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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 9/3/2019 Room 4440, Booth Library

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 2pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, Barnard, Brantley, Chahyadi, Eckert, Holly, Hugo, Scher, Shaw K., Shaw N., Stowell, Wharram, White; student senator Khamisani
- Guests: JJ Bullock (DEN reporter) and Provost Gattrell

II. Approval of Minutes, following minor corrections. Motion (Stowell/Brantley)

III. Committee Reports

- Executive
 - Met 8/26; President Glassman reviewed last year's resolutions: 360 review of administration (more faculty input), creation of president's lecture series (monuments) and upcoming (mental health), and think tank initiative; expressed optimism about 10 day numbers (details to be provided at State of the University); outperform peers but work to do with student retention; Board of Trustees (BOT) will address constitutional changes; UIUC guardianship issue not a problem at EIU; subcommittee of textbook advisory committee to come up with plan for future of textbook rental; update of current (HVAC, elevators, cooling, Booth stairs...) and future capital projects (Sciences bldg., Coleman HVAC).

Discussion

- Scher: what will happen to old buildings/space?
 - Provost: there are plans for them—new programs (Engineering, etc..)
 - Wharram: I've been asked to address BOT. Thoughts?
 - Scher: textbook rental reform
 - Stowell: President recommending Textbook Rental Advisory subcommittee should address future of TR
 - Abebe: we need a better understanding of (TR) issues
 - Wharram: Catherine Polydore at next meeting to discuss RISE conference
 - Wharram: VP Wetstein will come next meeting @ 3:30 to discuss Advancement
 - Wharram: Gen Ed. Coordinator Grant Sterling to visit in a month
 - Wharram: encourage service on Gen. Ed. Committee
- Elections & Nominations
 - K. Shaw: Amy Davis (College of Ed.) appointed to Library Advisory Board
 - Stowell: zero applicants so far for elected positions; will need to extend deadline

Discussion

- Wharram: talked to former Sen J. Oliver, welcomed him to return to Sen in future
 - Wharram: also invited new Dean (HHS) Ersin to talk to Senate
- Student Senate Report
 - Khamisani: nothing to report; first meeting scheduled for 9/11
 - Awards Committee
 - N. Hugo: call for Mendez Service Award 9/4; deadline 10/4, identify candidate 10/29

Discussion

- Scher: should offer monetary reward; interest in fundraising
- Wharram: perhaps form ad hoc committee? Call for volunteers?

- Brantley: consider UPI for (fundraising) committee members
- Faculty Forum
 - Abebe: “EIU: the strategic environment” on 9/12 @ 3pm, Charleston-Mattoon room. President Glassman will make opening remarks. Presentation by professor M. Dobbs. Thanks Senator Holly for help.
- Budget Transparency
 - Barnard: nothing to report

IV. Business

- Provost’s Report
 - Provost Gatrell: 10 day #s are in and look good. First time/full time student enrollment up 12.5%, overall headcount up 3.7%, graduate enrollment up 4.2%, growth with international students too and we now have international students representing 61 countries, transfers from other 4 year programs up 50%
 - Discussion*
 - Scher: how many students is that (4 yr transfers)?
 - Gatrell: about 30-40
 - Gatrell: overall picture positive. Improvement in GPA and ACT scores too. Interest in Pre-Med, Criminology, online-psychology program, engineering. Thanks to everyone: faculty, admissions office...
 - JJ (DEN reporter): what’s the on-campus headcount?
 - Gatrell: 7,806; overall headcount (not including off-campus and dual credit) is down because still graduating large classes of seniors (i.e. “enrollment tail”)
 - Stowell: does this enrollment year determine faculty pay increases?
 - Gatrell: yes
 - Gatrell: CAA will soon consider Nursing program proposal
 - Eckert: have (international) colleague with work visa looking to get green card, but confusion between INS and IGP timeline to apply for permanent residency
 - Gatrell: technical question; tell colleague to contact Univ. counsel & keep me posted
 - Wharram: how to account for growth in international student pop?
 - Gatrell: we targeted students already with VISAs (transfers) and recruited international students—already in country—for graduate programs; Dean Kabasele is doing a fantastic job
- Testing Services
 - Discussion*
 - Wharram: Depts. struggling to accommodate students with accommodation needs for testing. Pre-fiscal crisis this was handled at 9th street.
 - Holly: our dept (SOC/ANT/CRM) offers many Gen ed classes/sections; could have 10-12 students all at about the same time that need quiet testing location, perhaps a reader, hard/impossible to monitor.
 - Gatrell: this is a concern (but) financial challenge of staffing testing services all day 7am-7pm
 - Wharram: survey faculty to assess problem/solution?
 - Barnard: and what about accommodations for online classes?
 - Eckert: let’s have 9th street discuss situation with us first, before survey: director (A. Jackson).
- Textbook Rental (TR)
 - Discussion*
 - Wharram: survey faculty? Some depts. have concerns/needs that others don’t

- Scher: form subcommittee of textbook advisory committee? Or stakeholders? Need a plan.
 - Wharram: beyond the (purview of) Senate to put this together, but (we can be) a forum for discussion.
 - N. Shaw: we should canvas faculty on this—be their voice.
 - Barnard: agree
 - Scher: strongly encourage admin. to move forward. Need concrete plan.
 - Abebe: (historically) faculty have wanted students to buy books and to be able to put reading packets together; BOT wants to maintain rental model. This is a complicated issue.
 - Stowell: textbooks are disappearing. Textbook rental is not sustainable. Need to know questions to ask before we survey. Need more information.
 - N. Hugo: agreed (many issues/complicated)
 - Wharram: (agree) & with foreign languages, not really another option (aside from electronic versions of textbooks).
 - Gattrell: students are coming to EIU from high schools where they spent 4yrs on laptop/ipad; need new pedagogies.
 - Wharram: should we canvas/survey faculty?
 - White: need more information
 - Holly: have textbook rental advisory committee inform us/update the senate?
 - Stowell: that's a big committee, maybe too big; subcommittee or chair perhaps
 - Wharram: TR is certainly an important issue
 - [3:15pm; Scher departs as faculty rep for naming committee]
 - Stowell: we need a senate representative on the TR subcommittee
 - N. Shaw: they might not be meeting until the Spring
 - Wharram: maybe we can push for them to form, (we need) information
- Guests
 - N. Shaw: advise that we have some guests next time to fill time before our 3:30 visit from VP Wetstein.
 - Other Business
 - Stowell: see survey from Provost on Quality Initiative Program. Encourage/we need feedback.
 - Wharram: 400th commemoration event today at 4pm at N. entrance of library

Motion (Abebe/N. Shaw) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 3:22 PM.

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly
Approved by faculty senate, 9/17/2019*