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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of April 21, 1981

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

VISITORS: Dr. Richard Goodrick, Terry Roller, Jane Young, Bill Clark, Bonnie Bijak, Todd Daniels, R.W. Monroe, Tom Lamczyk, Lola Burnham (Eastern News)

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Library Advisory Committee - minutes of April 15 (available through the Faculty Newsletter, the Library has twelve Faculty Studies (enclosed carrels) with 2 faculty per study recommended and one study open for general faculty use.)
2. Robert Barford to Wood - Apr. 20 - on difficulties of meeting and working with the rest of the University Union Board
3. Bill Clark to Senate - copies of a sheet indicating the purpose, organization, and responsibilities of the University Union Board
4. (copy) Executive Committee of the Senate to members of the CUPB - Apr. 15 -

"(Because the faculty in general has serious reservations about the process by which space re-allocation is presently being determined, and because the Senate-appointed members of the CUPB cannot be expected to be experts on all space re-allocation matters, even with the information being provided for them by Vice President Miller's office, the Faculty Senate, as represented by its Executive Committee, presents the following recommendation to the CUPB for changes in the procedure for approving space re-allocations:

Once a recommendation of the actual and detailed space re-allocation is formulated, it should be publicized and presented to the university community, and at least two weeks should be allowed for university reaction to these specific changes before the material is brought to the CUPB for final action.)"

Wood noted that the recommendation has been presented to the CUPB at its April 20 meeting and had received favorable response, though no action was taken on it at that meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Senate meeting - Tues., April 28, Vice President Rives
2. Vote on revised Senate Constitution:
  - regular voting: Thurs., Apr. 30, 8 - 5, Union lobby
  - absentee voting: Wed., Apr. 29, 9 - 12, BEB 213H
3. Retirement Tea - Thurs., April 30, 2 - 4, 1895 Room, Union

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Social - Jerry Sullivan - Written invitations will be sent to retirees and their spouses.
2. A & S Dean Search - Jerry Sullivan - The interviews are finished and final deliberations will take place on April 23.

(At this point, the Senate moved into Executive Session for a time to discuss the 6 candidates.)

PROGRAM:

The Senate discussed various Student Union matters with some of the University Union Board members (Bill Clark, Terry Roller, Jane Young, Bonnie Bijak, Todd Daniels, R.W. Monroe, Tom Lamczyk). With respect to the Board's unorthodox meeting time of 5 to 7 p.m., Board representatives indicated that only at such hours could all 8 student members get together.

The Senators asked the Board members about current plans to turn the first floor of the "old" Union into social, recreational, and arts/crafts use (pottery, sewing, photography). Board members pointed out that students, having no such place to meet at the moment, tend to socialize at night either in bars or in the Library--causing study problems in the latter area. Many Senators favored returning the Union area to its former use as a dining area for faculty and community groups, but Bill Clark indicated that the cost for such a return would be prohibitive and probably would not pay for itself. Dick Goodrick raised the additional possibility of a Faculty Club in the Union. Board members were receptive to the ideas of both faculty dining and a Faculty Club but did not see the area in question as suitable. Bill Clark suggested adapting the Rathskeller area for faculty and community dining and indicated that the idea of a Faculty Club had actually been discussed in the past but had been rejected because fees (\$100 per faculty member with a minimum of 1/3 of the faculty participating) and pay-as-you-go costs would have to be too high to be practical.

The Board indicated that its primary concerns were utilizing the Union mainly for student use because it is supported by student fees, keeping the student subsidy for the Union to a minimum, and charging

appropriate fees for the use of the Union by non-student groups as a way of helping the Union pay for itself. Senators expressed dismay at the lack of quality food in the Union, at the lack of a quiet place for faculty and community groups to eat and converse, and at the lack of student support for the food services that now exist. Herb Lasky and Bill Clark discussed various possibilities that might allow more complete use of the food services by students but came to no mutual agreement on solutions.

Having lost a quorum, Wood thanked the Board members for their information and adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union. Vice President Rives will be the guest of the Senate.

Dick Rogers  
Faculty Senate Secretary