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## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 1999 (Vol. xxviii, No. 23)**

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### **I. Call to order by James Tidwell at 2:00 p.m. (Conference Room, Booth Library)**

Present: J. Best, J. Coons, P. Fewell, G. Foster, N. Furumo, R. Gholson, B. Irwin, G. Lockart, N. Marlow, J. Tidwell, M. Toosi, L. Walker, A. Zahlan. Excused: C. Eberly. Guests: T. Abebe, J. Guziec, M. McMahon, S. Skala, S. Slemer.

### **II. Approval of the minutes of March 9, 1999**

**Motion (Foster/Irwin) to approve the minutes of March 9, 1999.**

Yes: Best, Coons, Fewell, Foster, Furumo, Gholson, Irwin, Lockart, Marlow, Tidwell, Toosi, Walker, Zahlan.

### **III. Communications**

- A. Minutes of Council on Academic Affairs—March 4, 1999.
- B. Minutes of Intercollegiate Athletic board—November 12, 1998, February 4, 1999, and March 4, 1999.
- C. Copy of memo to President Surles from Jon Laible concerning Distinguished Faculty Award.
- D. Memo from EIU Foundation concerning FY2000 allocation for endowment spending on Distinguished Faculty Award—\$1120.09.
- E. Minutes of Staff Senate—March 10, 1999.
- F. Minutes of Library Advisory Board—February 10, 1999.
- G. Memo from Council of Chairs concerning minutes of meetings. The minutes are provided as a service to the Council of Chairs members only. They do not consider themselves as a formal part of the governance of the University.
- H. Price quotation from Metal Décor concerning Distinguished Faculty Award plaque—March 22, 1999. A 23x27x1 plaque with enough space for 60 names would be about \$1300. The nameplates in the future would be \$13.97 each. The plan is to unveil the plaque as part of the Old Main Centennial Celebration in the fall.
- I. E-mail message about tuition waivers. Legislation to discontinue the tuition waiver program for children of university employees was approved by the House Executive Committee. HB 1058 would end the 50% tuition waiver for children of university employees with seven or more years of service. The bill is slated to be voted on by the end of this week. The unions are opposed to this; it should be voted down.
- J. Because the minutes with the candidates' statements had some duplication problems, they will be put on the web site.

### **IV. Old Business**

- A. Committee Reports
  - 1. Elections Committee. The working times were distributed to the senators. There will be instructions at the poll. The at-large races are on one side of the ballot and the college races on the other. There are five separate ballots—one for each college plus the library. Challenges are expected for the graduate faculty designations. Ballots will be counted Friday morning in Testing.
  - 2. Nominations Committee. The call for nominations is attached to these minutes.
  - 3. Student/Faculty Relations. The University of Illinois is currently addressing the issue of sweatshop-manufactured clothing and athletic gear. Does EIU still have a student group working with this issue?
  - 4. Ad Hoc Drafting Committee. Categories of questions to be included in a Faculty Senate questionnaire include demographics; professional satisfaction; shared governance; students; support, workload, and working environment; and faculty-administrative relations. Senators are asked to suggest additional categories as well as questions within the categories for next week's meeting. The committee is also considering formats for the questionnaire; the format will also be brought to the Senate.
  - 5. Screening Committee for Director of Financial Aid. Four candidates are being considered. Reference checks will begin next week. They hope to have candidates on campus by the middle of April.
- B. Spring Forum. The Spring Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 1999, from 2-4 p.m. in Buzzard Auditorium. A flier is attached to these minutes.

**Faculty who wish to speak during the forum should contact James Tidwell no later than Monday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. They should also indicate the area(s) they wish to address in their comments.**

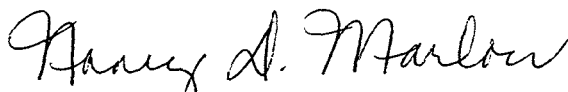
- C. Distinguished Faculty Award. All committee members have been designated with the exception of the presidential appointment and the undergraduate student. A flier about the award will come out this week. The deadline is April 16 at 2 p.m. It is hoped that the committee will get together on the following Friday or Monday. The Senate will also purchase an individual plaque for the winner. This is announced and presented at graduation.
- D. Report on Coffee with President Surlis, Friday, March 12, 1999. There were 9 senators there. It was very interesting. She shared some of her priorities and listened to the senators. It was very productive. She had just returned from meeting with legislators. She emphasized that she welcomes all communications and responds to them.
- E. Reception for Retired Faculty. This will be held on April 20, 1999, from 4-6 p.m. in the Rathskeller Balcony in the MLK Union. Chair Tidwell has the names and addresses of the retirees; invitations should be going out soon. The pen sets have been ordered.

V. **New Business**

The Lantz complex was used to host two events last weekend. These events attracted thousands to the area. Things did not go smoothly, however, which could reflect negatively on the University. In the future, it is hoped that there will be sufficient personnel there to make sure that things do go smoothly. This is a great opportunity for the University to showcase itself. We need to present ourselves in such a way that those attending want to come back.

VI. **Adjourn at 2:40 p.m. (Walker).**

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy D. Marlow, Recorder