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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

April 17, 1984

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

ABSENT: Stoughton

VISITOR: Charlotte Arnold (Eastern News)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From William Roberts, Chair of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee - congratulating Marty Reed on conducting spring elections
2. From Rep. Lee Daniels, Minority Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives - responding to letter on underfunding of EIU
3. From Richard Wagner, Executive Director of IBHE - requesting Senate to nominate two people to the Faculty Advisory Committee of the IBHE
4. Minutes from: Council on Teacher Education, April 10;
Council on Academic Affairs, April 5 and April 12

BILL CLARK'S REPORT:

Clark reported that a faculty dining in the University Union is not feasible because not enough faculty members eat in the Union - this has been true for several years.

BILL SEARLE'S REPORT:

Because of bad weather, Eastern's Council of Faculty members did not attend the COF meeting February 5 and 6, 1984. Cited below is the report of that meeting presented by Dr. Alma Vinyard, COF chairperson, at the BOG meeting held at Chicago State University, February 23, 1984

The Board of Governors Council of Faculties met on February 6, 1984 at Governors State University in University Park, Illinois. As part of the old business on the agenda, considerable discussion ensued regarding maximizing faculty inputs to the Board. This continued and lengthy discussion arose from circumstances in which some Faculty Senate chairpersons informed Council of Faculties members that it is desirable that the Senate chairpersons be invited and encouraged to attend Board meetings. Those Senate chairpersons who expressed concern felt that such a relationship would enhance opportunities for interaction between BOG members and faculty representatives from the respective BOG institutions. The Council of Faculties chairperson has been directed to offer a resolution to this effect as soon as input from all Senate chairpersons has been collected.

The Council of Faculties also directed its chairperson to express concern regarding the delay in the ratification of the Council Constitution.

The committees met and continued their work. Committee reports evidence that the concerted efforts of each group are advancing toward timely completions.

Inclement weather did not prevent Eastern's representatives from attending the Council of Faculties meeting in the Board Room at Western Illinois University, April 8 and 9.

Dr. Pringle distributed copies of the COF constitution containing Dr. Walters' suggested revisions. A lengthy discussion of the proposed changes followed. Since many Council members thought the proposed revisions restrictive, the constitution was not ratified. Dr. Pringle said he would notify Dr. Walters of the Council's reservations concerning the revised constitution.

Several Council members questioned Dr. Pringle on Western's policy of retraining seventeen of its tenured instructors (from the departments of History, Physical Education, and Foreign Language). The policy includes twenty months of full pay, if those retrained are taught their new skills at Western; twenty-two months of full pay, if they are retrained at other universities. After stating that he is not an authority on Western's policy, Dr. Pringle noted that it follows guidelines stated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. In another discussion, some Council members urged chairpersons of Faculty Senates to attend BOG meetings, a motion approved unanimously during the February 6 meeting; others cited the time, cost, and the unlikelihood of being able to contribute as reasons not to attend the meetings.

Dr. Pringle reported that the BOG asked for a ten percent increase in salary for its faculty members, the IBHE asked for a seven and one-half percent, while the governor suggested five percent. The recent one percent increase in unemployment in Illinois, Dr. Pringle thought, would probably affect any salary increase.

The Academic Standards Committee presented a long draft of its report to the Council to be discussed and voted upon at the May 14 meeting. A draft of the Writing Skills committee's report will also be discussed at that time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sullivan moved, seconded by Reed, that the Faculty Senate approve the following letter to Dean Taber. 11 for, 1 against, 1 abstention

Dear Dean Taber:

On January 31 the Faculty Senate passed a motion (14-1) that recommended the length of a semester to be 15 class weeks of five days each with the understanding that a three-hour course would meet for forty-five 50-minute class periods or the equivalent. This time requirement would not include final examination week. This action was taken to secure the academic integrity of courses. Based on the above standard we find the proposed 1985-85 academic calendar allows insufficient time for Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes.

The proposed fall term reveals only forty-two MWF meetings instead of forty-five. In the Spring term MWF classes would meet only for forty-four sessions instead of forty-five. We recommend that the proposed calendar be revised. If binding commitments have been made which preclude such a change at this date, we strongly urge that the standard of forty-five class sessions of 50-minutes each be utilized for future academic calendars. Additionally attention should be given to the impact of Monday holidays on classes which meet only on Mondays.

For the Faculty Senate
Richard Goodrick, Chair

2. The petition relative to the underfunding of EIU was withdrawn from circulation in exchange for a promise by the union leadership to meet with President Rives and discuss the equity increase issue. The meeting was held Friday, April 13.

RETIREMENT TEA:

April 24, Tuesday, 2:30-4:00, in the 1895 Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on April 24 at 2:15 in the Martinsville Room.

Secretary,

E. G. Gabbard