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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of April 8, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Sutton, Goodrick, Sullivan, Norberg, Smith, Heyduck, Miller, Ozier, Wiseman, Wohlrabe, Stevens, Morice

ABSENT: Coon, Perkins, Janes

VISITORS: Dr. Stanley Rives, President; Dr. Verna Armstrong, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dr. Ruth Dow; Dr. Luis Clay-Mendez; Mr. Jim Valeo, WEIU; Mr. Bill Dennis, Daily Eastern News

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From President Rives, memo noting he will recommend reinstatement of Fall break to be Friday, October 30, in the 1987-88 University Calendar for approval by BOG. (W 4/1/86; R 4/4/86)
2. From President Rives, telephone request to talk with the Senate regarding communication. (4/2/86)
3. From Lewis Coon, memo resigning from office of Secretary of Faculty Senate. (R 4/8/86)

The minutes of April 1, 1986 were considered. A motion (Wiseman, Norberg) was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion passed.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

1. From Vice-President Armstrong, regarding Liability Insurance: Dr. Armstrong reported that although the BOG system has a good record, with not many judgments against it, bids have been disproportionately high for the amount of coverage offered, therefore the BOG system approved a self-insurance plan for the first \$1 million of general liability coverage. A reserve fund has been established, to be maintained by all 5 universities in the system, with the amount in the fund set by actuarial studies. Regarding student insurance, the university is covered under its \$1 million general liability coverage, which should satisfy hospitals and other internship sites. (Other options are also available for providing students with additional coverage at reasonable cost.) Under the system of self-insurance, claims will be administered through Arther J. Gallagher Company. The fiscal agent for the reserve fund will be the BOG Treasurer. Risk Manager will be Assistant Vice Chancellor Hale. A group composed of the VPAF's, Vice Chancellor Linman, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Hale will develop procedures for handling claims, as well as a risk-management system. The BOG is currently seeking bids for insurance in excess of the \$1 million level, as well as property insurance for buildings financed through bond revenues. Senator Morice raised a question regarding personal liability for faculty. Dr. Armstrong replied that as the BOG system has been concerned primarily with replacing lost coverage, it is unlikely that personal liability coverage will be added in the near future. Visitor Dr. Ruth Dow raised a question regarding internship students being rejected at Sara Bush Lincoln Medical Center unless they purchased their own liability insurance. Dr. Armstrong replied that a clearance had been obtained from Sara Bush and that there should be no problem with this semester's interns. In response to a question concerning

the impact of potential large claims, Dr. Armstrong pointed out that the reserve fund would be maintained in a manner consistent with insurance company practice to provide for such claims. She urged faculty members wherever possible to support legislation aimed at controlling the problem.

2. From President Rives: Dr. Rives requested an executive session. The Senate went into executive session at 2:30. The Senate came out of executive session at 3:45.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nominations Committee: Goodrick is serving as a member of the Foundation Grant Comm.
2. Elections Committee: Discussion and action on the election guide prepared by Perkins was deferred until the April 15, 1986 meeting.
3. Social Committee: Sullivan advised the Senate of preparations for the annual tea honoring retirees and their spouses, which will be held on Tuesday, April 29, from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. in the 1895 room.
4. Student-Faculty Relations Committee: Norberg announced that the next scheduled meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business, and that the committee recommends that textbook evaluations be administered during teacher evaluation periods and that the results be given to departmental text selection committees. The suggested evaluation form will be discussed and voted on at next week's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The chair appointed an ad hoc committee composed of Sullivan, Scott, Norberg, and Ozier to consider issues of pressing concern.

A motion to adjourn was made by Miller and seconded by Sullivan. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol D. Stevens, Secretary Pro Tem

Agenda:

election guide
textbook evaluations
report of ad hoc committee

TO: FACULTY SENATE
FROM: STUDENT-FACULTY COMMITTEE

The committee recommends that the following questions be given during the teacher evaluation. They could be included on the Purdue Evaluation, The Departmental Evaluation or as a separate sheet. The data received should then be given to the departmental textbook selection committee or committees.

1. My text(s) is/are an effective learning tool. yes no
2. Is the language of the text suited to the level of the course? yes no
3. Is the material biased in any way? yes no
If yes in what way?
4. Is the material in your text up-to-date? yes no
5. Does the text material benefit the student? Benefit Some benefit
 No benefit
6. Additional comments: