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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of April 15, 1986

The meeting was called to order at about 2 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Perkins.

VISITORS: Carol Roehm, The Daily Eastern News; Bob Whittenbarger; Joe O'Mera, student government; a student from the Educational Psychology Department.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From Ed Brazil, telephone call concerning student evaluation of textbooks.
2. Action Summary of the Board of Governors April 3, 1986 meeting.
3. Memo concerning the success of the EIU Debate team, received April 15, 1986.
4. Memo from Kathleen Shank concerning the election of COTE "at large" representatives.

Wiseman moved to approve the April 8 minutes. Janes said Special Reports #2 should include a reason for the executive session, which was a discussion of employment. Sutton moved to approve the minutes with this stipulation. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Textbook evaluation proposal
Student government representative Joe O'Mera spoke on behalf of a proposal to allow students to evaluate textbooks. Concern was voiced about overlap into union matters, separation of textbook and faculty evaluations, and specific usage of the data collected. The matter was returned to committee for revisions.
2. Election Guide
Because Perkins, author of the Election Guide, was absent and several Faculty Senators had not seen this, discussion of the Election Guide was postponed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nominations Committee: Sutton reported that this committee is compiling recommendations to Student/Faculty Boards and expects a report next week.
2. Distinguished Faculty Award: Miller said a selection has been made which the President will announce at commencement.

3. Constitution Committee: Smith reported that the committee is having difficulty incorporating into the constitution the Advice and Counsel Article, the intent of which was approved by faculty at the March election. Smith moved that this article be included in the constitution as a separate article. Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Social Committee: Sullivan reported details of the April 25 dinner at the Charleston Country Club.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sutton nominated Wiseman for Faculty Senate secretary to replace Coon. Sullivan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Faculty Senate thanks Coon for his service as Senate secretary.

3. The Senate discussed a memo from K. Shank regarding the COTE election, in which faculty from some colleges elect representatives at large and others by specific areas. COTE changed its bylaws in 1984 with no specific communication to the Senate. No mention was made of this change in the 1985 election. Now, however, since the matter has been called to Senate attention, both the 1985 and 1986 election results might be in question. Two issues were defined: did COTE have jurisdiction to change its bylaws and should the 1986 election be rerun. The Elections Committee was directed to review these matters for next week's agenda.

4. At 3:12 p.m., Wiseman moved to go into executive session to discuss employment. Motion passed.

5. The Senate resumed regular session at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Durkin Wohlrabe
Secretary Pro Tem

4-22-86 Agenda:

- VPAA, Buckellew, Marty Reed on the name change in the Department of Health education.
- VPAA report on the annual program review
- COTE elections
- headcount on the Faculty Senate dinner
- Nominations Committee report on Student/Faculty boards

4-29-86 Agenda:

- nominations report for approval by May 1
- election of Senate officers
- retirement tea/reception
- discussion on textbook evaluation