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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 2/9/2021 Held Remotely via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, Don Holly, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, Bruns, Chahyadi, Davis, Holly, Hugo, Kozlowski, Mulvey, Porter, Richards (Student Senator), Scher, Shaw, Stowell, White, and Will.
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost) & Sean Reeder (VPBA)

II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Mulvey/Stowell) Approved—12 Yes votes/Parrish/Scher Absent for vote (Roll call vote taken)

III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
 - Holly: Executive Committee Meeting was February 1st. Discussion of An Indigenous Land Statement. If there is interest in doing this, Holly will begin drafting a statement. Holly will do research on the statements of other universities and bring more information to the senate for the next meeting.
 - Stowell: When a transfer student comes to EIU with a lot of credits, then the time to degree depends largely on residency hours (42hrs) or upper division hours (40hrs). What if we reduced the number of residency hours? Many of our peer institutions require 30 residency hours. The IBHE establishes the upper division requirement for all institutions. The idea is that we can perhaps attract more transfer students if we can reduce the time to degree, thus making us more competitive with our peer institutions.
- Elections & Nominations
 - Stowell: Faculty Nominations Spring email has been sent and subsequent reminders will be sent during the last week of nomination acceptance.
- Student Senate
 - Richards: Chair Holly attended Student Senate and discussed the +/- grade scale. Student Senators said many of their GPAs would be changed for the better and were optimistic about the possibility.
- Student & Staff Relations
 - Scher: No report
- Faculty Forum
 - Abebe: Naming Committee Faculty Forum being planned for late March.
- Awards
 - Hugo: Distinguished Faculty Senate Award for the Spring Semester. Nomination form has been sent out and another reminder will be sent out next week. Nomination forms will be due February 19th, Results from award reviewers due March 5th, and Results reported back to senate March 9th.
 - Senator Parrish asked if we could use another measure in place of the CV, discussion will take place on this topic at our next meeting.
- Budget Transparency
 - Holly: Discussed last meeting on disbanding this committee. We will revisit this issue at our meeting in two weeks.

IV. Business

- Provost's Report (Gatrell)
 - Shield Testing began on campus as of January 19, 2021, so we are in our fifth week. Random sampling is being done but they have also been opened up to anyone on campus who wants to participate. Test results come back in approximately 24 hours. EIU has possession of 60,000 tests for the Spring Semester, depending on resources the SHIELD test may be accessible to the local community later in the semester.
 - Faculty Spring searches are underway. 19 searches for faculty positions have been released to the Deans. 7 Unit A positions and 12 Unit B positions.
 - Honors student Interviews are taking place over the next two weeks. Approximately 200 interviews for Presidential Scholars will take place. If you are interested in volunteering with interviews please contact Dean Richard England.
 - Presidents Council received the Quality Initiative draft. Feedback will be provided to the working group. The campus community will have a chance to provide feedback to a draft as well.
 - Congratulations to Michael Gillespie will be the new director of the FDIC on campus. Thank you to Newton Key for his service in this position.
 - Jeanne Ludlow, President Glassman, and Provost Gatrell have been advocating for vaccines to be available to faculty as part of the 1B release schedule.
 - Spring Commencement –at this time there is no decision as to how commencement will be handled.

- Chair Report (Holly)
 - Met with CAA, COTE, CGS and CFR on January 28th. CGS has added ethics to their learning goals. CFR applications are now live for summer research proposals. CAA is working to clarify learning/teaching modes for clarity of formats.
 - Grade Appeal Committee to one University wide committee—meeting will take place Monday February 15th.
 - CUPB: IBHE has made a recommendation that first generation student universities should get more funding. EIU is in the “middle” ranking for first generational college student populations for universities in terms of IBHE funding recommendations.
 - Upcoming Meetings:
 - February 23rd –CLAS Dean Bonnekessen
 - March 9th—COE Dean Henderson
 - March 23rd—Naming Committee Members Kevin Wetstein and Angie Campbell
 - April 6th-- OPEN
 - April—20th Filling of Executive Committees

- Think Tank Committee Update (Holly)
 - VPSA was invited to discuss COVID lessons for Student Life. Also discussed was a significant increase in counseling needs about academic performance.

- Review of Open Access Policy (Bruns)
 - In 2014 the State of Illinois passed an Open Access Law that required State Universities to come up with a plan to best provide open access to the research being produced on campus. Eastern produced a plan in 2014 that was unanimously approved by faculty and the President's council. The EIU Open Access Plan has not been revisited since. A draft revision of the policy has been written that simplifies the original document. This revision was discussed and addressed.

- Motion (Bruns/ Abebe) to approve the proposed open access with the revisions as discussed below:

Oversight of Policy

~~Under the guidance of an Internal Governing Policy, the President of Eastern Illinois University or his or her designee will be responsible for implementing this policy, resolving any issues arising from its interpretation and application. Any changes to the text of this policy will require approval by the President's Council of Eastern Illinois University.~~ The Open Access Policy will be reviewed as needed.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Abebe	Y
Bruns	Y
Chahyadi	Y
Davis	Y
Holly	Y
Hugo	Y
Kozlowski	Y
Mulvey	Y
Parrish	Absent
Porter	Y
Scher	Y
Shaw	Y
Stowell	Y
White	Y

- Guest Speakers / Vice President of Business Affairs (Sean Reeder)
 - VPBA shared multiple building and facilities updates including the Life Sciences building, emergency project with boiler and steam piping, basic infrastructure and plant equipment, exterior masonry of McAfee (work bids are in and repairs should take place in Spring when the weather breaks). VPBA Reeder also shared information about bills that have been passed at the state level that will help Illinois state universities immensely with procurement.

V. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 3:23 PM.

Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, K. Shaw