

1983

September 20, 1983

Faculty Senate

Follow this and additional works at: https://thekeep.eiu.edu/facsen_mins

Recommended Citation

Faculty Senate, "September 20, 1983" (1983). *Minutes*. 858.
https://thekeep.eiu.edu/facsen_mins/858

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Senate at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in Minutes by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact tabruns@eiu.edu.

Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Booth Library Archives
Eastern Ill. University
Charleston, Illinois

Minutes of September 20, 1983

PRESENT: LeDuc, Searle, Morice, Reed, Gabbard, Sullivan, Goodrick, Stevens, Sutton, Ziegler, Rooke, Stoughton, Floyd, Nordin, Coon

VISITORS: Fred Preston, Pat Wright, Alan Aulabaugh; Jeff Connaughton, Deann Leatherwood, Carl Pugliese (Eastern News); Audrey Berman (Student Awareness); Pat Flaughter, Russ Fischer, Lorraine Flower (HPER)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From University Judicial Hearing Officer - reporting that Mike Weaver (Management/Marketing) has resigned from the Judicial Board
2. From 28 faculty members of HPER - a petition protesting the reduction of space in academic areas of their department. Lorraine Flower read the following paper to the Senate:

September 20, 1983

We wish to thank the Faculty Senate for inviting representatives of the Department of Physical Education to share their concerns regarding facility erosion. Last year the Senate invited all faculty to express concerns about any aspect of their roles and responsibilities. I know that two of us in the Department responded, indicating what had been happening to our instructional program because of time and space reductions. You may have seen copies of those letters. They were precipitated at that time by the loss of the weight training room to Athletics and the consequent reduction in size of the Gymnastics Gym in order to accommodate a weight room for instructional and recreational purposes. By the way, every major is required to take a gymnastics or stunts and tumbling course, so the room was well used, and its reduction in size has affected its effective utilization.

You may or may not be aware of other facilities which have been taken from physical education, and have, therefore, affected the quality and breadth of the instructional experiences provided for students: teaching space (as well as offices) in McAfee lost to Registration; Buzzard North Gym lost to Journalism; Buzzard locker and dressing room space lost to the TV Center; a classroom and seminar room in Lantz lost to Athletics; field space lost to Athletics--and not available for instructional use. We could go back even further and recall that the Pem Hall Gymnasium was converted into the Textbook Library. Although we are aware that this kind of action has occurred in other areas on campus, we feel that no academic area has been hit as hard as we have. Unlike confiscated classroom space, once our facilities are converted they are not usable for the same academic purposes in our program as they were. One of the problems may be that Physical Education and Athletics are synonymous terms in the minds of many of our colleagues and administrators across campus. Of course, this is a false assumption. Steps to enlarge the athletic program by usurping time and space have seriously affected the physical education instructional program and departmental credit hour production.

The latest incident which has caused our faculty concern is the unannounced onset of remodeling of the men's locker room facilities in McAfee in order to accommodate the Duplicating Center. Since this is a specialized area, any remodeling will, of course, be expensive (probably more so than enlarging the present setting of the Duplicating Center). If such remodeling funds are available, it would seem that they could be put to better use by the academic areas more directly involved in the building--a biomechanics laboratory, additional dance space, a crafts classroom for Recreation and Leisure Studies--all seem more appropriate academic usage of the space. Somehow money for academic usage has not been forthcoming. Yet, with an increase in enrollment more space is needed rather than the reduction in academic space which we have experienced. We are one of the largest departments on campus, servicing not only a large number of majors but also a majority of the general students.

Of as much, or greater, concern is the way in which many of our spaces have been taken. In some instances, our administrators have been contacted in advance and have, then, just "lost the battle". But in other instances, including the present one, decisions have been made without prior knowledge on the part of our Chairman, Dean or faculty. We suddenly observe someone with a tape measure and before we can find out why they are measuring, work (or as one colleague put it, destruction) has begun. We understand that buildings belong to the University as a whole and not to a Department. However, it would seem that professional courtesy would demand consultation about specialized facilities before decisions are made to convert academic areas associated with the instructional program to non-academic administrative areas.

The present project has been stopped momentarily--we hope permanently. Our Dean has been accorded a meeting with the Vice Presidents tomorrow. Therefore, we hope that our meeting with you or any reporting of this meeting will not jeopardize Dean Lowell's defense of our facilities. We request that any action you may deem desirable be delayed until the outcome of this meeting is known.

Perhaps, what we would most like you to consider is the potential effect on academic instructional programs by this continued space erosion, and the lack of communication relative to these matters. What is happening to us can happen to other departments--beware of those wielding tape measures! Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fred Preston reviewed his proposal for plaques naming emeritus faculty. Sullivan moved, seconded by Stevens, that the Senate endorse the emeritus faculty plaques being placed in departmental offices. Motion carried.
2. Sutton reported that Eastern is the only public university in Illinois with just a single unit designated as "College"; all BOG institutions except Eastern and Sangamon State have several "Colleges"; and the definition of "College" in Illinois appears to be any multi-department unit--except Eastern. Sutton moved, seconded by Nordin, that multi-department units now called "Schools" be renamed "College" at EIU. Motion carried. LeDuc moved, seconded by Stoughton, to table the motion. Motion carried.
3. Jane Ziegler was appointed by common consent to serve on the Search Committee for the Chief of University Police.
4. The Senate will invite the staffs affected by the reorganization of Home Ec and Ind Tech to appear on November 1 and any other interested people on November 8.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. After Flower read her paper Nordin moved, seconded by Reed, to invite Vice President Miller, the Senate appointees on the Council on University Planning and Budgeting, and Jeff Lynch to meet with the Senate to discuss the situation of space disappearing from academic use. Motion carried.
2. Lewis Coon presented the following position paper:

SUBJECT: Reconstitution of the Council on Academic Affairs

DATE: September 13, 1983

Article I, Section 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution states that the Faculty Senate shall be the parent committee of all major elective faculty committees within the university. One of these committees is the Council on Academic Affairs.

It is proposed that the Council on Academic Affairs, beginning after the next faculty election, be reconstituted to be composed of:

- 1 representative from each college or major academic unit ().
- 2 student representatives elected by the student body (2).
- additional faculty members elected at-large to bring the total number of Council members to fifteen.

Three times during my tenure at this institution the Council on Academic Affairs has modified the general education requirements drastically to "improve" the overall academic program. There are several academic units on the campus that felt under-represented during one or more of these modifications. I am recommending this change to bring the number of Council members up to a suitable number for the size of the university and to obtain representation for all constituent groups.

Pat Wright and Alan Aulabaugh opposed the plan because it would create an unwieldy situation in which an individual member would feel bound to represent his area's concern more than the university's. Sutton moved, seconded by Searle, to invite John Cole, President of the Student Body, and Glenn Good, Speaker of the Student Senate, to meet with the Faculty Senate to discuss Coon's plan. Motion passed. Nordin amended the motion, seconded by Sullivan, to postpone the invitation for two weeks. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Reed moved, seconded by Rooke, to go into executive session. Motion carried. Sullivan moved, seconded by Stevens, to come out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on September 27 at 2:15 in the Martinsville Room.

Secretary,

E. G. Gabbard