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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: Gary Foster, John North, Bill Heyduck, Sharon Bartling, Evelyn Goodrick, Kipp Kruse, Tony Schaeffer, Nancy McMillan, Bob Barford, Bob Wiseman, Michael Loudon  
Tony Oseguera

ABSENT: Ron Sutliff, Pal Rao

VISITORS: President Stanley Rives; Mike Harris, Eastern News; Mary Tate, Eastern News

I. Minutes of the April 19 meeting were approved as presented.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Received from Chancellor Thomas Layzell the amendments to the BOG Bylaws, Governing Policies and Regulations.
- B. Received from the BOG an action summary of the April 14 Board Meeting.
- C. Received from John Faust the following resolution which was passed unanimously by the Library Advisory Board at its April 6 meeting: "After discussion regarding the substantial percentage increases in the cost of books and periodicals in the last decade and the lack of equal or greater state allocated funding and the growing 65% of the total book, periodical budget already being used by periodicals; Be it therefore resolved that recognition be given to the major problems and needs of Library Services book/periodical collection to sustain curriculum and accreditation support for Eastern Illinois University and that major additional funding is urgently needed." The resolution was sent to the President.
- D. Received from the BOG reservation forms for the next Board meeting May 18-19 in Normal, Illinois.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. North presented a copy of the letter (drafted by North and Bartling) to Ms. Nancy Froelich, Chair of the BOG, conveying the senate's motion requesting that the BOG reconsider its position on the airing of "The Untouchables." Copies were also sent to Chancellor Layzell, Governor Thompson, President Rives and to the Faculty Senates at the other BOG schools.
- B. The proposed Radio/TV Board changes were again considered. While some senators felt that the changes produced a booster club and not an advisory board, others felt that more community involvement/support, in light of the BOG's denial of airing "The Untouchables," would be relevant. Some saw it in a public relations context that departs from curricular matters. It was suggested that John Beabout be invited to present the rationale for the proposed changes.
- C. Oseguera, chair of the International Committee, reported that the past committee's work has been reviewed, and he recommended that the committee continue next year with the same membership for continuity.
- D. McMillan, of the Senate Committee on a Tax Increase, reported that about 200 letters have been sent to Woodyard and Weaver and that many faculty have stated that they sent their letters directly to the legislators.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Rives addressed the Senate. He noted that he met with the Senate Appropriations Committee April 21 regarding General Assembly appropriations. The major issue (any tax increase to increase revenues to support all levels education) is not yet being addressed by the committee. The major issue at the meeting was loss of faculty, and they are now gathering data. The U of I is experiencing double the loss, compared to a year ago, as is EIU. Regarding a tax increase, the most significant development is a news release of a poll by Illinois Issues. Some 69.2% of respondents from the statewide sample said they would support a tax increase to provide additional revenues for state

education. About 67% said they would vote for a legislator who voted for a tax increase; this erodes the legislators' argument that they would be turned out of office by constituents if they supported any increase. Rives also noted the letter by Jim Nolan in April 25's Chicago Tribune advocating a tax increase. When asked about the variant use of research CU's across campus, Rives noted that departments were free to assign research or public service CU's up to a 24 hr. maximum; beyond 24 hrs. needs the approval of the dean and the VPAA. EIU, given the level of funding, has not been able to put as much into research and public service. Concerning sabbatical criteria, Rives noted that it must first be determined that the application is academically acceptable; once that decision has been made, seniority becomes the major consideration and date of initial employment is a factor. Concerning faculty that have left or are leaving, Rives noted that some legislators appreciate what it really means and some do not, some care and some do not. While Weaver and Woodyard previously stated that there was a lack of effective leadership for a tax increase, Rives felt that the leadership is quite effective in that Mike Madigan has not put his stamp of approval on a tax increase. When asked about the BOG's control of EIU expenditures over \$10,000, regardless of the source of the monies and the lack of autonomy for Beabout, Rives said that he would refrain from any statement until the BOG issues a statement, perhaps in response to the Faculty Senate's motion, and he has a chance to review it. Revision of the governing policies and board regulations has been occurring for the past two years (including movement of approval from the \$10,000 level to the \$25,000 level) and the revised policies may be adopted at the board's June meeting. Reputationally, Rives feels that Illinois has been hurt in hiring efforts in the future. The current issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education includes an article on the difficulties of education in Illinois.

- B. Bartling suggested that the Faculty Senate send letters of appreciation to the newspapers represented by reporters at last week's Senate meeting to cover the BOG-Untouchables affair.
- C. The BOG's Council of Faculties will meet at EIU May 1-2 in the Applied Sciences Building.
- D. Schaeffer moved (Heyduck, second) that the senate support the concerns of the Library Advisory Board (in the Communications above) and endorse and affirm its resolution; passed unanimously.
- E. Faculty Senate officer elections will be held next week.
- F. The retirement tea will be Monday, May 2 from 2:00 - 4:00 in the 1895 Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be at 2:00pm, May 3.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary S. Foster