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Minutes of January 31, 1989

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

PRESENT: Gary Foster, John North, Nancy McMillan, Ed Marlow, Tony Schaeffer, Laurent Gosselin, David Carpenter, Kipp Kruse, Ron Sutliff, Luis Clay Mendez, Glenn Hild, Evelyn Goodrick, Michael Loudon

ABSENT: Pat Fewell, Robert Barford

VISITORS: none

- I. Minutes of the January 24 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Glenn Hild should be recognized as present; President Rives should be recognized as a visitor; III.A. - Student, not Studnet/Faculty Boards; IV.A. - supplemental appropriations bill, not supplemental tax bill
- II. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. Received an announcement of the BOG meeting of Feb. 24 at Governors State.
 - B. Received CAA minutes of Jan. 19
 - C. Received from Chancellor Layzell, amendments to the BOG Regulations concerning copyrights and patents
 - D. Received from Leonard Storm, COTE Chair, a request for an alternate for Marilyn Wilkins because of a scheduling conflict.
 - E. Received an Action Summary of the BOG meeting of January 19
 - F. Received a call From Bill Heyduck, Chair of the Faculty Excellence Awards Committee, stating that the time period to be considered for Faculty Excellence Awards this year is from January, 1988 to January, 1989
 - G. Received a request that the IBHE's FAC representative make reports of FAC meetings to the Faculty Senate
- III. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Tony Schaeffer reported that the Committee on Academic Computing met Jan. 27. Dean Laible is chairing a subcommittee to look at the use of microcomputer labs in Blair, Coleman and Old Main; the subcommittee will meet mid-Feb. Upgrading the Educational Computing Network (ECN) was discussed. David Henard gave a demonstration of the Local Area Network (LAN); Shirley Karraker can provide information for future demonstrations. Senate discussion suggested that Computer Services might do more in the area of publicizing and explaining all the services it provides.
 - B. Kipp Kruse, Chair of the Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee, reported that Dan Thornburgh informed him that the Committee account currently has a negative balance, but discussions are ongoing to hopefully resolve this. Kruse has sent letters to President Rives, Student Government and the Alumni Office soliciting appointments to fill out the committee.
 - C. Foster reported that the Centennial Celebration Committee met Jan. 30. A subcommittee reported that the President and the VPAA supported a university archives, and it is hoped that a financial commitment will be forthcoming. Historical questionnaires are being drafted to be sent out to departments, campus organizations and other units to assess the various histories. In this vein, Foster called for Senator volunteers to comprise a history subcommittee of the Faculty Senate.
 - D. Foster reported that the Athletic Director Search Committee met Jan. 28. A 7:00 AM, Monday meeting time was established, and the committee is in the process of developing an internal checklist of desired characteristics to standardize the evaluation of applicants.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Evelyn Goodrick, Chair of the Senate Nominations Committee, reported that no replacement has yet been identified for COTE. The designated alternate also a time conflict.
 - B. The Senate discussed at length the proposed amendments to the BOG Regulations concerning copyrights and patents. Several questions arose before the Senate

meeting and James Tidwell, Journalism, contacted by Foster, addressed a number of them. The amendments generally address copyright/patent ownerships and the issue of "work for hire" (and whether benefits of such ownership and ownership itself revert to the faculty member, the university and the BOG system, or some combination thereof). Specific questions arose, largely because of the general language and lack specificity in the amendments. The Senate recognized that its questions could not be answered without the input of legal opinion and interpretation, and the Senate further felt that the proposed amendments were of sufficient importance to warrant more time for discussion and examination. Chancellor Layzell has requested that comments be returned to him by Feb. 13 so that the amendments can be presented at the BOG meeting of Feb. 23. At this point, the Senate is neither critical, nor supportive of proposed amendments; Loudon moved (North, second) that the Faculty Senate request of Chancellor Layzell that he accept comments after February 13 for a period of not more than 60 days and that he delay seeking Board approval of these amendments for a period of 60 days to allow wider and more serious discussion and consideration; motion unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm. Next meeting, 2:00pm, Feb. 7, Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary S. Foster