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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

February 26, 1985

PRESENT: Norberg, Stevens, Sutton, Searle, Morice, Miller, Stoughton, Nordin, Ozier, Heumann, Smith, Coon, Reed.

ABSENT: Perkins, Oseguera.

VISITORS: Jaime Maya (Zoology); Joni Taylor (Eastern News); John Perry (student senator); Miguel Carrion, Waldo Zamorano, Caroline Villarreal, Martha Silva, student guest speakers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From the BOG, agenda of the meeting at Chicago State University, Feb. 22, 1985.
2. From the BOG, minutes of the meeting at Governors State University, Jan. 17, 1985.
3. From President Rives, President's Report to the Board of Governors, Feb. 21, 1985.

Smith moved, seconded by Coon, that the minutes of February 19 be approved as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRECTIONS: Top of Page 1984 should be 1985
 p. 42, item 9: involvement should be involvement
 appendix 2, pg. 1: Frank McCormick should be Frank
 McCormick (87).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Declining Minority Student Enrollment, Testimony of Hispanic Students: Faculty Senators, Jaime Maya, and several Hispanic students engaged in a lengthy discussion concerning the recruitment and retention of Hispanic students. Points of interest follow.
 - a. Approximately 55 Hispanic students attend Eastern, approximately 10 faculty members are of Hispanic descent.
 - b. All the Hispanic students agreed that they were not actively recruited by Eastern. Further they know of no Hispanic student at Eastern who was actively recruited.
 - c. Dr. Maya noted that frequently Hispanic students have great difficulty for the first year or two adjusting to Eastern, but by their junior year they do very well academically.
 - d. Waldo Zamorano pointed out that often Hispanics have to study harder to keep up.
 - e. Dr. Stevens noted that currently the English Department has only one instructor with the skill to teach English as a second language. At least one more is needed, but Dr. Stevens mentioned the difficulty of attracting faculty with ESL skills, given Eastern's low pay to new faculty.
 - f. Martha Silva expressed the need for some sort of Hispanic organization to help students keep in touch with Hispanic culture.
 - g. Dr. Maya thought that President Rives should write a letter to minority faculty encouraging them to offer their aid in retaining minority students.

MOTION:

Norberg moved, seconded by Coon, that the Faculty Senate recommends that a representative from the Office of Academic Assistance be included as a member of the Support and Retention Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrative Reorganization: The Senate discussed Chairperson Sutton's draft of a letter to President Rives concerning Senate reaction to VPAA Schick's proposed administrative changes. After some discussion, the Senate asked Chairperson Sutton to revise the draft.

3. SPRING ELECTIONS:

TO: All candidates in the Faculty Senate Elections scheduled for March 19-20, 1985.

FROM: Martin A. Reed, Chairperson, Faculty Senate Elections Committee.

SUBJECT: Candidates Questions and Answers.

The following is a list of questions, submitted by the membership of the representative body concerned, to be answered by the candidate seeking election to that particular body. Please find the question(s) appropriate to the office for which you are a candidate. Submit your answer to the questions or question --in typed form-- to Dr. Terry Perkins (Speech Comm -581-2016) no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 1985 in Coleman 114. Your response to each question should not exceed two hundred (200) words. All responses received in time will be published in the Faculty Senate Minutes of March 12. Should you have any questions, call Terry Perkins at 581-2016.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 19 AND 20

COUNCIL OF FACULTIES

1. What is the function and purpose of the Council of Faculties?
2. If elected, what particular issues do you intend to bring before the Council? Why?

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1. List and discuss substantive issues that the Senate should address.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. What is your perception of the role of the UPC under collective bargaining?
2. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the University Personnel Committee?

COUNCIL ON GRADUATE STUDIES

1. Should the number of assistantships be reduced in order to increase graduate assistant stipends?
2. Should the constitution of the CGS be changed in order to have proportional representation similar to the University Personnel Committee?

ACADEMIC PROGRAM ELIMINATION COMMITTEE

1. Under what circumstances do you think it proper to consider eliminating an academic program?
2. What kind(s) of information should the members have available in the decision-making process?

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

1. What should be the responsibilities of the Council on Teacher Education?
2. Why to you want to be a member of COTE?

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Elections Committee will deliver the questions by hand to nominees for the CAA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session: Reed moved, seconded by Searle, to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously. Coon moved, seconded by Heumann, to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Tuesday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room.

Secretary, Bill Searle