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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of October 28, 1980

MEMBERS: Carey, Cooper, Hamand, Hockman (absent), Johnson, Knoop, Lasky, Pierson, Preston, Rogers, Smith, Stoner, Sullivan, Thurman, Wood

VISITORS: Cathy Crist (Eastern News), Marilyn Kludas (Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate)

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The minutes of October 14 were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Library Advisory Committee - Minutes of October 9
2. Wood to Pres. Marvin - Senate nominations to search committee for A & S Dean: John Wright, Gerald Sullivan (October 15)
3. Russ Robb (Chair, Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee) to Wood - thanking Senate for its support of Fall Break proposal (October 20)
4. (copy) Fred Preston to Wilson Luguire (Dean of Library) - resignation from Library Advisory Committee (October 21) (turned over to Nominating Committee)
5. (copy) Dave Buchanan to Pres. Marvin - on erosion of the academic calendar (The number of contact hours has been diminishing.) (October 22)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Nominating - Cary Knoop - The committee has been working on a questionnaire to be sent out to the various boards and committees that look to the Senate for one or more appointments. The committee has also been discussing the necessity of a calendar for the various nominations.
2. Search committee for Dean of Home Economics - Lavern Hamand - The committee will meet next Thursday.
3. Executive - Leonard Wood - There was general discussion about the status of the faculty-approved revision of the Senate constitution. The consensus was that the Senate should resist any changes that alter or limit the Senate's general function as expressed in the preamble to its revised constitution.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer School Committee report - June Johnson presented a slightly revised version of the report which appeared in the April 29 Senate minutes. After much discussion about the need to maintain a healthy summer session, to offer balanced programs

for both graduates and undergraduates, and to prevent scheduled courses from being cancelled, a motion (Knoop/Smith) to accept the report passed unanimously on a voice vote. The report will be found in Appendix A. The Executive Committee expects to take up the subject with Pres. Marvin, and the Senate plans to schedule an open meeting so that Senators and other faculty may discuss the issues with Pres. Marvin and Dr. Switzer. The Senate thanked June Johnson and the rest of the committee for their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Admission charges to faculty - After some discussion about the increase in admission fees for faculty, particularly for football games, and athletic fees in general, the Senate voted on a motion (Hamand/Smith) to go on record as being opposed to the proposed increase in student athletic fees, as the increase is excessive. Since most Senators felt that they did not have enough information to vote on the motion, the motion failed: 3 for, 1 opposed, 9 abstained. Wood was asked to invite to the next Senate meeting (November 4) faculty who could give the Senators the detailed information they need to form a judgment on whether to make a recommendation on this issue.
2. Publication of Purdue evaluations - The issue came up because the Student Council on Academic Affairs has been discussing the possibility. After some discussion, the Senators determined that they needed more information about what is involved. The matter will be taken up at a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room. (The main order of business will be information on and discussion of the proposed increase in athletic fees.)

Dick Rogers  
Faculty Senate Secretary

APPENDIX A

SENATE POSITION PAPER  
10/28/80

Eastern's summer school program is in serious trouble. In the summer of 1973 we had nearly 4000 students enrolled<sup>1</sup> and more than 335 faculty teaching.<sup>2</sup> Five years later in the summer of 1978 there were only 2735 students and 190 faculty. Summer School Director Switzer was able to increase these numbers 10% in 1979 with enrollment increasing to 3112 and the teaching faculty to 201½. 1980 has seen another increase in enrollment to 3171 but a reduction in teaching faculty to 180<sup>3</sup> - a decrease of 10% despite the increase in student enrollment. It is encouraging to see the student enrollment increasing but disconcerting, to say the least, to note the decrease in teaching faculty.

In 1973 approximately \$1.2 million was available for faculty salaries for the summer. In 1979 the figure was only about \$850,000. In 1980 approximately \$825,000 was available, a decrease of almost \$25,000<sup>4</sup> despite an increase in enrollment. Fewer dollars, fewer faculty mean fewer classes, fewer students, fewer dollars - a self-perpetuating cycle. We must break the cycle. We must turn it around. If we are to continue to see summer school enrollment increase, the summer faculty must be available to offer the courses the students need to take. The university (despite collective bargaining) consists of faculty and administration. The faculty have been paying their share. Campus wide fewer and fewer faculty are able to teach each summer with no comparable decline in administrative staff. We believe the burden should be shared.

The Faculty Senate notes that more than \$2 million in salaries go each year to administrators and faculty/administrators on 12-month contracts. An additional \$912,000 and \$822,000 respectively go to those on 11.5 and 11.0 month contracts. Isn't it interesting that

even in the summer of 1979 the salaries of those on 11 or more months contracts exceeded the salaries of the teaching faculty? The figures for 1980 will likely show an even greater differential. If those persons on contracts for 11.0 or more months<sup>5</sup> were to have their contracts reduced by one week, more than \$81,000<sup>6</sup> would create at least 38 new one-half time contracts.<sup>7</sup> That would mean at least a ten percent increase in the number of classes offered in our summer school program! Would that create a higher student enrollment? We believe so. We do know for sure that all of us would be joining in the effort to breathe life back into Eastern's summer school.

At the University of Illinois the class schedule for the entire year is published at the same time and includes fall, spring and summer. This enables the student to plan his/her program effectively and with confidence for, once the schedule is published, no classes are cancelled. This plan has great merit for the student as well as for the faculty. In addition, it will rebuild confidence in the summer program so the student is assured that the classes listed will be the classes offered. This lack of confidence in the class offerings has a direct bearing on student enrollment.

We are disturbed to note that while personnel funds for our summer school faculty are dwindling, department chairmen have had their contracts lengthened from 11.5 to 11.75 and finally to 12.0 months. We fail to see the logic in this move.

President Marvin has indicated his support for the summer school and underscored his concern by appointing a Summer School Director. Running a program in the summer with so few students on campus is expensive. Buildings must be cooled and maintained whether classes are full or not. The Faculty Senate believes the contract reduction plan outlined above will help. Some of the additional funds provided

might be used to allow a lower tuition for summer school. Let's begin to work together to find creative ways to make summer school work again. We'll all benefit from that.

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<sup>1</sup>Headcount

<sup>2</sup>F.T.E.

<sup>3</sup>Estimate is between 180-185.

<sup>4</sup>The 1980-81 summer session figures are inconclusive at this time.

<sup>5</sup>Excluding vice presidents and the president.

<sup>6</sup>\$43,000 + 19,000 + 18,500 for 12.0, 11.5 and 11.0 month contracts respectively.

<sup>7</sup>In 1979, the average monthly salary paid in summer school was \$2110.03.