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Faculty Senate 2021-2022  
April 19, 2022  
Agenda and Minutes

Present: Senators Abebe, Bruns (had to leave at 3:00), Davis, Decker, Kozlowski, Mulvey, Okrasinski, Parrish, Porter (arrived at 2:55), Scher (arrived at 2:05), Stowell, White

Guests: Provost Gatrell (had to leave at 2:50)

- I. Approval of minutes from 04/05
  - a. Davis motion, Stowell second; passed unanimously
- II. Committee reports
  - a. Exec (Bruns/Stowell/Mulvey)
    - i. VPBA search is currently in progress and Senator Bruns is serving on behalf of Faculty Senate. He encouraged faculty to be involved in the process as it is a very important position.
  - b. Elections & Nominations (Stowell)
    - i. A list of volunteers for appointed committees was distributed for review. There is still one vacancy and Faculty Senate will reach out to colleagues to try to fill the spot. Senator Stowell discussed recommended practices for how individuals are appointed to open positions.
      1. Motion Stowell, Second Mulvey to approve list of appointed individuals. Roll call vote passed unanimously for all Senators present.
  - c. Student & Staff Relations (Davis/Bruns)
    - i. Student senator Huss was not present; no report.
    - ii. No report for staff relations.
  - d. Faculty Forum (Mulvey)
    - i. The fall forum was held 2 weeks ago and was attended by about 20 faculty members between in person and online attendees. Senator Abebe was thanked for his participation on the panel.
  - e. Awards (Bruns)
    - i. No report
- III. Provost's Report
  - a. DEI candidates will be on campus next week, 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and names of candidates will be released soon.
  - b. VPBA interviews continue with the search committee today. Provost Gatrell stated he hoped to have campus participate in the next round of interviews before May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Science Building is now in value engineering stage after approval of basic plans.
  - d. HLC committees are now in place. The first meeting will be August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - e. Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, around 2:45 p.m. the Board of Trustees will be touring the School of Nursing and Simulation Lab Tour. Faculty Senate is invited to attend as an opportunity to meet the Board of Trustees.

- IV. Discussion: Resolution to formally establish the EIU Think Tank (Bruns)
  - a. Bruns motion, Decker second; discussion opened
  - b. Senator Stowell supported the resolution but brought up the concern that the Faculty Senate chair already has a large duty list and wondered if it would be better to have the committee choose a chair once established each year. Senator Bruns clarified that Faculty Senate Chair role would be as a convener for the first meeting but otherwise run by the committee itself.
  - c. Discussion was held regarding how individuals appointed from Faculty Senate will be rotated on/off the committee; FS would put out call for individuals during spring appointed elections and any faculty members could apply. Staff and Student Senate will appoint their own members as they see fit.
  - d. We (FS) have established the by-laws for the Think Tank since it is FS initiative, changes to by-laws can be made by the committee with FS approval.
  - e. Discussion about why there is a balance of faculty and administration and how this allows for relevant and efficient planning of committee goals.
  - f. Roll call vote was held with all present senators voting yes, with Senator Parrish abstaining; resolution passed.
- V. Discussion: Resolution in support of the renaming of Douglas Hall (Bruns/Scher)
  - a. Abebe motion, Scher second; discussion opened.
  - b. Discussion whether FS should support some names over others. Senator Scher shared some information from the naming committee meetings. Provost Gatrell shared that the new name will likely be shared campus-wide this week.
  - c. Motion for an amended resolution by Stowell, second Bruns to remove the first paragraph that starts with Resolved... and to update the last paragraph to read RESOLVED, the EIU Faculty Senate urges the Board of Trustees...
  - d. Senator Abebe noted that he wanted to commend the current Faculty Senate for their work on behalf of this movement that started many years ago.
  - e. Thanks were given to Senator Stowell for sharing minutes from several years ago that started this idea and resolution.
  - f. Roll call vote was held with all present senators voting yes with the amended resolution.
- VI. Discussion: Resolution on academic dishonesty and student standards (Parrish)
  - a. Parrish motion, Stowell second; discussion opened.
  - b. Provost Gatrell is not aware that any resolution regarding this (online plagiarism) exists.
  - c. Provost Gatrell stated that the challenge is how to police these companies when it is the platform that is the problem and as understood, the statute protects online platforms from consequence.
  - d. Senator Stowell discussed how the Plagiarism Act addresses “academic papers” and not test questions, for example, and how many faculty are submitting their own work to these websites.
  - e. Provost Gatrell pointed out that it may be best to have EIU’s legal counsel to come and talk about legal ramifications and abilities to address plagiarism and faculty rights.

- f. Provost Gatrell stated that he plans to discuss this with the President this week.
  - g. Scher made a motion to table this resolution until next week, second Davis; passed with 11 senators voting yes and 2 abstaining
  - h. Scher made a motion to have FS Chair Bruns reach out to consult university counsel regarding the legality of the resolution and what is covered by the Plagiarism Act, second Stowell; passed with 8 senators voting yes, 4 senators abstaining, and 1 senator voting no.
- VII. Guest Speaker (2:45 PM): Vice President of University Advancement Operations Ken Wetstein discussed fundraising campaigns and the overall financial status of the EIU Foundation: Donors, Dollars, Impact
- a. Overall number of donors is down this year, and this has been a trend the last few years. This decrease is consistent with what other universities are experiencing. Small donor acquisition needs to be priority, as this is the number that has been decreasing the most.
  - b. We are having a great year in terms of gifts that have come in, however. EIU has increased in number of individuals who are donating \$25,000 and above, which has increased the overall gifts to EIU.
  - c. Typically, a donor gives gifts with restriction (has a specific purpose given by donor).
  - d. Comprehensive Campaigns were introduced as a more semantically accurate way to discuss fundraising than capital projects, with focus on endowments, annual funds, capital projects, and special initiatives. Mr. Wetstein discussed the process of a comprehensive campaign and some specific strategies
    - i. Solicitation – strategic
    - ii. Volunteer involvement – steering committee and others
    - iii. Reliance on lead gifts – 60% of gifts come from top 30-40, high gift donors
    - iv. Focus on quality of gifts, not quantity
    - v. Face-to-Face Solicitation includes feasibility and planning to build a campaign goal
    - vi. Multi-year pledges include loyal, current donors to consider a “stretch gift”
  - e. Questions and discussion were held about brand equity and forms of assets that are donated.
  - f. FS thanked Mr. Wetstein for his informative presentation.
- VIII. Senator Roll Call for Updates - None
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:39.