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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

04 November 2014 meeting

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* Note: These minutes are not a complete verbatim transcript of the Senate meeting. (J. Oliver)

I. Call to Order by Chair Sterling at 2:00 pm (Booth Library, Room 4440)

Present: Jeff Ashley, Jim Conwell, Minh Dao, Stefan Eckert, Jeannie Ludlow, Mike Mulvaney, Jon Oliver, Jemmie Robertson, Steve Scher, Grant Sterling

Guests: Blair Lord (AA), Ryan Siegel (Staff Senate), Diane Jackman (CEPS), William Perry (EIU), DEN staff (no name provided)

II. Approval of Minutes of 14 October 2014

Minutes from 14 October 2014 Senate meeting were approved.

Motion made by Senator Ludlow and seconded by Senator Ashley.

(Abstained = Senators Mulvaney, Dao, Scher)

III. Communications – reviewed by Chair Sterling

a. 10/23/14 CAA Minutes

b. DRAFT Chicago State resolution:

Ashley – I support the resolution. A few term changes along with the last statement – include more emphasis on the ‘ongoing actions of the CSU Board’ – it’s not just this one action.

Ludlow – there is a larger context that is bringing our concerns to the CSU issue today. Suggestion - add a shorter description (‘Whereas’) of the larger context of the climate the CSU Board has created. Mention their continued actions have contradicted shared governance at CSU. We need to specify the action of the CSU board.

Conwell – I was definitely thinking about that. I was trying to keep the resolution short.

Scher – the resolution does mention the action against ‘all principles against shared governance’ and CSU faculty senate

Ludlow – and I thought the CSU faculty senate was dissolved?

Scher – not officially, but the Fac Sen is now ‘out of loop’ and not recognized by the CSU Administration or board

Sterling – would you like to vote on the resolution as amended? Or have Senator Conwell amend the doc first?

Scher – I move that we vote to approve the resolution as amended?

Robertson – I would support that (second), but can we have it read out-loud prior to?

Ashley – reads the amended resolution

Sterling – any other discussion? Roll call vote – Senator Oliver

Oliver – Mulvaney – no, Scher – yes, Eckert – yes, Dao - no, Robertson – yes, Conwell – yes, Ashley – yes, Ludlow – no, Sterling – yes, Oliver - yes = (7 yes, 3 no)

Sterling – motion passes. Send amended resolution to me and I will distribute it.

c. CIUS Resolution Endorsement (Re: SUCSS) from UIC – written by Senator Conwell

d. EMAC meeting announcement – no comments

e. EMAC vacancy – needs to be filled by Faculty Senate – could be Senator – does not have to be

f. Registrar’s Advisory Group vacancy – Ludlow – populated by Nominations committee, Amy Rosenstein is the chair

g. Faculty Fellows: Application and Topics – mentioned by Sterling

h. Mendez Award announcement – comments by Robertson. Sterling will forward name – Rebecca Throneburg

i. DRAFTS: Constitution and By-Laws revisions

Scher – in spreadsheet I sent to you, I would suggest a few minor edits along with more substantive changes in the proposed revisions – here is a list of Article and Section changes:

New Number	Old Number
II	III
III	IV
III.4	IV.4
IV	V
VI	VII
VI.4	VII.1c
VI.6 & 7	VII.2
VII	VIII
VIII.5	IX.5
VIII.8	IX.7
IX	X
XII	XIII

No changes in Articles 1 & 2.

Constitution – Article 4.3 (old) and 3.3 (new). Relates to Faculty Senate minutes and where they will be sent to. We tried to make this section more specific and simplified.

Comments? Suggestions?

Sterling – seems like a wondering idea to me? Show of hands today. More formalized voting when editing process is complete. All in favor? Opposed? (= in favor)

(old) Article IV. Section 6 – who may be invited to report to the Faculty Senate. Re-wording. In favor? Opposed? = (in favor)

(old) Article V- Section 5 - # of student reps on FAC SEN. 'up to 3' (not '3') - Discussion? In favor? Opposed? = (in favor)

(old) Article VII – Section 1 – one repetitive edit would be the name change of 'NCATE' to 'CAEP'

Jackman – we will be NCATE accredited until 2017. Then it won't exist after that. But we are writing reports for CAEP now because NCATE no longer exists. So NCATE/CAEP in the document? or 'NCATE or CAEP'?

Robertson – maybe we could list the full name of the accrediting body once, and the abbreviation thereafter.

Ashley and Dao – minor edits suggested to Scher.

Scher – all in favor? Opposed? (= in favor)

(old) Article VII – Section 1 - same changes as suggested above. With CAA reference and NCATE to CAEP.

Ashley – so only 4750-4999 courses and above can be used as grad or undergrad credit?

Lord – that is correct

Scher – we took course numbers from previous constitution. All in favor? Opposed? (= in favor)

Scher – now more substantive changes

(new) Constitution Preamble. We brought some content from (old) Article 2 into the (new) Preamble.

Scher – (old) Article #2 repeats some of the Preamble. A bit repetitive and confusing. I believe the sentiment of Article #2 is now more appropriately expressed in the (new) Preamble. And we stay clear of language in the Preamble that might cause a conflict with collective bargaining language.

Dao – so are you then essentially eliminating (old) Article #2?

Scher- yes, at the very end of the process we will have to renumber the Articles after removing (old) Article #2.

Dao- so now the functions are expressed in the Preamble.

Scher – all in favor? Opposed? – (= in favor)

(old) Article IX – section 1 & 2 – changed to Faculty Senate meeting every two weeks while school is in session.

Scher – reads (old) section 1 of Article IX.

Dao – when was this version written?

Scher – I think 1997

Ashley - must have been more recent than that because the Senate used to meet every week.

Scher – Spring 1998 is listed here. Not sure when the change was made.

Lord – the language says ‘at least twice a month’, even though the Senate used to meet every week.

Scher – so we aren’t changing that and the Constitution allows for it. Favor? Opposed? (= in favor)

(old) Article IX – Section 2 - summer meeting.

Scher – reads (old) section 2 of Article IX

Ludlow – we don’t want to cancel the summer session during the last Spring Session because we won’t know if there is business to attend to, correct?

Scher – but maybe the chair comes to the last Spring session with a summer date in mind

Ludlow – what about an electronic vote to have a session?

Lord – If you accept premise that you (FAC SEN) are subject to ‘Open Meetings’ act, it prohibits an electronic vote

Mulvaney – can it be as loose as ‘needs of the Senate’? – to possibly meet over the summer

Scher – good question – who decides on ‘needs of the Senate’?

Ludlow- but we do have in new Section 3 the ‘Special Meetings’ provision

Conwell – can we leave a decision to cancel a summer session up to the Executive committee?

Mulvaney – a like that because it would be up to more than 1 person

Ludlow – by a 2/3 vote of the Senate or the Executive Committee?

Scher – or a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee? – 3 people vote – 2/3 = majority

Ashley – what about during last Spring session meeting the Senate shall determine date for the summer meeting?

– trying to simplify but it seems like we are making it more complicated

Scher – we may not be able to simplify in this regard

Sterling – in this case the doc says ‘we shall meet’ but we never succeed in reaching a quorum during the summer.

Ashley – but if we never get a quorum during the summer, why bother with the meeting? Why not just call a special meeting of the faculty senate ‘when needed’?

Scher – the idea is to make sure the Senate continues to function – at all times – even during the summer

Dao – what about the other bodies on campus? Do they meet during the summer?

Sterling – CUPB does, most of the others do not.

Dao – in principle - I agree with Jeff. We don’t need section 2. We need the flexibility to hold a special meeting when needed in the bylaws.

Mulvaney – it seems like what section 3 states is what we want section 2 to state – ‘anytime’.

Scher – two differences – summer meeting is a default meeting unless voted not to be held by senators or exec comm. unless voted not to. Also, in the summer you get an email on Monday about a Wed meeting – this would be difficult to attend unless announced in earlier in May – the last Spring Senate session.

Robertson – what about changing wording to ‘may’ versus ‘shall’ meet in summer if pressing business exists?

Scher – but who decides what ‘pressing business’ is?

Conwell- I am not against summer meeting. Having one is good. Stuff happens in the summer that faculty are not aware of. I also don’t mind if we cancel the meeting if there is no business. We are on 9 months contracts, but I am a faculty senator all the time. I am here this semester even though I am on sabbatical.

Ludlow – the reason a summer meeting was written into the Constitution in the first place -there is a difference between emergency situation to call a meeting versus having a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss non-emergencies. Seems to me that having a summer meeting in the language is the better option. So I don’t think the wording needs to be changed.

Ashley – so maybe no problem with the old language – probably does not need to change.

Mulvaney – the reality is we did have a few items to discuss last summer but we did not have a quorum. So we could not act on any of it. But we are at least recognizing the need for a summer meeting and we are going to try.

Scher – hearing no objections, we will keep the language the same as before

Scher – and now the ‘announcement’ of the meeting and ‘timing’ of the meeting

Ludlow – adjust terms so that there is more flexibility between when the meeting is announced and when the meeting is actually held.

Ashley – I like the idea about announcement within 3 working days, and held at the earliest, most practical time.

Sterling – announced within 3 working days, and held within 10 working days of the announcement?

Conwell – defining ‘working day’ - is Christmas Break considered ‘working day’?

Lord – yes, except for the Holiday itself

Mulvaney – have we had an issue with the Special Meeting? Has it ever been held?

Ashley – not to my knowledge

Sterling – I don’t remember any. Additional meetings have been called, but not as a result of a special request.

Mulvaney – so what is the motivation to change the language?

Ludlow – I think the motivation is to specify the process more and more specifically in the bylaws

Scher – are we happy with this solution?

Ludlow – editing suggestions provided

Scher – in favor? Opposed? (= in favor)

Scher – now the question of ‘quorums’ or ‘quora’ – last year we had difficulty of reaching a quorum of 10 due to various reasons. This is an attempt to avoid similar problems/difficulty.

Conwell – what is the definition of an ‘unseated’ senator?

Ludlow – what about the sabbatical senator – still ‘seated’?

Scher – potential is to say ‘no’

Conwell – we also have had cases of senators experiencing scheduling conflicts thanks to dept. chairs

Scher – that may be a different situation than ‘unseated’ senator. The senator could take brief leave of absence from their senate seat. Do we have procedures for this?

Sterling – special elections usually take care of this

Ashley – special elections have been used to temp fill these seats

Scher – some of it is in the bylaws already

Conwell – I agree with this. But what if there is a senator who stops attending?

Scher – like the senator who stops attending so a quorum cannot be reached so action can’t be taken. Sabbatical situations are different.

Sterling – this situation is hopefully a ‘fix’ when you don’t have 15 senators – resigned, on leave, retired, etc.

Ludlow – 2/3rds of ‘serving senators’? - editing suggestions provided for this section

Dao – what about a footnote to define ‘serving senator’?

Scher – Problem is that old version states a ‘specific number’. We probably need to change the language from a specific ‘number’ to a specific ‘majority’ – like 2/3rds.

Sterling – let’s adjourn here for the day.

Scher – send feedback and edit ideas to me

j. UPC memo and response from Jeff Cross – no comments

k. CIUS SUCSS Resolution endorsement from UIUC – no comments

IV. Presentation to the Senate: President William Perry

Pres. Perry – thanks for the invitation. Nice to be here.

To Robertson – really enjoyed the music concert that you organized.

To Conwell – enjoyed dedication of the telescope.

I appreciate the professional efforts that this group is contributing to EIU. These become great opportunities for our students. I try to share this with visiting parents and students. In terms of recruiting students, we are making progress.

We are also recruiting a president as well. Candidates will look at the NCA self-study, US News Rankings, undergraduate research activities, faculty colleagues, etc. That is what I did, which too me to the next steps. These steps will be helpful. If you know people who would be interested in the position, please contact them.

The search committee is functioning. The next Board of Trustees meeting is this Friday morning at 8:30 am. Social half hour before meeting starts – newly tenured faculty are invited. You are invited to attend. I think the search will go well. I believe we will attract strong candidates. Looking at Higher Ed and EIU, as a candidate, I would be attracted to this position.

Budgets have been posted. They are available online. Grant – I will send you the URL so that you can distribute it.

I gain information about the EIU experience by walking on campus and talking to students. We have a summer program that invites 60+ students to campus. It's a way for students to get a taste of campus and prove their ability to be here. The freshman class is smaller but stronger academically. The upperclassmen I talk with often mention the great 1-on-1 experience they have with mentoring faculty.

Ashley – what about the open VP of Business Affairs position?

Perry – Paul McCann is the interim. The position will be filled by the new president next year. He/she needs to have the ability to make that decision.

Oliver-how did the NCA site visit-process go from your perspective?

Perry – I thought it went smoothly. They (the site team) don't share too much information too soon. Dean Augustine submitted update/summary of visit to the campus. My sense was that the committee felt it was well organized. They took time to meet with random faculty and staff. Some wanted to see specific facilities – Booth Library, Fine Arts building, etc. We are now waiting to hear back from them. We will have a chance to respond to any additional questions, requests that they might have for us.

Sterling – how did your trip to China go?

Perry – well. I met with executives from two universities. I met with the president, who had studied at UIC. We chatted about different combinations of potential partnerships. I just spoke with Debby Hernandez (DEN staff) about the trip. Their president suggested – 1 + 1 MBA program would be a good place to start.

Perry – we also met with university officials at Central University of Finance and Economics - Beijing campus. Had conversations with administrators and students – we discussed key role of parents and grandparents in the university. Some of these students already study abroad in Australia, UK, and US. Chinese students who study abroad become more competitive job candidates. School of Finance and Economics students are very competitive. Some are studying English Literature.

Ashley – what about the 100+ students that might come over each year?

Perry – yes, this trip involved the potential for EIU to host a group of students that size.

Ashley – any truth to a rumor that Reggie Phillips is involved, and that the students would live off-campus in his apartments?

Perry – the agreement we are working on would be the students living on campus. They parents want the students to be in a safe environment, and house them on campus. But Mr. Phillips has been initially involved in the relationship, but no intention of that type of housing arrangement would be in place, to my knowledge.

Ludlow- is the language center up and running?

Lord – yes, 2 students started this week. It will grow.

Lord – many years ago we had an ESL program. We did not manage the program very well, so we ended up contracting with a private company to do this. They pay rent on campus, but it's a 3rd party provider. If they get college ready with ESL, hopefully they will stay at EIU.

Perry – in my conversations with these students, they have developing ESL skills. And we have had good conversations in English together. Their ESL needs will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Conwell – will these students initially be graduate students?

Perry – yes, MBA - a year there, and then a year here.

Ludlow – how do you spell the name of the Chinese institution?

Perry - Dalian. It comes from Russian origin. It meant 'far army'. Its 1 hour east of Beijing by plane on a peninsula.

Perry – In closing, I hope we can recruit a new president that will be worthy of your respect. And I know that your next discussion is on Minority Enrollment. We have increased our Minority Enrollment in the last few years. Thanks for what you do.

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports:

1. Executive =

Sterling – we met with the President on 10/23. Discussed similar topics as Pres. Perry just discussed.

2. Nominations =

Sterling – Senator Rosenstein could not attend today. We have 2 vacancies on the Library Advisory Board. 2 names were forwarded. The candidates accepted the invitation to serve. 2 other positions are still vacant with no additional candidates. Amy is working with Dean Jackman on finding candidates. The search for candidates will continue.

3. Elections

Ludlow – circulates update on candidates for Fall 2014 special elections. Need to finalize and have elections ASAP. Need more candidates – especially UPC candidates.

Sterling – if nobody gets elected to UPC, someone will be appointed.

Motion to approve slate of candidates-Eckert and Scher.

Sterling- any discussion? (seeing none) - all in favor? (unanimous)

4. Faculty-Student relations =

Conwell - no report

5. Faculty-Staff relations =

no report from committee members

6. Awards =

Robertson – Rebecca Throneburg as recipient of Luiz-Clay Mendez award.

Sterling – I have not officially forwarded the name yet. I will do that.

7. Faculty Forum =

no report from committee members

8. Budget Transparency

Ashley – we are waiting on the data. Sterling – we just received it.

9. Constitution/Bylaws = Discussion of proposals

Scher – should we do this now?

Sterling – let’s wait until after committee reports.

10. Committee on Committees =

not currently functioning

11. Other Reports:

a. Provost’s Report – Pres Perry touched upon similar points on my list. BOT meeting coming up. NCA visit went as expected. Like auditors, the committee will find something to comment on. It’s a quiet time for Academic Affairs. Any questions? (no questions)

b. Other – none

B. Other Old Business: CSU Faculty Senate Issue

VI. New Business

A. Future Agenda: Senator Sterling

November 18 - Finalize Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws Revisions

December 2 – Minority Enrollment/Admissions (?)

B. Other New Business – Appointment of members for EMAC and ORAG –

Conwell – what is their function? Who do they advise?

Ludlow – reviews EMAC mission and bylaws.

Provost Lord – provides historical background on EMAC.

Scher- volunteered to serve on EMAC.

Sterling – All in Favor? Yes-by ‘enthusiastic’ and ‘unanimous’ acclamation.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm by Chair Sterling.

Submitted by Senator J. Oliver