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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of February 16, 1982

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PRESENT: Cooper, Lynch, Gabbard, Rooke, S. Smith, J. Sullivan,
Stoner, Floyd, Goodrick, Hamand, Preston, Sutton, LeDuc,
Jacobs

ABSENT: Lasky

VISITORS: Fran Brolley (Eastern News), Sharon Bartling (Faculty
Advisory Committee to the BHE), Leonard Wood

COMMITTEE REPORT ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

1. Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee will hold its own elections.
2. Absentee voting will be conducted March 15, 10:00 to 4:00, in Room 439 (Sue Stoner's office) in Physical Science Building.
3. Stoner moved that the By-Laws of the Senate, #5, second paragraph, have the italicized words inserted:

"In the run-off election, ballots shall list not more than twice as many candidates as there are positions still unfilled in each major committee except in the case where all tied names will appear"

Goodrick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REPORT (from Hamand) CUPB meeting, February 15, 1982:

Aside from that reported in the Eastern News, Vice President Miller asked that the Senate and faculty be assured that "peak hour teaching be reduced for energy conservation purposes" was only in a talking phase.

REPORT from Sharon Bartling from the Faculty Advisory Board to the BHE meeting, December 4, 1982:

"The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Illinois Board of Higher Education has met twice since my last report.

"At the December 1 meeting in Chicago we observed a BHE meeting and then worked out the following budget recommendations, which are on-going, not just applicable to the 1983 budget:

'The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Higher Education in its December 1 meeting unanimously agreed on the following budget priorities.

Higher Education is of unique and central importance to the state of Illinois. Its importance exceeds that of many other claims on general revenue funds.

We urge the Illinois Board of Higher Education to act upon the following:

FACULTY COMPENSATION

Press for faculty salary raises figured on at least a 95% base and for a base large enough to attract and keep top quality people.

Increase salaries to meet the rate of inflation and to provide catch up funds for past deficiencies.

Explore a variety of health care options for public universities. Look for different carriers. Re-evaluate the methods of getting bids.

Survey faculty to determine the impact of tuition waivers for a faculty member's immediate family.

RETIREMENT

Fund the present system at the minimum required by statute. Investigate alternatives to the present system.

Push for an immediate and favorable ruling from the IRS on tax sheltering retirements.

ISSC

Maintain a high level of funding.

Fund the Academic Scholarship Program.

TUITION

Keep tuition increases at the minimum while searching for other methods of funding higher education.'

As you know, the BHE recommended a 90% salary base again this year rather than the 95% we asked for. The BHE also recommended funding of the State Universities Retirement System at the gross national payout level rather than what we asked for. However, the favorable ruling did come from the IRS on tax-sheltering retirements--though we can't take all the credit.

"At the January 29 FAC meeting at Elgin Community College, we learned of the operation and advantages of the LCS--Library Computer System, which fourteen colleges and universities in this state now belong to. The advantages for cutting costs of duplicating rarely used books are obvious. However, determining who should purchase what, who owns what, who stores what, and how long borrowers can keep books are some of the most obvious problems. Eastern does not belong to the LCS yet.

"On February 2, I heard Governor Thompson's address to the Board of Higher Education. He was supposed to have indicated what he planned to do with the BHE's budget recommendations, but because of the uncertainty about state funds, he is delaying a

decision. The Bureau of the Budget, in estimating the state revenue for January, was \$35 million over what actually came in. If this is a trend, we need to multiply this amount by twelve in order to see the extent of cuts Thompson will make somewhere. You know about his freeze on capital improvements. He also referred to the need to increase productivity and indicated that a top priority for state funds will be re-training of workers, the kind of thing done well by community colleges. He also tossed out the line that "there are no sacred cows in Higher Education."

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, March 2, 1982, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room.

E.G. Gabbard
Secretary