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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 2/23/2021 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, Parrish, Porter, Richards (Student Senator), Scher, Shaw, Stowell, and White.
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost), Barbara Bonnekessen (Dean CLAS), Alicia Neal

II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Abebe/White) Approved—13 Yes votes Mulvey Absent for vote (Roll call vote taken)

III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
 - Holly: No Report
- Elections & Nominations
 - Stowell: Faculty Nominations Spring email has been sent and there were very few nominations submitted so the nomination deadline was extended for one week as voted on by Faculty Senate Members via email electronic vote. Various solutions to help in recruitment of committee members and possible scaling back of committees were discussed.
- Student Senate
 - Richards: There will be no Student Senate meeting this Wednesday the 24th of February as it is an EIU Wellness day. Mark Hudson visited student senate February 17th and talked about an increase in housing and dining fees. Student Senators are engaging students to gain feedback on those increases. Student Senate is also working with PRISM on a possible student food bank here on campus.
- Student & Staff Relations
 - Scher: No report
- Faculty Forum
 - Abebe: Naming Committee Faculty Forum March 24th @3pm. More details and advertising to follow.
- Awards
 - Hugo: Distinguished Faculty Senate Award for the Spring Semester --Nomination forms have been submitted and are being reviewed. Results reported back to senate March 9th.
 - Senator Parrish asked if we could use another measure in place of the CV, discussion took place but no changes were made to the nomination process.
- Budget Transparency
 - Holly: Discussed disbanding this committee at the last meeting.
 - Motion (Holly/Parrish) to Disband the Budget Transparency Committee. No discussion took place. Roll call vote taken.

Abebe	Yes
Bruns	Yes

Chahyadi	Yes
Davis	Yes
Holly	Yes
Hugo	Yes
Kozlowski	Yes
Mulvey	Yes
Parrish	Yes
Porter	Yes
Scher	Abstain
Shaw	Yes
Stowell	Yes
White	Yes

IV. Business

- Provost's Report (Gatrell)
 - State of the State Address was last week. It was primarily positive news as the budget was stable and the expectations for higher education was flat. Two reasonably positive recommendations from both the State and the IBHE for EIU's budget, in this environment flat are good. Illinois' newest member of the general assembly (replacing Michael Madigan), Kodak, is an EIU Alumni member.
 - The OPEN Access policy changes were taken to PC and were supported.
 - The science building is still underway, we are waiting on the Capitol Development Board to officially approve the paperwork as part of the formal process. The work is moving forward.
- Chair Report (Holly)
 - Met with CAA chair and senior members of each college's grade appeal committees and recommendations for a new structure of the Grade Appeal Committee.
 - Naming Committee met February 17th and discussed survey question development and forums for various groups: student, staff and faculty.
 - Upcoming Meetings:
 - March 9th—COE Dean Henderson, Senator Stowell, and Josh Norman
 - March 23rd—Naming Committee Members Kevin Wetstein and Angie Campbell
 - April 6th-- OPEN
 - April—20th Filling of Executive Committees
- Think Tank Committee Update
 - (Holly)No report. Working on setting up next meeting.

- Guest Speakers / Dean College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Barbara Bonnekessen)
 - Dean Bonnekessen shared about her professional life and current events going on in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences including an increase in student numbers (4.3% Spring 2021, 7% Fall 2020), a need for faculty (due to loss because of retirements and etc....), continued cautious budget expenditures, and opportunities for growth at the college, department, and program level. Dean Bonnekessen also discussed the need for growth with interdisciplinary connectivity and internal/external networking.

- Other Business: None

V. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, K. Shaw