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The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair 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, Pal Rao, Kipp Kruse, Tony Schaeffer, Nancy McMillan
ABSENT: John North, Andy McNitt, Tony Oseguera, Bob Wiseman, Bob Barford, Ron Sutliff
VISITORS: Julie Ehmen, Eastern News; Ali Dashti, Eastern News

Lacking a quorum, the following minutes are informational only.

- I. Minutes of the March 8 meeting could not be approved, lacking a quorum.
- II. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. Received from the Committee on Academic Computing its minutes of Feb. 26.
 - B. Received from Glenn Williams a letter concerning Touch Tone Registration and requesting time for Sandy Gallion to present to the Senate a video tape on AIDS, alcohol and drugs.
 - C. Received from Sam Taber a letter concerning Touch Tone Registration.
 - D. Received from Andy McNitt his letter of resignation from the Senate.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Goodrick of the screening committee for the associate VPAA reported that Dr. Charles Colbert of Emporia State University who was scheduled to be on campus yesterday and today had to postpone because of illness; he is rescheduled for the beginning of next week. Faculty Senate will meet with him at 2:00 pm on Monday, April 4, in the 1895 Room. Tomorrow, Dr. Roy Stewart of Slippery Rock University will be on campus; Faculty Senate can meet with him at 2:00 pm in the 1895 Room.
 - B. Schaeffer, chair of the Elections Committee reviewed the polling procedures for the Senators working faculty elections Wednesday and Thursday (March 30 and 31). As a correction to last week's minutes, Schaeffer noted that for the Council on Graduate Studies, Patricia McAlister (from the area of Bus Adm, Gerontology, HEC, HPER, and Tech) did not wish to seek a position. For the University Personnel Committee, Judith James (from the area of Botany, Geol/Geog, and Zoology) will run for a position. The printed ballots reflect these corrections.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Bartling reported on the Council of Faculties meeting of March 27-28 in Springfield. Ron Messina, the BOG Vice-Chancellor for Public Affairs and Development, discussed the tax increase campaign with the COF. He noted that that if we don't get a tax increase in 1988, we'll not have another likely opportunity until 1993. Every 10 years, Illinois does a redistricting, redrawing the map for legislative districts. The party in power at the time of the redistricting benefits, usually by controlling the numbers in the House and Senate for the next 10 years. Redistricting will occur in 1991; thus, the 1990 election will be crucial and politicians will not want to consider controversial issues such as tax increases. To pass a tax increase, it is necessary to get 60 votes in the House and 30 in the Senate. While there are 60 Democrats in the House who support the increase, they are going to wait for at least 24 Republicans in the House and 13 in the Senate to agree to an increase. The Democrats want the Republicans to share the responsibility for raising taxes. Messina noted that state-wide, there has been a great deal of talk about the need for an increase. The Chicago Tribune favors an increase. It is now time for letters to be sent to individual members of the General Assembly. When asked about the effect the proposed tax increase would have on family income, Messina indicated that a family with an income of \$25,000 would pay an average of about 50 cents per day for the increase. Pringle will be on

campus Wednesday (March 30) for the annual program review. He will emphasize the need for off-campus degree programs, and will look at small departments with few faculty members. He supports critical thinking and writing across the curriculum (envisioned as writing in all classes). He feels that General Education is very important and noted that most campuses have too many courses listed as General Education (some schools have 250-280 courses listed as Gen Ed). Without a tax increase, one possibility is that chairs' positions in small departments might be eliminated and that these departments would be combined with other departments. The Council continued its discussion of General Education.

- B. Bartling, chair of the Senate Committee for a Tax Increase, noted that Faculty Senators will be asked to be responsible for their buildings and will go office to office soliciting letters to be written to Woodyard and Weaver. This will include not only faculty members, but secretaries and support staff as well. Informational sheets will be made available for dissemination. Kruse noted that many faculty who are leaving are not just trying to make a move up and are not being forced out merely by a lack of salary but also by a lack of facilities, research support and so on, and that the flight will possibly continue into the 1990s.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next meeting will be at 2:00 pm, April 5.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary S. Foster