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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
Ron Sutliff

ABSENT: Tony Oseguera, Pal Rao

VISITORS: Pat Fewell, Secondary Ed.; Bob Whittenbarger, EIU's representative to the IBHE's Faculty Advisory Committee; Deborah Clifton, Ed. Psych. & Guidance; John Beabout, Director of Radio/TV; Mike Harris, Eastern News; Mary Tate, Eastern News

I. Minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved as presented.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Received from Lewis Coon a letter concerning sick leave.
- B. Received from President Rives a letter noting that an additional \$31,000 was just allocated to the library this fiscal year.
- C. North met with Chancellor Layzell and reported that the BOG would be responding by letter this week to the Senate's motion that the BOG reconsider its action concerning "The Untouchables."

III. OLD BUSINESS;

- A. John Beabout was present to discuss the proposed Radio/TV Board change. He briefly discussed the history and development of what is now the Radio/TV Center. The Board currently consists of 3 faculty and 4 students; the proposed board would consist of 1 member each from the VPAA's office, University Relations, Council of Chairpersons, Deans' Council, Faculty Senate, Student Government, Charleston Chamber of Commerce, Mattoon Chamber of Commerce, East Central Illinois Development Corporation, EIU Foundations; 1 student representative from the Radio/TV Center; 3 professionals, each from TV, radio, and broadcast news; 4 lay people, 1 each from Charleston, Mattoon, Paris and Effingham; and John Beabout as a nonvoting member. Beabout noted that the present board composition is not normal for a university station, but is acceptable. The proposed composition is more typical and would be an asset in fundraising. Sub-boards of the proposed board would address academic concerns, professional standards and lay interests/concerns. The board would still be advisory, not governing since the BOG holds the license. Schaeffer moved (McMillan, second) to approve the new board composition; 5 yes; 6 no; 1 abstention. The primary objection focused on a lack of faculty representation.
- B. North reported that 12 of the 14 retirees attended the Senate sponsored retirement tea May 2.
- C. Heyduck, chair of the nominations committee, nominated Pat Wright for the alternate to the Faculty Advisory Committee; unanimously accepted.

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 April 29-30. Ted Sanders, Director of the Illinois State Board of Education, discussed the cooperation among different levels of education in Illinois. He felt that the likelihood of something positive happening, with respect to a tax increase, is greater this year than last year, but that the first crunch time would be in early June to see if all the train is still on the right track. More legislators seem to support a tax increase this year. Results from the Illinois Issues poll and the WCIA poll also seem to support a tax increase to benefit education. Ross Hoedell, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs of the IBHE, noted that the legislature can consider any substantive bills in odd years and can consider only budget bills and emergency items in even years. There will be 3 TV

commercials airing in June to communicate the plight of education in Illinois. In May, the Illinois Scholarship Commission will host a "scholarship day" to focus on the scholarships that WON'T be available. Similarly, there will also be a "library day" and a "brain drain day." HB 3342 introduced by Rep. James Keane would offer tuition waivers for the children of faculty who have been employed 7 years or more at Illinois universities. Those who support the bill are encouraged to write. Whittenbarger made available to Senators copies of the Illinois Issues poll on "The importance of being educated" and provided the Senate with an analysis of retirement systems, including our faculty system; Pension Overview (Feb., 1988) from the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission. The system is about half a billion dollars behind.

- B. Bartling, EIU's representative to the BOG's Council of Faculties, reported on the COF meeting of May 1-2. Dr. Robert Pringle, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, reported that at the legislative hearing April 21 for the budgets for BOG schools, he had no sense of who favored what, and that everyone seems to be waiting to see what will happen to the proposed tax increase. He suggested that COF members be invited to future program reviews at the 5 BOG schools. He expressed concern that some graduate programs have low enrollment and that graduate students are taking undergraduate courses. The BOG will focus on quality and will issue criteria for judging quality. The COF will meet June 6 at Chicago State to complete its work on General Education.
- C. Concerning the letter from Coon about sick leave, faculty, unlike civil service, do not have sick leave days reported on their check stubs. We accumulate 1.75 days each month up to a maximum of 300. Days accumulated since Jan. of 1984 can be compensated at half pay upon retirement/resignation, or can be used toward retirement years. Days accumulated prior to 1984 can only be used toward retirement years. The 300 day ceiling is arbitrary. Rather than using sick days first accumulated for illness, the most recent accumulated days are used, reducing the compensatable days. Schaeffer moved (Goodrick, second) that the senate urge the union to recognize the irrationalities apparently inherent in the present system and give it due investigation and to copy the President (Rives); passed unanimously.
- D. The Senate held its elections for next years officers. Schaeffer nominated (Kruse, second) Foster for chair; Bartling moved that nominations be closed and elect Foster by acclamation (Barford, second); unanimous. Kruse nominated Schaeffer for vice-chair (Wiseman, second); Barford moved that nominations be closed and elect Schaeffer by acclamation (Bartling, second); unanimous. Bartling nominated David Carpenter for secretary (Barford, second), and Goodrick nominated Pat Fewell for secretary (Heyduck, second); Fewell elected secretary 8 to 3.
- E. The Senate wishes to thank those senators who will be stepping down for their time, effort and contributions. Those leaving the Senate are Bill Heyduck, Pal Rao, Bob Wiseman and Ron Sutliff.
- F. Tentatively, the Senate will meet June 22 and August 3. North will confirm definite times and dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary S. Foster