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FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of April 14, 1982

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

ABSENT: Jacobs

Stoner moved, seconded by Sullivan, that the Senate go into Executive Session with V.P. Rives.

Sullivan moved, seconded by Sutton, to come out of Executive Session.

REPORTS:

1. Bartling read the following report delivered to the IBHE:

Thank you for "formally adopting" rather than "approving" the Governor's budget. We hope that this word change makes it clear to all that the Board of Higher Education does not find the Governor's budget "satisfactory."

The Faculty Advisory Committee is deeply disturbed about the effect this budget will have on higher education in Illinois--the immediate and the long range effect. Some students will not be able to go to college unless there is more funding for the ISSC. To have fewer educated, productive citizens in the next years will mean more unemployment and more welfare. Community colleges where enrollment continues to rise dramatically need more funds than this budget provides. Faculty members at four-year institutions cannot continue quality instruction if they are concerned about paying their own bills. The young and most mobile will find teaching positions in other states where the pay is good.

All of us have heard and laughed at the expression "Keeping up with the Joneses." Now there is a new expression for an even worse philosophy: "Keeping down with the Joneses." To be told that we in Illinois universities are better off than those in Ohio, Michigan, or Minnesota is of no comfort. To be told that even though we have no salary increases we are better off than the unemployed in the state is of no comfort. We are accustomed to being ranked with those at the top of any scale, not at the bottom. Our accomplishments have been at the top. We expect a great deal of ourselves, our students, our institution, and, yes, of our state. We know states that are doing more for higher education than Illinois is. We know Illinois lawyers, physicians, and business people, professionals like ourselves, who are not facing a year of zero financial growth. How can a state still as rich in resources as Illinois value its faculty in Higher Education so little? How can the Governor expect us to "keep down with the Joneses"?

As he has indicated, Governor Thompson wants us to lobby for an increase in the liquor tax. If we work successfully for passage of that bill, we will expect fair increases for faculty and for

the ISSC, the two highest priorities named by the BHE staff.

2. Sue Stoner moved, Lynch seconded, that the following be accepted:

Following are the results of the 1982 Run-off elections submitted to the Senate for its approval. Winning candidates are indicated by an asterisk (*). 225 voters voted.

FACULTY SENATE

*William Searle 115
Jacqueline Jacobs 88

COUNCIL ON GRAD. STUDIES - Non A&S

*Robert Wiseman 53
Jayne Ozier 46

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

*James Quivey 113
*Ron Wohlstein 104
*Patricia McAlister 95
Robert Barger 91
Tom Elliott 77
Janet Holley 67

COTE - HPER

¹*J.W. Sanders 3
Patricia Flaughers 3
¹(Elected by the flip of a coin)

COUNCIL ON GRAD. STUDIES - A&S

*David Ebdon 48
William Weilir 43

Motion passed.

Stoner reported that an error occurred in the first election. Leonard Storm instead of George Whitson will represent Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics on the University Personnel Committee.

3. Sullivan announced that the Retirement Tea will be held Tuesday, May 4, 3:00 to 4:00 in the 1895 Room.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- From David Buchanan: the Textbook Rental System Study Committee will report its study to the Faculty Senate on April 27.
- From the Faculty Senate of Western Illinois University: their minutes of March 30, 1982.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Goodrick's following motion was passed unanimously:

TO: Governor Thompson, Speaker of the Senate Ryan, President of the Senate Rock, Executive Secretary Wagner of IBHE, Donald Walters, Executive Director of the Board of Governors, Senator Buzbee and Representative Wolf

We, the Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University, pass this resolution of protest to strongly object to the fact that of

all state employees provided for in the Governor's FY83 Budget Request only university personnel are being subjected to an implicit salary freeze.

The patent unfairness of the current proposed budget is multiplied by the fact that Eastern Illinois University personnel, faculty and staff alike, are woefully underpaid. The total cost per credit hour produced at Eastern Illinois University is \$77 as contrasted with an average of \$102 for all public universities in Illinois. The significance of this \$25 per credit hour difference is magnified by the fact that the credit hour figure is multiplied by the school's 10,000 students who average 15 credit hours each. This means that EIU is operating at \$3,750,000 saving to the state below the average cost. Some of this saving is the result of good management. Much is the result of oversized classes and workloads and underpaid faculty and staff. In effect Eastern Illinois university personnel are subsidizing the State.

Because of the disparity between salaries at EIU and its sister institutions we have consistently fallen further behind as each year's budget is computed on system-wide percentage increase for wages. We do not need a salary freeze. We need and respectfully request that our salaries be increased to the level of our colleagues in Illinois' other state supported universities.

2. Stoner moved, seconded by Floyd, to remove the motion concerning spring election of Senate officers. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

LeDuc moved, seconded by Sullivan, the following:

"We, the Faculty Senate of EIU, recommend that the administration take the long range view as they make plans to meet the present fiscal contingencies."

Stoner moved, seconded by Goodrick, to table the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room.

E.G. Gabbard
Secretary

(All right, "absolve" was a poor choice. Soooo I combined "abolish" and "dissolve." Take away my tenure. E.G.G.)