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Faculty Senate Session Agenda
April 5th, 2016, 2:00 –2:35 PM
Booth Library Conference Room

- I. Attendance and Welcome 2:00 PM
 - Welcome = J. Robertson (Senate Chair)
 - Senators = Abebe, Bruns, Hugo, Lawrence, Ludlow, Mitrovski, Oliver, Robertson, Scher, Sterling, Stowell, Waller
 - Guests in Attendance = D. Klarup (COS), B. Lord (AA)

- II. Approval of Minutes from March 29th, 2016 2:00-2:05 PM
 - Motion? = Ludlow
 - Second? = Bruns
 - Discussion? = none
 - Vote? = in favor – all 11 (unanimous) – (Mitrovski arrived after the vote).

- III. Committee Reports
 1. Executive Committee 2:05-2:30 PM
 - Robertson – did communicate with Jim Davis (FAR) and President Glassman regarding needed adjustments to IGP #84. President Glassman will be discussing this in the upcoming President’s Council meeting on Monday. I also provided past Fac Sen. minutes and past IAB report to Pres. Glassman for background information.
 - Robertson – will consult with G. Sterling (former Senate Chair) regarding how to organize the upcoming annual faculty retirement reception jointly hosted by UPI & Faculty Senate in late April.
 - Sterling – we will talk after the meeting – it’s mostly about coordinating a date that works
 - Robertson – we will be in touch with the Senate about this in the next few days

 2. Nominations Committee
 - Rosenstein – not in attendance – no report
 - Oliver – also talked with Jim Davis – he is preparing announcement/call for faculty candidates to serve on IAB – should be circulated within the next week
 - Robertson – reviews IAB ‘revised language’ related to filling faculty vacancies agreed upon with Jim Davis and the IAB last year

 3. Elections Committee
 - a. Election Ratification
 - Stowell – election ended at 12 noon today. Results received from ITS today. Should be complete results, but there is a chance that it is not. I will check again with ITS after this meeting. Concern - 40 candidates submitted election materials. Two candidates who submitted materials were not on the ballot because they did not make it into the correct folder. I take personal responsibility for the oversight. I contacted the two candidates – apologized – asked what their preference would be to handle the error. We followed their suggestions in an attempt to resolve the error. They accepted my apology and basically said ‘don’t worry about it’ and supported other candidates running for the position they were going to run for.
 - Stowell – circulated election result handout. Reviewed results for positions. *Notes - ties will be broken with coin-flip. 90 voters - Approximately 20% of faculty voted – is this typical?
 - Ludlow – last year we had about 30%, but faculty voted on changes to the constitution at that time
 - Stowell – also – reiterated that he is not 100% confident that we have a complete data file in front of us – so the results should be considered ‘tentative’ and I will check back with ITS – will need to re-ratify results if this data pool is incomplete
 - Stowell – Question – is it important to know which of the candidates are ‘ballot candidates vs write-in candidates’?
 - Ludlow – yes – only if a write-in candidate received enough votes to be considered as a sub in the future
 - Sterling – it only really matters if a write-in receives fewer than 10 votes and finished first in the elections (current bylaw prohibits them from accepting the seat<position>)
 - Stowell – continues to review results – Constitution vote passed
 - Oliver – to Bruns – asked for clarification on size of voting group for UPC position
 - Bruns – provided clarification on size of voting group
 - Robertson – Sterling - motion to approve election results, Abebe seconds
 - * Affirmation Vote – 12 in favor, 0 opposed (*unanimous)

Sterling – reminder = according to new bylaw, we (Faculty Senate) can appoint colleagues to fill vacancies as needed

4. Faculty-Student Relations Committee
 - Waller - no report
5. Faculty-Staff Relations Committee
 - Waller - no report
6. Awards Committee
 - Hugo - no report
 - Oliver – website has been updated with information on 2016 DFA recipient Lynne Curry
7. Faculty Forum Committee
 - Bruns - no report
8. Budget Transparency Committee
 - Sterling – no report
9. Ad hoc Committee on Extracurricular Athletics
 - Ludlow – no report

IV. Communications

1. Faculty Senate Minutes from March 29th, 2016

V. Provost's Address: Provost Blair Lord

2:30-2:35 PM

- P. Lord – not much new to report. Had a great Research Symposium on campus last Friday. ~ 150 students participated. President Glassman spent 3 hours there. Probably the most engagement ever at the event. Significant happenings with student research occurring on campus. A graduate honors event is scheduled for this Friday at Doudna Concourse at 3:30 pm – with ceremony following. Board of Trustees meeting coming up – Tenure votes will take place. A new MS in cybersecurity will be voted upon as well. It will be an eventful meeting for Academic Affairs. Thank you for celebrating achievements of our students.

Oliver – the House and Senate back in Springfield this week– any positive rumors/grapevine info from Springfield?

Lord – not really as of yet. President Glassman spent afternoon in Springfield on Monday. Reports in news media are still negative regarding budget impasse. We remain optimistic.

Ludlow – Do we have admission numbers for Fall 2016?

Lord – inquiries and admits are close to last year, but deposits are significantly behind from last year. Parents are not making commitments to EIU until Springfield resolves the budgetary issue.

Ludlow – for students who are already enrolled at EIU– do we track their enrollment for Fall 2016 classes?

Lord – that window has really only been open for a week and two days. Not ready to report on that yet. Should be better prepared by next meeting on April 19th.

VI. Other Business, TBA

2:35 PM

- Robertson – recounts happenings at the April 1st rally in Chicago – protestor activities bubble over into Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert
- Ludlow – the trip to participate in the Chicago Rally was a very good experience. The students had a great experience. The rally at Chicago State University was great – it was student-centered and student-guided.
- Lawrence – many of the speakers were student-speakers
- Ludlow – shares account of CSU students who placed second in the nation in a prestigious quiz bowl competition and now their college is being threatened, some challenges with the bus company that provided transportation.

When we pulled out for home, the individuals rallying almost shut down Lake Shore drive. We were almost significantly delayed.

- Robertson – another item – chatted with Rebecca Throneburg – she will report on CAA initiatives in the fall
- Robertson – on April 19th, we have invited Kara Hadley-Shakya, EIU admissions director, to update us on current Fall 16 admissions data, plus we will invite new senators to attend
- Robertson – thoughts on a possible May 9th meeting with Rep. Reggie Phillips?
- Scher – having the meeting that close to final exams could be a good thing – maybe some students will still be around and can attend.
- Robertson – good thought - we will schedule the meeting on May 9th at 2 pm here in Booth 4440

VII. Adjournment - 2:35 PM

IX. Future Dates and Guests:

- Upcoming Spring 2016 Faculty Senate Sessions: April 19th = Kara Hadley-Shakya – EIU Admissions Director (+Newly Elected Senators Invited to Attend)
- Proposed Summer Meeting Date: Monday, May 9th with Representative Reggie Phillips