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

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

ABSENT: John North, Robert Wiseman, Larry Janes

VISITORS: Bob Whittenbarger, Rep. to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee; Jeff Smith, Eastern News; David Lehrer, Eastern News

- I. Minutes of the January 26 meeting were approved as presented.
- II. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. Received from Bob Whittenbarger a memo suggesting Senate support of Coach Bob Spoo's increasing academic concerns among Eastern's athletes.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Oseguera reported that the International Concerns Committee was going to meet Feb. 4, but the meeting will be postponed since the VPAA is unable to meet at that time. He also reported that he, along with Ping Chen and Colleen Moore of EIU and George Tuttle of ISU will be presenting a panel on Feb. 20 on internationalizing college campuses.
 - B. Heyduck of the Nominations Committee noted that Hank Pierson and Kathy Doyle have resigned from COTE and moved that Jerry Ligon and Marilyn Morrow be appointed, respectively, to fill these vacancies for the remainder of the year (Schaeffer, second); passed unanimously.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Bob Whittenbarger, EIU's representative to the IBHE's Faculty Advisory Committee, was present to report on FAC's meeting of Jan. 29. There were 2 explicit agenda items and 1 implicit item: 1. There was FAC discussion of the interim report from the Joint Committee on Minority Student Achievement (of the IBHE & ISBE). The interim report solicits feedback. The final report is to be: a) shorter, b) targeted to the unconvinced rather than to the 2 state boards, and c) offer general priorities rather than a specific blueprint. FAC's input is to consist of a body of recommendations by Emily Dundale of Illinois Wesleyan; it is suggested that many of the issues have to do with income and not simply with ethnicity, and go beyond education. 2. FAC also considered a draft of an IBHE document entitled "Request for Information on Undergraduate Education." This calls not for a one-time report but for progress to be monitored and a status report to be given periodically. It includes a section on methodology to assess progress and quality of undergraduate instruction. He noted that the questionnaire designed to collect data seems more oriented to research institutions, but that teaching institutions would receive the same questionnaire. He suggested that the Faculty Senate react to the structure of the questionnaire so that the interests of schools such as Eastern are reflected. The final version will go out in late March or April, with responses due by July and a report released by September or October. He will make a copy of the draft document available to North for dissemination to Senators. 3. Implicitly, it seems that the hierarchy of the IBHE and the chain of command/dissemination may distort information as it moves down and up the channels. This is significant since faculty will ultimately be a source of information through IBHE questions.
 - B. Bartling has discussed with North the image problem of higher education in Illinois and has suggested some forum to bring legislators to campus to show them first hand what we as faculty do on a daily basis. She suggests a joint effort with the Student Government. Keith Sanders of SIU-C is serving as a