood

VISITORS: George Bosler (Security Police), Laura Fraembs (Eastern News), Bob Glover (Student Body President)

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The minutes of June 24 were approved with the following correction: page 44, next-to-the-last line: July 9 should be July 8.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. (6-26-80) Wood to Pres. Marvin - on subject of a Senate prerogative to appoint members to search committees
2. (7-2-80) Pres. Marvin to Wood - proposed 1980-81 Senate budget

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Parking--difficulty of faculty finding parking, especially around Coleman Hall. George Bosler reviewed the number of spaces in the various lots, the number of stickers sold to staff and students, and the procedures for handling violators. The general problem is that there are too few spaces to handle all parking for both staff and students, or to offer controlled parking (individually assigned spaces). Though several alternatives were suggested, the only viable one seems to be one that has been put forth repeatedly by Bosler: build a new lot to the west of Coleman and finance it through increased parking fees. Also noted were the possibility of making the Union lot a pay lot controlled by a gate, the necessity of providing additional parking for the proposed Tarble Art Center, and the advisability of increasing the Security Staff (constant since 1969). The Senate expressed support for all four proposals but noted that they need to come through the student/faculty Traffic and Safety Committee. Wood thanked Bosler for his clear analysis of the situation.

2. Need for Senate appointees to search committees on deans and above. (The Senate twice went into executive session to discuss personnel matters connected with this issue.) Leonard Wood read from the BOG Regulations (1977) the following paragraph governing the selection of search committees:

Category A, Level I and Level II administrative employees at the level of Vice President and Dean shall be recommended to the Board for appointment by the President, following his/her consideration of the recommendation of a search and screening committee composed of representatives chosen by those constituencies most directly concerned with the duties and responsibilities of the prospective administrative employee. The President shall determine the number of representatives on the search and screening committee from each constituency, and moreover, the President may appoint not more than two additional members to the committee. Accepted academic practice dictates that the President not choose a Vice President or Dean over the reasoned objections of the faculty stated in writing unless there are sound professional reasons for doing so, which the President shall provide in writing.

With respect to the search committee for a Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Senators interpreted the primary affected constituency as the entire faculty. That being the case, the Senate as the elected body representing the faculty, would need to have its own appointees on that committee. The Senators expressed concern that without this voice afforded to the faculty at large, the Senate could find itself having to object to the choice of a VPAA on the grounds that the affected constituency was not adequately consulted. To forestall such a possibility, Hockman/Laible moved that the President be informed of the Senate's interpretation of this matter through a letter drafted by the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Concern that the President asked a chairman to convene other chairmen and deans to offer individual advice on the revised general education requirements recommended by CAA. With virtually no information to go on, the Senate could only affirm its position that the proper body, the CAA--with prior administrative input--had already done the work and made its recommendations. Further administrative input does not seem necessary or advisable.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary