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Minutes of March 1, 1983

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

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

Correction to the minutes of February 22:

The Faculty Senate will Elect, not select, a member from the Senate to the BOG Council on Faculties.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From Student Senate - minutes of February 16.
2. From President Marvin - requesting travel funds from the Senate for FAC travel.
3. From BOG - Action Summary of Board Meeting of February 23-24.
4. From Council on Faculty Research - minutes of February 7.

REPORTS:

1. Sharon Bartling reported from the FAC:

The Faculty Advisory committee to the Illinois Board of Higher Education met at University of Illinois-Chicago February 25. Dr. David Pierce, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board, informed us of facts, trends and issues pertaining not only to community colleges but also to all institutions of higher education.

As "access institutions" with "an open door" policy on admissions, community colleges have half of the students in higher education, that is by head count, and 37% by FTE. While some private institutions have gone down in enrollment and most publics have stayed about the same, community colleges have had huge increases. Roughly half of these community college students receive A.A. or A.S. degrees and go on for bachelor's degrees; 35% don't go on; the other 15% are mainly involved in updating skills and taking workshops. The state contributes \$160 million of the \$450 million budget.

Pierce noted that because community colleges take "beginners," universities have been able to retain their emphasis on research. He also noted that community colleges are designated to handle remediation, freeing universities from such programs.

Pierce pointed out these trends:

1. The Federal government's role in higher education is diminishing.
2. Funding for community colleges is shifting from state to local funding, thus making community colleges more responsive to community needs.
3. Students are older at community colleges, the average age being twenty-seven.
4. Females are in the majority.
5. Community college faculties are older and tenured, two trends which will make maintaining the traditional flexibility hard.
6. Community colleges are increasing contacts with business and industry, offering them "customized training."

Pierce also listed some issues or concerns:

1. Cost of remediation. Reading comprehension has dropped two grade levels.
2. Corporations in education. More money is spent now in Illinois on in-house programs than is spent on all of Higher education. These corporation programs currently most affect community colleges, with duplication of their programs, but Pierce predicted that the corporations would soon want to offer their own bachelor's degrees.
3. Articulation. Some problems have arisen over capstone courses being offered on community college campuses. There is some concern that community colleges may use these as support for being turned into four-year schools. However FAC members mentioned some information to the contrary.

I think that we need to be aware of how important community college transfers are to us and to appreciate that what affects community colleges ultimately affects us.

2. The Executive Committee of the Senate reported that in their recent meeting with President Marvin he favored the evaluations of Deans and Chairpersons. He suggested the Senate work out the mechanics with Vice President Rives.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Senate spent most of the meeting discussing meritorious teaching awards. The union contract does not allow any monetary rewards for this year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on March 8, at 2:30, in the Martinsville Room.

Secretary,

E. G. Gabbard