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EIU Faculty Senate Session Minutes  
April 25th, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
Booth Library Conference Room

- I. Attendance and Welcome 2:00 PM
- Welcome – Chair Jemmie Robertson
  - Senators: Bruns, B. Young, Robertson, Sterling, Eckert, Abebe, Wharram, Corrigan, Rosenstein, Hugo, Hung, Oliver
  - Guests – J. Blitz (UPI), DEN reporter (did not sign roll)
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 4th, 2017 2:00-2:05 PM
- Motion - Sterling, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eckert
  - Discussion – none
  - **Vote – unanimous - YES**
- III. Committee Reports 2:05-3:00 PM
1. Executive Committee
    - Robertson – reads message from incoming Provost Jay Gatrell – ‘honored to be selected as provost’
    - Robertson – reminds group about the UPI/Faculty Senate retirement reception – May 4<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm - Tarble
    - Robertson – Fac Sen Exec Comm will meet with President Glassman next Wed, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am
    - Robertson – I will attend EIU BOT meeting scheduled for Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Hung – do we know the result of program elimination?
    - Robertson – we do not know at this point. No update available, nor has been given.
    - Hung – So we will find out on Friday? I noticed Workgroup #8 and #9 recommendations are now available online. Will you discuss these with P. Glassman?
    - Robertson – yes, we plan to do so
    - Oliver – reminds that Senator Stowell serves as chair of workgroup #8 – discussion will be likely
    - Eckert – mentions updates on WG #1 & #5 recommendations
    - Robertson – would like for Faculty Senate meet during the summer – will discuss later or via email
    - Wharram – and we may need to meet sooner based on what might happen at the EIU BOT meeting on 4/28
    - Hung – and we can stay connected on these issues via email throughout the summer
    - Robertson – would also like to discuss what each committee wants to focus on in Fall 2017
    - Hung – at the EIU BOT meeting, please re-emphasize the unified position of Fac Sen, APERC, and CAA against initial workgroup #7 recommendations – please convey that message. Including some language/paragraphs directly from the APERC report. Not sure if BOT members are provided those detailed reports in advance.
    - Abebe – if you provide a copy of your comments in writing beforehand, that should be required to be on the record of the EIU BOT meeting. Submit in advance.
    - Hung – having your words/sentiments officially recorded in the minutes is in our best interest.
  2. Elections Committee
    - Oliver – Senator Stowell sent me an updated list of populated Faculty Senate committees following the Spring 2017 Faculty Senate election – it is now posted on the Faculty Senate website - a special election will be held during Fall 2017 to fill unfilled positions (where no candidate existed or write-in candidates did not receive at least 10 votes during the election)
  3. Nominations Committee
    - Rosenstein – sent out a call to faculty for nominated committees – received limited # of responses - still have a few appointed positions with no volunteers. 4 positions required random selection of candidates.
    - Rosenstein - reads list of results = vacancies + candidate(s) that volunteered – will send finalize list to Oliver (recorder) for announcement and posting on the Faculty Senate website
    - Rosenstein – I also met with Jim Davis regarding populating the IAB – 3 names were identified
    - Abebe – requests clarification on the Student Fee Committee and Student Publications Board
    - Rosenstein – in summary, we sent multiple calls, we recruited colleagues, but the response was limited except for 2-3 colleagues who were willing to serve on many committees – this is an ongoing concern. For example, Ahmed volunteered for 10 committees, he agreed to serve on six – many of those only meet once per semester, so hopefully he won’t feel overwhelmed.
    - Robertson – request from Provost Lord - do we have 2 names to nominate for the ACA committee?

- Rosenstein – it's a two-year term (commitment)
- Hung – and you can't serve on other committees, like CFR
- Sterling – if I remember correctly - you are on it for 1 year, and then a volunteer is identified to serve as chair for the next year. And you can't apply for a ACA if you serve on the committee.
- Bruns – you can only apply for an award every other year
- Rosenstein – the work of the ACA committee is more streamlined now than in the past – it's now digitized in D2L – all online – you can do it from anywhere at any time
- Robertson – should we seek volunteers here? Or seek nominees from the greater body of faculty?
- Rosenstein – Faculty Senate can appoint from within or on campus – often we have appointed from within
- Eckert – I will serve on it next year
- Rosenstein – I will also volunteer for next year
- Wharram – I motion that we accept these two candidates
- Hung – I second the motion
- **Vote – unanimous - YES**
- Rosenstein – reminder about the need for the awards committee being repopulated at the start of the Fall 2017 semester.
- Hung & Wharram – thanks to Amy Rosenstein for her committed service over the years to the Nominations Committee
- Wharram – adds comments on the Student Standards Board – 10 positions open? And you received 5 candidates - do we need 15 faculty serving on that Board?
- Rosenstein – recounts previous population number on that committee – we have right-sized the committee during the last few years
- Hung – how frequently do they meet?
- Sterling – the board meets to deal with student academic cases – varies semester to semester – usually a subset of members from the board is chosen for each particular hearing – usually outside of the student's dept/college
- Hung – so members rotate serving on the committee – not serving on all of them – thus the need for a large #
- Abebe – so we will continue to need faculty representation from all colleges

#### 4. Faculty-Student Relations Committee

- Wharram – no report

#### 5. Faculty-Staff Relations Committee

- Corrigan – we met with Staff Senate Liaison group on April 17. Discussed direction of enrollment mgmt. and admissions. More effort needs to be focused on regional students. Four groundskeepers were called back as of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will continue in the Fall 2017 semester.
- Hugo – update on student recruitment – asked staff to help with marketing/recruiting steps – try to increase positive impression – such as on social media and campus interaction - increase in day pass parking from 1.50 to 3.00 proposed. Sharing of lots between different classes of students seems to be going well. Possible price changes – maybe discounted lots for those lots that don't fill up as much. 4 grounds staff are back – contracted until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Maintenance would like better advanced communication and collaboration from admissions about future visiting student groups and recruiting events.
- Robertson – thanks for the letter (Corrigan and Wharram) submitted with Staff Senate earlier this month. I think the administration took heed of the letter. I received a golf cart tour with Tim Zimmer this past week – looked at landscaping issues around campus. Increased weed spraying, mulching, temporary wrap for fencing with EIU logo messaging, MLK Union bridge area, painting projects to beautify the quad area, sight lines on campus, hopefully to enhance aesthetics, Tim seemed very aware of upcoming student group visits, and making sure that I knew that he knew.
- Abebe – we might as well add a few more projects to the list – how about power washing the Biology building that has mold all over it?
- Robertson – Zimmer also mentioned consulting with an architect to work on the MLK Union building. Trying to unify the look with Doudna Fine Arts building.
- Wharram – I think it has been great to meet with the Staff Senate. We should work on adding the Student Senate to those meetings = enhance information sharing and common purpose.

#### 6. Awards Committee

- Hugo – no report

#### 7. Faculty Forum Committee

- Bruns – no report

8. Budget Transparency Committee

- Sterling – no report

- Robertson – note – this committee is not identified in our bylaws as an ongoing, standing committee – do we want to continue this committee? Ideally, CUPB should be the ‘budget transparency’ committee on campus. Should we disband until we feel we the need to re-visit the Ad-Hoc committee? Please think about it, let me know.

- Sterling – I think in Fall 2017 we should address this issue. Lots of options with this committee. Disband? Activate? Change bylaws?

- Hung – we may always need this committee as long as we have a budget crisis in our state.

- Bruns & Sterling – we support making the committee permanent.

9. Ad hoc Committee on Extracurricular Athletics

- Wharram – no report

- Robertson – is it time to have another conversation with Jim Davis (FAR)? Or even Tom Michael – EIU AD?

- Hung – yes, if we have a clear focus on discussion points that could be a useful conversation.

- Robertson – the 2016-2017 IAB report should arrive in early Summer from Jim Davis for your review.

- Hung – maybe we should collaborate with the Student Senate on this as well - there should be plenty of issues (student-athletes unionizing?) impacting students to talk about.

10. Ad hoc Committee for the Review of Workgroup 7 Recommendations

- Robertson – the review of workgroup 7 has been completed. Should we keep the committee intact?

- Abebe – we should wait until we hear about decisions from P. Glassman regarding WG #7 recommendations.

IV. Communications

1. Faculty Senate Minutes from April 4th, 2017

2. CAA Minutes from March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

3. ACA Committee Nominations

4. TeachOut Resolution – Faculty Advisory Council of IBHE

- Robertson – no action needed on this but wanted to share it with you

- Hung – I am one of the organizers – I want to make a plea for you to discuss with your colleagues about participating. EIU is being neglected by the State of Illinois – the data is clear. Key Q – what are you (we) going to do about it? What is to be ‘DONE’ about this? We are the stewards of this institution – we need to take an active role in this battle to influence politicians to better fund higher education. We have over 40 students participating. That is tremendous. We need more faculty. Students understand this critical issue. I implore all of you to participate so we can send a powerful message in Springfield. We only have 30+ faculty signed up for this – we need more faculty involved to move the political needle. I hope we will see a spike in last-minute participation. If not this event, please suggest what activities you think we should use in the near future. This is an existential crisis that - This campus may ‘die’ because from a death of a thousand funding cuts...

- Robertson – how can we support the event if we cannot physically attend? What are some ideas?

- Hung – social media is a great start – Facebook and Twitter specifically – we are trying to change the narrative about the value of higher education in Illinois. Many of our students will be teaching at the ‘Teach Out’.

- Bruns – this ties in with developing students to become good citizens, critical thinkers, and being involved.

V. Other Business –

1. 2017-2018 Executive Committee Nominations and Summer Session Date Discussion

**\* Chair –**

- Robertson – I am willing to serve one additional year in order to serve with our new Provost. If others are willing to step forward, I would not be offended and would step aside.

- Hung – motion for Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eckert

- no discussion

**Vote – unanimous - YES**

**\* Vice-Chair –**

- Young – nominates J. Stowell for Vice-Chair
- Motion – Rosenstein, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hung
- no discussion

**Vote – unanimous - YES**

**\* Recorder –**

- Bruns – nominates Corrigan
- Bruns – motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eckert
- no discussion

**Vote – unanimous - YES**

- Abebe – thanks to Jon Oliver for his service as Recorder these past two years
- Oliver – my pleasure, your ‘thanks’ is much appreciated
- Robertson – short on time – I will contact you with a few potential date options for a summer meeting
- Wharram – and we may need to meet sooner than later based on any actions at the EIU BOT meeting this Friday

VI. Adjournment no later than 3:00 PM. Senators are then invited to attend Provost Lord’s Reception

**\* Please Note and RSVP:**

Annual Faculty Retirement Reception

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Tarble Arts Center