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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson North at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union.

PRESENT: John North, Gary Foster, Michael Loudon, Bill Heyduck, Sharon Bartling, Evelyn Goodrick, Andy McNitt, Ron Sutliff, Kipp Kruse, Nancy McMillan, Bob Barford, Tony Schaeffer, Robert Wiseman

ABSENT: Tony Oseguera, Larry Janes

VISITORS: President Rives; Jayne Ozier, President, EIU/UPI; John Rearden, V-P, EIU/UPI; Bill McGown, Psychology; Jo Barger, Academic Advisement; Bob Megginson, Mathematics; Jeff Smith, Eastern News; David Lehrer, Eastern News

- I. Minutes of the January 19 meeting were approved as presented.
- II. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. Received from COTE a letter requesting a replacement for Kathy Doyle.
 - B. Received materials from the BOG meeting of Jan. 21.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Schaeffer reported that Paul Rao suggested that the Library Advisory Board might provide a model for a Computer Advisory Board. He favors the model but noted that the Academic Computing Committee is meeting more regularly and suggests a wait-and-see attitude.
 - B. North reported on his reactor role at the BOG meeting, and noted that Dr. Jack Schuster of UC-C Claremont addressed faculty problems/issues.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. President Rives was present and addressed the following points: 1. The mid-year budget (FY 88) review process (to get funds where they are most needed by line item) was combined with the mid-year tuition increase funds available. Decisions were made yesterday and funds are being distributed through the deans. This provides an additional \$800,000 but does not restore budgets to the originally planned levels, except for the library book and serial budget. 2. The FY 89 budget was approved at the first stage by the IBHE. It includes a 10% faculty/staff salary increase for all institutions. EIU had approved the the largest increase of any of the 12 institutions. 3. The State Board of Education and the IBHE will meet for the first time on Feb. 2 in Chicago. Thompson will address the Boards. Without a tax increase, the level of funding for education will be the same or perhaps reduced. Both Boards support a modest increase in taxes. Ultimately, such support must be a concerted effort of all elements of education and Rives invites faculty, students and alumni to present the best possible defense of any tax increase. 4. Concerning enrollment management, Rives noted the increasingly early closure of enrollments. Because we are closing so many avenues earlier, it is anticipated that more students may seek summer enrollment to ensure fall admission. If this occurs, it may be necessary to close summer admissions (i.e., not cutting back summer enrollment, but keep it from escalating) to keep student numbers in line with available resources and protect the quality of EIU. 5. The Coleman Hall Annex is now #3 in priorities, high enough for FY 89 approval. The critical step beyond legislative approval is release of funds by the governor.
 - B. Concerning the UPI decertification issue, Bob Megginson was present in the stead of Lewis Coon. The petition being circulated asks the IELRB to hold an election to: "1. De-certify the AFT Faculty Federation-BOG Local 3500, AKA UPI-BOG Council 4100 as the exclusive bargaining agent for the faculty employees in the BOG Universities as not truly representative of the faculties - we no longer wish to be represented by this group. 2. In the event that the UPI-BOG Council 4100 is recertified as the exclusive bargaining representative