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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of April 14, 1981

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

VISITORS: Dr. Sharon Bartling, Dr. Robert Sonderman, Dr. Gary Wallace, Dr. Carol Elder, Dr. Donald Smitley, Lola Burnham (Eastern News), Tom Lamczyk

The meeting began at 2:05 p.m. The minutes of April 7 were approved with the addition of the following fuller Executive Committee Report:

Executive Committee - Leonard Wood and Dick Rogers reported on matters discussed with the President on March 25: The Textbook Library Study Committee: Pres. Marvin will write the charge for the committee; Leonard Wood will nominate the members. Auxiliary Enterprise Funding: Pres. Marvin wanted to assure the Senate that funding will be available for the AB activities labeled academic labs (Forensics, the Model U.N., the Vehicle, General Music, the Art Board, WELH, and the Players) both during the interim period and later through increases in department budgets. Proposed changes in the Buzzard stage: Pres. Marvin indicated that changes in Buzzard, the creation of a new position of TV manager, and increases in TV equipment have been under discussion for several years, that concerned departments have been providing input, and that the faculty in general have been kept informed. He was distressed that the faculty considered themselves uninformed, and asked the Senate to look into the situation and make recommendations about effective communication. Summer School: The President and Vice President Rives have met several times to look at possible cuts in personnel services. Some additional money should be forthcoming for summer school. The President was made aware that teaching faculty consider that they have suffered more from summer school cutbacks than has the administration and that they consider that cutbacks should more evenly involve all segments of the university community. Changes in the Student Union: The President suggested that the Senate might want to look into these matters for itself.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ewen Bryden to Wood - Apr. 8 - on difficulties of getting university cars unless you are in athletics, student teaching, or continuing education--call for investigation into this situation
2. Wood to Bryden - Apr. 12 - reply (matter will be put on the Senate agenda)
3. Sue McKenna to Wood - Apr. 13 - note on a nomination for the Financial Grants Committee (turned over to Nominations Committee)
4. (copy) Wood to Pres. Marvin - Apr. 14 - cover letter and petitions calling for further study of the conversion of the Buzzard stage

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Faculty Advisory Committee to IBHE - Sharon Bartling - At the April 3 meeting at Joliet Junior College, the committee named three members to draw up a proposal for

a Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) grant for a feasibility study of institutional interest and demand for short-term faculty exchanges.

Also Dr. Margaret Schmid of the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) and Dr. Charles Zucker, Executive Secretary of the Illinois Conference of AAUP, discussed their organizations' similar stands on teaching evaluations, temporary faculty appointments, faculty development, and funding priorities. Their position papers on part-time faculty are of particular interest. Part-time faculty now comprise about 51% of community college faculty, about 24% of four-year liberal arts college faculty, and about 20% of research university faculty. Their numbers are increasing as a way of avoiding institutional commitment to tenure. The basic concerns of the UPI and the AAUP are that part-time faculty not be exploited, not be engaged to replace full-time faculty, and not be under-qualified. The AAUP recommends modifying tenure arrangements to permit part-time faculty to qualify for tenure; AFT recommends a seniority list. Both recommend ranks for part-time and pay proportionate to the salary of full-time faculty with the same qualifications doing the same work. The AAUP favors voting privileges in departments for part-time faculty; the AFT wants part-time faculty integrated into the activities of the local union. Both are concerned with fringe benefits for part-time faculty. The next meeting will be May 1.

2. Nominations Committee - Cary Knoop - The committee now has possible nominations which it will discuss with student government representatives.
3. Elections Committee - Dan Hockman - A motion (Hockman/Hamand) asked for and received approval of the following dates for voting on the revision of the Senate Constitution:

Wed., April 29, 9 - 12, BEB 213H - absentee voting

Thurs., April 30, 8 - 5, Union lobby - regular voting

4. Constitution Committee - Dick Rogers - The motion to be voted on will be a simple approval or disapproval of the revised Constitution.
5. Social Committee - Jerry Sullivan - The Retirement Tea is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the 1895 Room of the Union. Flowers will be provided by June Johnson and Fred Preston.
6. Executive Committee - Leonard Wood - The following announcements were made:
 - a. The meeting of April 21 of the President with the faculty has been changed to April 24.
 - b. On April 21, the Senate will meet with members of the Union Advisory Board.
 - c. On April 28, the Senate will meet with Vice President Rives.

PROGRAM:

The Senate discussed the operations of the CUPB with its appointees: Carol Elder, Don Smitley, Bob Sonderman, and Gary Wallace.

Though the Council on University Planning and Budget is consulted about budgeting and planning priorities, nepers, space allocation, and other matters, it is more of an advisory body than a decision-making body. As teaching faculty, its four Senate-

appointed members lack the time to fully research every item that comes before the CUPB, though the records compiled by the administration are available for their perusal. To do the job conscientiously the members would need considerable released time as well as an active interest and competence in all matters affecting the university.

Since most of the faculty dissatisfaction seems to center around space re-allocation, both Carol Elder and Don Smitley suggested that the Senate might wish to recommend a change in the procedure by which such matters are finally decided on. After much discussion, a motion (Knoop/Sullivan) was made and passed to empower the Senate Executive Committee to draw up such a resolution requesting review of the specific physical changes (once they are determined) by teaching faculty and other members of the university community, especially those who are using or have used the facilities in question--this review to take place before the final plans are submitted to the CUPB or otherwise acted upon. Such a change would not only address itself to faculty objections to the present procedures but would also allow the kind of input which is not presently being utilized. The difficulty with the present system seems to be two-fold: first, that while those who will benefit from changes seem to be consulted--at least on the deanship level--those who stand to suffer from the changes are left with the impression that they are being ignored; and second, that the expertise of the faculty in general is being ignored when only selected representatives are consulted.

The Senate applauded the committee members for their past service and for their willingness to withstand sometimes rather warm questioning from the Senators.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union. Guests of the Senate will be members of the Union Advisory Board.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary

