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I. Chair Gail Richard called the Senate to order at 2:00 p.m. Present: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, P. Lenihan, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf, & A. Zahlan. Absent: W. Kirk. Visitors: Brian Anderson, Jason Anselment, Jessica Baker, Debbie Barker, Doug Bower, Angela Coker, Charles Evans, David Jorns, Natalie Gott, Jackie McGrath, & Jennifer Reed

II. November 19, 1996. minutes were approved as distributed. Schmidt/Foster moved to approve the minutes. (12-0-2). Yes: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, P. Lenihan, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, J. Tidwell, D. Wolf, & A. Zahlan. Abstain: J. Simpson & L. Walker.

III. Communications

- A. Council on Graduate Studies Minutes from 11/19/96
- B. Council on Academic Affairs Minutes from 11/14/96 & 11/21/96
- C. Council on Teacher Education Minutes from 11/12/96
- D. Student Senate Minutes from 11/13/96
- E. Library Advisory Board Minutes from 10/23, 11/6, 11/20/96
- F. Letter from Library Advisory Board to President Jorns regarding the requested increase in book and periodicals budget
- G. E-mail from Richard Wandling expressing disapproval of Senate's interpretation position on the University College Referendum
- H. Continuing Education Coordinating Council Minutes from 11/8/96

IV. A. Prior to the Senate meeting, Johnetta Jones communicated with Chair Richard that the Gateway Program is still under review. Nothing has changed since the report in the November 12 Faculty Senate Minutes. Jones will address the Senate after the review and clarification is completed.

B. Results of the University College Referendum were as follows:

Of the 524 eligible voters, 157 (29.96%) faculty voted in the November 19-20 referendum.
Of the 157 voting faculty, 38 (24.2%) were in favor of the creation of a University College.
Of the 157 voting faculty, 75 (47.7%) were not in favor of the creation of a University College.
Of the 157 voting faculty, 44 (28%) cast blank ballots.

Chair Richard will forward the referendum results to Dr. Charles Evans.

C. The Taskforce on Counseling Center final report will be completed spring semester. Senators Fraker and Kirk met with UPI-EIU President Laurent Gosselin. Fraker stressed two points: (1) How will the students be served best? By faculty (Unit A) status counselors or by academic support services (Unit B) status counselors. (2) Does the Senate want Gosselin to pursue the legal procedures with the labor board to change positions from one bargaining unit to another? After further discussion of both points, Richard requested a final report be written including pros and cons related to how students can best be served.

D. Committee reports:

1. The Elections Committee reported the location of the voting polls outside the Union bookstore seems to serve voters better than in the corridor between the two Union buildings.

2. The Executive Committee reported (a) no change in the status of the Gateway Program; (b) retirees will receive Faculty Senate plaques at the spring retirement dinner; (c) the search for the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs will begin spring semester with new person in position by fall 1997 semester; (d) the search for the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs will begin spring 1997 and selection will be completed within the fall 1997 semester; and (e) the Executive Committee meetings will be arranged after the spring semester schedules are finalized.

3. The Parking Committee reported the status of the parking survey. Of the 420 surveys distributed, 194 were returned. Of the 194, the students returned 96; the civil service staff 80; the administrators/professionals 9; and the faculty 9. Faculty are encouraged to return surveys.

V. Agenda items:

- A. Taskforce on Administrative Evaluation on January 21, 1997
- B. Taskforce on Counseling Center Report early spring semester

At 3:00 Walker moved to adjourn.

J. Ozier, acting recorder

No Faculty Senate Meeting on December 10, 1996.