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FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of February 1, 1983

PRESENT: Rooke, Stoughton, Nordin, Reed, Searle, Goodrick, Gabbard,
Lynch, S. Smith, Floyd, Sutton, Heumann

ABSENT: LeDuc, Stoner

VISITORS: Sharon Bartling (Faculty Advisory Committee), Linda Wagner
(Eastern News), Geri Teater (Student Awareness Committee)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From John P. Cole, Chair, Apportionment Board, requesting an alternate for Dr. Melcon
2. From Ken Hesler - informing the Seante that \$850 have been allocated for the Distinguished Faculty Award
3. From Vice President Rives - a summary of current research on "Students' Evaluation of Teaching" from the December issue of AAHE (American Association of Higher Education) ERIC Research Currents
4. From the Student Senate - minutes of January 19.

REPORTS:

1. Sharon Bartling reported from the FAC:

The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Illinois Board of Higher Education met January 28 at George Williams College in Downers Grove. (I learned that George Williams was the founder of the YMCA.)

The program centered on problems in assessing quality and establishing criteria to insure quality in academic programs.

As I told you in my last report, the FAC was disturbed about McDonald's receiving operating approval for a management program for its employees, about the approval for more NOVA programs in this state, and about the numerous requests for approval from obviously shoddy institutions out of state. We realized that the current criteria will not keep out such programs as McDonald's. (As one member remarked, "With the current criteria, I could get approval for a program to train pimps and madams.") We decided that we wanted to consider revising the criteria.

At this meeting in Downers Grove, Larry Freeman, from the State Teacher Certification Board, cautioned us about establishing too rigid standards and about supporting too narrow legislation. He told us to question our motives in seeking laws to keep out certain programs, to ask whose interests we want to protect. He asked whether we want to eliminate competition in a time of de-

creasing enrollments or to protect consumers from fraud. He suggested that too restrictive criteria could kill innovative programs. While pointing out the dangers of too many restrictions, he also indicated that if there are no criteria to permit denial of approval, the whole process of evaluation becomes meaningless.

The ensuing discussion reflected the marvelous diversity of this faculty group. One member said we (present institutions) are all former "dance hall girls who have become respectable." He also suggested that we should not "tear down the courthouse to get rid of the pigeons." Another member suggested that if people are dumb enough to go into shoddy degree programs they deserve what they get: nothing. Most members, however, favored legislation that would require all independent colleges and universities and all out-of-state institutions to show the need for a new program. Presently, as you know, all Illinois public colleges and universities, must show that a new program which they want to offer is needed.

Dr. Robert Wallhaus, IBHE Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, shared with us a draft for legislation which would require independent institutions to meet the same criteria that publics now meet. The FAC will vote on whether to support this proposal at our next meeting.

2. Results of the Academic Program Elimination Committee (called for by the UPI contract) election:

Area I - School of Home Economics, School of Technology

Joyce Crouse 15 Elected
Wayne Coleman 3 Alternate

Area II - School of Business

Jerome Rooke 10 Elected
Leonard Meyer 1 Alternate

Area III - School of HPER

Kathy Doyle 5 Elected
J. W. Sanders 2 Alternate
William Smith 0

Area IV - School of Fine Arts

Mary Ann Bialek 11 Elected
Cary Knoop 11 Alternate
Clarence Blanchette 3

Area V - School of Education, Booth Library, Counseling Staff

Donald Rogers 4 Elected
Beverly Miller 2 Alternate

Area VI - Botany, Chemistry, Geography/Geology, Physics, Zoology

James Stratton 6 Elected
William Weiler 2 Alternate

Area VII - Economics, English, Foreign Languages, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Speech Communications, Speech Pathology

Edward Brazil 16 Elected
Don Garner 5 Alternate

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nominations Committee: Heumann replaces Rooke, LeDuc becomes chair and Floyd remains a member
2. Faculty Senate By-laws: Floyd moved, seconded by Stoughton, to table the Faculty Senate by-laws until the next meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Floyd moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the following resolution to be sent to Governor Thompson and the Illinois General Assembly. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: The institutions of higher education in Illinois have in the past provided the general knowledge, as well as the scientific and technological base, which has enabled the State of Illinois to be a national leader in agriculture, business, education, and research; and,
- Whereas: The quality of life enjoyed by Illinois citizens has been in large measure a result of the knowledge, as well as the scientific and technological base, provided by higher education in Illinois; and,
- Whereas: The documented declining revenue support, as adjusted for inflation, has resulted in significant reductions in program, equipment, quality faculty, and research capabilities over a ten year period; and,
- Whereas: The budget impoundments recently instituted in Illinois has exacerbated already critical conditions; and,
- Whereas: Failure to restore an adequate level of financial support for higher education will seriously weaken the very base upon which a meaningful recovery must be built; therefore,
- Resolved: That the Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University by unanimous action does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Illinois and its elected legislators to make additional revenues available to higher education through appropriate tax revisions.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:30. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be February 8, 1983, at 2:30 in the Martinsville Room.

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Secretary,
E. G. Gabbard