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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

December 6, 1983

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

ABSENT: Ziegler, Reed, Searle

VISITORS: Deann Leatherwood (Eastern News), Alan Aulabaugh

CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29:

1. Coon's motion concerning athletes should read on the bottom of the second page "... along with the proposal for making Freshman student/athletes ineligible ..."
2. Rooke seconded Coon's motion to reorganize the CAA.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From Mike Taylor and Dave Sardella - reporting that the Eastern News story on early enrollment (pg. 1, 12/5) was in error. New pre-registration process as outlined to the Senate on November 15 applies to all students who pre-register, not just those who "do not receive at least 12 hours" via the registration process.
2. From J. Mullally, chair of Library Advisory Board - requesting designation of four new alternates from the following areas: School of Business, School of Fine Arts, School of Home Economics, Departments of Geography/Geology, History, and Sociology.
3. From Bob Sonderman - commenting on the Eastern News story (11/30) about Coon's proposed reorganization of the CAA.
4. From President Rives - a copy of a letter from Vice President Miller which states in part that a leave accounting system is now under development for the BOG system. It will take 18 to 24 months to become operational. He recommends phone calls to Personnel Department in the interim.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Nominations: Floyd moved, seconded by Sutton, to appoint Jacque Jacobs to the Governance Sub-Committee for the North Central Accreditation visit. 11 votes aye, 1 vote nay.
2. Calendar Committee - a report of the Committee meeting with Dean Taber, December 5, 1983.

Two members of the committee, Smith and Coon, met with Dean Taber at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 1983. Dean Taber explained the constraints--decisions made by others as to how the calendar should be structured to the committee. With a spreadsheet covering eight years, 1976-77 thru 1984-85, on the desk, a quick scan across the years revealed how the constraints had been implemented in the past.

1. The Faculty (Senate) had asked for the final examination period to be one full/continuous week or five days in length.

2. President Fite on implementing the semester directed that the fall semester end prior to the traditional Christmas break.
3. President Marvin, after consulting with Vice President Williams and others, directed that the spring semester should end prior to the third full weekend (a Friday, Saturday) in May of each year. We house 1500 high school women track athletes the third weekend and 2200 men track athletes the fourth weekend in May. Hosting these track meets is a very favorable plus for EIU.
4. The Faculty (Senate) directed that the full week spring break should be during the last full week of March or overlap March and April.
5. The student and faculty senates worked for a one day fall break.
6. The state of Illinois has directed that Lincoln's Birthday will be the President's National Holiday in Illinois.
7. The U. S. Congress recently declared Martin Luther King's Birthday as a national holiday to be observed on the third Monday in January. Prior to their decision it was a state holiday.
8. Tradition has it that Labor Day is to be a day of observance, not of work.
9. Fall and spring blocks of time must advance or retreat to meet a changing calendar.

In addition:

- A. The registration office believes that they need at least two days before Christmas to process grades turned in, etc.
- B. The registration office believes that they need a full week to process grades, etc., between the end of a summer term and the fall term.
- C. Housing believes that they need adequate time to "clean and refurbish" dorm rooms before a new group of people begin residence.

Also:

- 1) Some faculty and staff believe that the Christmas break should be as long as possible.
- 2) Some faculty and staff believe that when classes are not in session ---

During the last eight years the two semesters have varied from 74/71, 74/71 to 72/75 to 74/76 class days in length. At times there has been a full week of break between examinations and Christmas (1983), and a full week between New Year's Day and Registration for the spring semester (1982 and 1983; The full week between the spring semester and Intersession has not occurred every year.)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Morice, Sutton, and LeDuc volunteered to serve on the BOG Policy Monitoring Committee. The Senate gave unanimous approval.
2. Sutton moved, seconded by Rooke, to remove Coon's motion about reorganizing the CAA from the table. Motion passed unanimously. After discussion Coon moved, seconded by Sullivan, "to table the motion so that it may sit as a live issue because it is making people think." Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sullivan presented a proposal, for discussion, to reorganize the university into the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, and the Graduate School. No action was taken.

COMMENDATION:

The Faculty Senate thanks Eastern News reporter Deann Leatherwood, who is leaving us, for her excellent coverage of its meetings this semester.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Nordin moved, seconded by Stevens, to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.
Coon moved, seconded by Stoughton, to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on January 17 at 2:15 in the Martinsville Room.

Secretary,

E. G. Gabbard