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## Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 11/12/2019 Room 4440, Booth Library

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*the minutes summarize the proceeding, and do not constitute a verbatim transcript*

### I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, VanGuntent, Barnard, Chahyadi, Holly, Hugo, Stowell, Wharram, Brantley, Gosse, White, Eckert, Scher, Khamisani
- Guests: JJ Bullock (DEN reporter); Provost J. Gatrell; Dean A. Cheney

### II. Approval of Minutes.

Motion (Barnard/Stowell), carried unanimously.

Senator Scher arrives (2:08pm), Senator Gosse (2:15pm)

### III. Committee Reports

- Executive
  - Wharram: attended CUPB meeting with presentation by VPBA P. McCann, (I) will discuss next time. Note: presentation of higher ed. budget at last meeting included outstanding pension costs (75% of total budget) which unfairly represents real (working) budget afforded to higher Ed. Pres. Glassman asked IL legislature to address deferred maintenance needs. Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting Friday. Student Senate will release statement (e.g. arrest of student senator).
- Elections & Nominations
  - Stowell: Nikki Hillier nominated to CGS
- Student Senate
  - Khamisani: student newsletter (*The Panther Bulletin*) is out; Thank a Professor campaign next week; de-stressor events for Final week being planned; Student action team visit to Springfield (today) cancelled because of weather
- Student and Staff Relations
  - Brantley: meeting tomorrow
- Awards Committee
  - N. Hugo: nothing to report
- Faculty Forum
  - Abebe: nothing to report
- Budget Transparency
  - Barnard: nothing to report

### IV. Business

- Provost's Report
  - Provost Gatrell: Dean searches (CLAS, CoE) finished with semi-finalist interviews; finalists on campus in January. BOT meeting Friday, VPBA McCann will present budget. Quality Initiatives Programs being considered: diversify faculty, living-learning communities, sustainability. Assessment task-force recommendations: move assessment from May/June to October, Gen. Ed. committee assesses learning goals, rethink assessment report frequency.  
*Discussion*
    - Wharram: how many dean (finalist) candidates?
    - Provost: prefer 3

- Wharram: possibility of more time to meet faculty during visits?
  - Provost: significant time constraints for visits—two meeting times available
- Call for senate representative: VPSA Search Committee
  - Discussion*
    - Wharram: anyone?
    - Senate body: (silent), Scher (...maybe)
    - Wharram: next faculty senate meeting 12/9, recommend 12/3 instead
    - Senate body: agree (12/3)
- Ad-hoc sustainability subcommittee: call for volunteers
  - Discussion*
    - Wharram: anyone? I'm in
    - Hugo: me too
- University Committees and College Restructuring
  - Wharram: How to populate committees in wake of college restructuring (different sizes)?
    - Discussion*
      - Stowell: this has been done a bit for elected positions, still work to do
      - Scher: consider proportion of seats on proportion of faculty in each college?
      - Barnard: need to consider what role of representative is (in context of) committee
      - Stowell: elections committee has some of this information, can look into this issue
      - Abebe: have heard (complaints) UPC not always faithful to dept. DACs, need to be reminded
      - Provost: Chairs, Deans do good job, have not seen problems

BREAK: 2:47-2:57pm

- Wharram: Think Tank met this morning. Will meet again in a month. Good start.
- Visiting Speaker: Dean Austin Cheney (College of Business and Technology)
  - Dean Cheney: initiatives: student engagement and professional development (build network, skills—start careers at EIU). Starting strategic plan document, want it to be living document. Build culture: have enlisted consulting group (Pacific Institute) to help. Will do college-wide workshops in the spring.
    - Discussion*
      - Abebe: what about students?
      - Cheney: vision/engagement all about students
      - Chahyadi: (the Dean) is preparing faculty to better serve students
      - Hugo: (the Dean) wants more industry speakers, site tours, field-trips, etc.
      - Brantley: culture is hard to change
      - Cheney: still strategizing (on how to do that)
      - Stowell: please discuss talent development and cyber security programs. Renewable energy program?
      - Cheney: cyber security doing fairly well (~30 students), talent development (in teens #s), slower to grow. Renewable energy program being restructured.
      - Hugo: we're taking sustainable energy program and restructuring to be broader—environment, social sustainability...
      - Stowell: is the research lab (renewable energy) still in use?
      - Hugo: yes
      - Abebe: viability of MBA program? Other schools are getting out of MBA
      - Cheney: too early to say, need to assess. Competition (U of I).
      - Gosse: (expand on) consulting?

- Cheney: focused on investing in people, funded with gift money

#### V. Adjournment

- Motion (Holly/Barnard) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 3:27 PM.

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly*