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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 1999(Vol. xxix, No. 1)

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I. Call to order by Bonnie Irwin at 2:00 p.m. (2504 Buzzard Building)

Present: J. Allison, R. Benedict, J. Best, J. Coons, C. Eberly, P. Fewell, B. Fischer, G. Foster, B. Irwin, G. Lockart, N. Marlow, J. Tidwell, M. Toosi, L. Walker. Excused: B. Young. Guests: T. Abebe, J. Maholy, M. McMahan.

II. Approval of the minutes of June 16, 1999

Motion (Allison/Toosi) to approve the minutes of June 16, 1999.

Yes: Allison, Benedict, Fewell, Foster, Irwin, Lockart, Marlow, Tidwell, Toosi. Abstentions: Best, Coons, Eberly, Fischer, Walker.

III. Communications

- A. Minutes of Council on Academic Affairs—April 29, June 24, July 8, 1999.
- B. Council on Academic Affairs 1999-2000 meeting schedule—August 26; September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9; January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 2, 9, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27. All meetings except the January 27 meeting will be held in the Arcola/Tuscola Room. That meeting will be held in the Oakland Room.
- C. Minutes of Council on Graduate Studies—April 20, 1999.
- D. Council on Graduate Studies 1999-2000 meeting schedule—September 7, 21; October 5, 19; November 2, 16; December 7; January 18; February 1, 15; March 7, 21; April 4, 18. All meetings, except where noted, will be held in the Arcola/Tuscola Room. October 5—Martinsville Room; February 15—Effingham Room; March 7—109 Old Main.
- E. Minutes of the Council on Teacher Education—April 27, 1999
- F. Council on Teacher Education 1999-2000 meeting calendar—September 14, 28; October 12, 26; November 9; January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 28; April 11, 25. All meetings will be held in the Arcola/Tuscola Room.
- G. EIU Board of Trustees 2000 meeting calendar—October 18 (1999); January 24; April 17; June 12; October 16.
- H. Agenda of the Board of Trustees meeting—July 12, 1999.
- I. EIU Report to the Board of Trustees—July 12, 1999.
- J. Minutes of EIU Board of Trustees—April 19, 1999.
- K. Minutes of EIU Board of Trustees Executive Committee—May 26, 1999.
- L. Copy of EIU-Lakeland College Accord and Composition of Working Teams.
- M. Senate FY 2000 Budget.
- N. Thank you card from Karen Johnson, Academic Affairs.
- O. Memo from Dr. Surles requesting senate appointment to VPIA search committee.
- P. Memo from Dr. Surles requesting senate appointment to VPBA search committee.

IV. Faculty Senate Orientation

Chair Irwin welcomed the new members to Senate—Reed Benedict, Bud Fischer, and Bailey Young (in absentia).

- A. Constitution. Article V, Section 5 states that there should be three non-voting student members on the Faculty Senate; the Senate has not done this in recent years. In the past members of student government attended Faculty Senate meetings regularly. The Student/Faculty Relations Committee will handle this.
- B. Bylaws. Last year there was some discussion about language changes in the section on elections. The Elections Committee will look at this.
- C. Operating Principles and Procedures. These were adopted last year and will be followed as far as possible.
- D. Meeting Dates for Fall 1999—every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in Buzzard 2504.
- E. Committee Explanations and Assignments
 - 1. Nominations and Liaison Coordinator: Walker (Chair), Marlow, Tidwell, Young
 - 2. Elections Committee: Best (Chair), Foster, Lockart
 - 3. Student/Faculty Relations Committee: Benedict, Coons (Chair), Eberly, Fischer
 - 4. Student/Staff Relations Committee: Allison (Chair), Fewell, ToosiIrwin congratulated the committee chairs.
- F. The College keeps a coffeepot running; senators who want to drink coffee should bring their own cups and make a contribution to the College's coffee fund.

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee. Tidwell and Irwin spoke with the Provost about the Accord. This is on next week's agenda. Chair Irwin has submitted the members' available time to Judy Gorrell.
2. Nominations Committee. There has been a request for one person for the IAB; a call will be sent out next week. The process of sending out a call for nominations in general has also begun. Walker will check to see if there are any bylaws the Senate still needs.
3. Ad Hoc Drafting Committee. The Surveys were sent to the Chairs for distribution. The Senate expressed their appreciation to the Chairs for doing this. There were 460 surveys distributed; so far 55 have been returned. They are due back by September 10. People with questions or those who did not receive a survey should contact B. Irwin in English. The members of this committee agreed to continue to serve.
4. Search Committee for Assistant Director of Financial Aid. This process has been going slowly; there are two applicants.
5. Presidential Inauguration Committee. A few people on campus have been working on this all summer. The date is October 29 at 1:30. There will be events going on all semester—symposia, lectures, academic demonstrations, symphony concert, etc. The purpose is to showcase Eastern and to celebrate the new president. This could be a good opportunity for Faculty Senators to take a leading role and attend these activities. The first event is September 22; Ping Liu will demonstrate the scantron microscope. Each college was asked to nominate a college lecturer and have some other event. Ikenberry will be the keynote speaker on September 27.
6. Tidwell reported that a place has not yet been designated for the Distinguished Professor plaque.
7. Marlow was elected vice-chair of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee.
8. VPAA Abebe reported that the Illinois Virtual College was highlighted at today's IBHE meeting

VI. New Business

- A. Appointment to Search Committee for Vice-President of Business Affairs
Motion (Allison/Coons) to appoint David Carpenter.
Yes: Allison, Benedict, Best, Coons, Eberly, Fewell, Fischer, Foster, Irwin, Lockart, Marlow, Tidwell, Toosi, Walker
- B. Appointment to Search Committee for Vice President of Institutional Development
Motion (Tidwell/Foster) to appoint Bailey Young.
Yes: Allison, Benedict, Best, Coons, Eberly, Fewell, Fischer, Foster, Irwin, Lockart, Marlow, Tidwell, Toosi, Walker.
- C. Senate appointment to ATAC. With few exceptions, the other members of this committee are members of the group they represent; thus, it was decided to appoint a member of Faculty Senate.
Motion (Allison/Walker) to appoint James Tidwell.
Yes: Allison, Benedict, Best, Coons, Eberly, Fewell, Fischer, Foster, Irwin, Lockart, Marlow, Toosi, Walker. Abstentions: Tidwell.
- D. Letter to Governor Ryan regarding re-appointment of EIU Trustees.
Motion (Allison/Lockart) that Tidwell and Irwin draft a resolution for Faculty Senate approval that Nate Anderson, Carl Koerner, and Tom Johnson be reappointed.
Yes: Allison, Benedict, Best, Coons, Eberly, Fewell, Fischer, Foster, Irwin, Lockart, Marlow, Tidwell, Toosi, Walker, Young.
- E. Senator Toosi thanked Bill Wittsman and John Henderson for their support of the School of Technology computer laboratory.
- F. Senator Tidwell reported that the President will appoint him to the Search Committee for the University Counsel.
- G. Discussion of Faculty Senate Role. Senator Best: One of the things we do not do is to think about where we want to go this year. He invited the senators to reflect about our goals. For the year. What kind of difference do we want to make this year and how will we measure that? He suggested we focus on the relationship between the teacher and student as the heart of everything that makes a university great; it is a necessary and sufficient cause of a university's greatness. One of the things that would be helpful and positive would be to make that position salient and with it the recognition that our role as faculty is to engage in that relationship and to foster it. Everything else should be done to support the success of achieving that relationship. Our target should be to see how helpful others are or can be in supporting us in that role. Faculty Senate is a crucial voice in establishing that role and the greatness of the institution. Senator Coons added that we should also consider how the administration sees the role of the Faculty Senate. They can help us make all of this happen; it is a two-way thing. We cannot operate on our own without communications and resources from the administration. Further discussion included:
 - There should be more communication between the faculty and the student affairs side of the university.

- There is considerable “teaching” going on with a good faculty advisory to student groups. Yet that kind of activity is seldom recognized at the level it should be in promotion and tenure decisions.
- H. VPAA Abebe reported that the library is running smoothly. There are five locations, four house books and one staff only. He also commented that the attitude on campus has been magnificent. This discussion is necessary for the success of a campus and an institution. In terms of the relationship with administration, that is the kind of thing the Senate should talk about. The Senate has contributed to his doing his job through his consultations with them. He also added his welcome to the new Senate members.

VII. Adjourn at 3:25 p.m. (Walker)

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy D. Marlow, Recorder

Future Agenda Items: Dr. Lasky on the Honors Program; EIU-Lakeland Accord—August 31, 1999.