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III. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

1. Tony Schaeffer reported on the meetings of the touch-tone registration committee. As the process is being developed it appears that students will be allowed to start registering in March, as soon as the schedule becomes available, with the possible control that the advisor can clear a student to register after advisement. One concern that has been raised is the capability of the students to ignore the advice of the advisor and possibly take a course that they may not be ready and/or prepared to take. Concerns and/or solutions regarding the system may be shared with Marty Reed, Tony Schaeffer or Steve Whitley, who serve on the committee.
2. Luis Clay Mendez reported on the meeting of the Council of Faculties. The learning outcomes have been finalized, and will be made available to the Provost of each institution and to every chair of a department within the institution. A cover letter will accompany the outcomes asking the faculty for input. Dr. Pringle did provide a system report, and noted that the Board of Higher Education did pass a recommendation that admission requirements for all higher education institutions be advisory and not mandatory. A state law has been passed to move the enactment date from 1990 to 1993. The FY 90 budget was also discussed. Dr. Pringle also reported on a thrust to beef up the system library network, providing perhaps increased financial support in '91 for acquisitions and exchange of personnel. Future agenda items include: Garret Deruiter from EIU to expand on the professional enrichment program; Campus and system technology utilization; Graduate education review; and faculty development and faculty resources. Northeastern University has developed an instrument for evaluation of administrators, and other university representatives were asked if their campuses have such an instrument. No other university did have such an instrument. It was suggested that the various faculty senates may want to consider looking at this instrument for possible utilization or implementation. There was an extensive report of the teleclass being produced at Chicago State University. Each university representative was asked to come up with names of 3 to 4 individuals who might be willing to work with this project.
3. Kipp Kruse updated the Faculty Senate on the Distinguished Faculty Award. The Faculty Senate representatives on the committee are Kruse, Gosselin and Loudon. Dr. Rives' appointment to the committee is Johnny Lane. The Alumni office appointment to the committee is Mary Ann Hanner. Kruse is currently waiting to hear who the Student Senate representatives will be. The faculty newsletter has agreed to publish the criteria and nomination forms, along with the announcement of the award. The due date for all materials is April 14th.
4. Gary Foster reported that the Council on University Planning and Budgeting met to hear information on academic and nonacademic NEPR's so the voting members of CUPB could provide their own rank order to the NEPR's.
5. Gary Foster reported that the Continuing Education Coordinating Council met. The committee heard reports from members of the committee as to the services that their constituent groups might provide to continuing education efforts. One of Eastern's BOG graduates, Hattie Polk is to be recognized as one of eight outstanding adult students, and will be going to Washington, D.C. to receive her award. Proposal has been submitted by Will Hine to offer classes at the Danville Correctional Institution as a continuing education off-campus effort. Some discussion was given to the state law that has been passed requiring the immunization of college students, and how this is going to impact on-campus and off-campus students. This law is effective for the fall of 1989.