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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, Robert Barford, Laurent Gosselin, David Carpenter, Kipp Kruse, Ron Sutliff, Luis Clay Mendez, Glenn Hild, Evelyn Goodrick, Michael Loudon

ABSENT: Pat Fewell, Tony Schaeffer

VISITORS: Bob Saltmarsh, FAC Representative; Larry Williams, Dean of Graduate School; Edwin (Bud) May, Grants & Research; Kenny Wake, Student Senate; Jeff Pombert, Eastern News

I. Minutes of the February 21 meeting were approved.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Jayne Ozier, a call expressing the union's position regarding the copyrights/patents amendment.
- B. From Toni Smith, President's Office, a call stating that President Rives will be unable to meet with the Senate April 11, but will meet April 18; Executive Committee meeting is moved from April 19 to April 26.
- C. Communication from Marietta Deming, Health Studies, detailing the episode of Duplicating initially refusing to reproduce a questionnaire, referring it instead to University Relations, and reporting that the issue has been resolved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Bob Saltmarsh, the Senate's FAC representative, was present to inform the Senate of FAC meetings of December 1988, and January 1989. The FAC submits its deliberations and recommendations to the IBHE. Deliberations at the past 4 meetings concerned the difficulty of funding and the ensuing cycle of tuition increases, inhibiting access to higher education by some groups. Illinois is committed to support 1/3 the cost of students attending public universities, but that is currently not being done. At the December meeting, the FAC urged the IBHE to compose a budget to address the following: 1. funding to bring salaries above the peer median; 2. fund ISSC to enhance access and college choice of disadvantaged students; 3. budget to resolve the past deficit of library funding; 4. funding program and insitutional support; 5. enhancing the retirement system; 6. providing benefits of university faculty to community college faculty. The January meeting involved a discussion of the IBHE's removal of its mandated admission requirements (to have been enacted in 1990). The state legislature has said that the IBHE cannot make such a mandate; thus, it was moved from a mandate to an advisory document. FAC concern was expressed for the difficulty that small highschoools would have, as well as for students on different tracks (e.g., performing arts), but the end result was a 19 to 7 vote by the FAC, encouraging the IBHE to stick to its intent to make it a mandate, not advisory.
- B. Bud May and Larry Williams were present to discuss the BOG's proposed copyrights/patents amendment. Both shared the Senate's concern and felt that answers to Senate questions were not apparent in the amendment, as it is written. Larry Williams stated that the copyright policy has been in the works for some time. He earlier suggested it was premature for the Board to make policy changes since EIU was in the midst of its undergraduate study and changes/directions concerning research were not apparent, and since he had been asked by the VP to start thinking about an evaluation of all graduate programs, including policies pertaining to research. Both expressed the view that faculty have the right to retain ownership of copyrights/patents resulting from their research. There are obvious exceptions, and the Board has attempted to address those exceptions, but the vague language of the amendment could be interpreted more restrictively than currently intended. One major issue is "assigned duties and activities" and how that will be interpreted.