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I. Called to order by Gail Richard at 2:03 p.m.

Present: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, B. Kirk, P. Lenihan, G. Lockart, H. Nordin, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf, A. Zahlan. Guests: K. Alford, B. Anderson, S. Bordenkircher, C. Gallagher, D. Jorns, N. Marlow, J. McGrath, T. Weidner

II. Approval of Minutes of 3/11/97

Correction: IV.E.2 - correct date is March 28 not May 28. IV.E.3-the error in the positions available was in COTE at Large and the UPC. Those candidates who had applied for the COTE at Large (Christine McCormick) and UPC (Nancy Marlow) were allowed to select another council or committee.

A motion (Foster/Kirk) to approve the minutes of 3/11/97 with corrections.

Yes - Best, Foster, Fraker, Furumo, Kirk, Lenihan, Lockart, Nordin, Richard, Schmidt, Simpson, Tidwell, Zahlan. Abstain - Walker

III. Communications

A. Minutes - Council on Academic Affairs - 3/13/97

B. Minutes - Student Senate - 3/5/97

C. Memo from T. Weidner regarding the appointment of Bill Kirk as the Faculty Senate representative to the search committee for Assoc. Provost and VPAA

D. CUPB Agenda - March 28, 1997, Meeting - 3:00 p.m. Effingham Rm.

E. Memo-D. Jorns regarding appointment of R. Barford to Distinguished Faculty Award Committee

F. Memo from S. Fairley apologizing for the delay of service for the reception after the President's State of the University Address

G. E-mail from M. Steiskal apologizing for the problems regarding the reception after the State of the University Address

H. G. Foster reported that he forwarded communications regarding the Individualized Study Program to B. Addison.

IV. Old Business

A. Faculty Advisory Committee Position Statement to the IBHE

Nancy Marlow reported that the Faculty Advisory Committee is representatives from public, private, junior college and proprietary schools who try to be proactive on issues that affect higher education. The concern for which a position statement was developed was the expansion of MAP funds to proprietary schools by the IBHE. The proprietary schools involved at this time are DeVrie and Midwest Business College. D. Jorns reported that the position of the IBHE is to "let the money follow the student". The MAP funds are allocated to the student and not the school. A question raised by A. Zahlan and supported by J. Best was whether the availability of MAP funds might encourage these for-profit schools to increase tuition. \$3.5 million dollars was added onto the the budget bill by the IBHE to cover this expense.

MOTION (Zahlan/Foster) to endorse the Faculty Advisory Committee's Statement to the IBHE. Statement - We oppose the item in the IBHE budget which expands MAP eligibility to proprietary schools students. State funds are in short supply should be used for public and not for-profit institutions. To allocate such funds to proprietary schools is unwise. We are aware of the bill's proposed limits that the proprietary school must have a degree program approved by the North Central Association but fear that the demand for these funds will grow, greatly enlarging the receiving schools beyond the two who currently qualify. MAP funds should go to students at private universities and colleges, public universities and colleges, and community colleges, not to indirectly subsidize for-profit institutions. We urge that our legislators be informed of this matter and take appropriate action to correct this expansion.

Yes - Best, Foster, Fraker, Furumo, Kirk, Lenihan, Lockart, Nordin, Richard, Schmidt, Simpson, Tidwell, Walker, Wolf, Zahlan.

G. Richard will draft a letter that will be sent to legislators and to the IBHE indicating the Faculty Senate's support of the Faculty Advisory Committee's statement.

B. Individualized Study Program

G. Richard reported that she attended the CAA Meeting on 3/13/97 and listened to a formal proposal by W. Hine, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education. The program is designed for students with specialized needs. All university general education requirements must be completed. The focus is on an interdisciplinary approach. Each student's program must be approved by a faculty committee. The faculty committee has not been explicitly flushed out yet. The program would also be available for students who have extensive hours but who have not been able to meet the GPA required for a specific major. Members of CAA felt the program could fulfill a need but that there were several concerns that should be addressed. CAA tabled the proposal and a subcommittee of B. Addison, T. Mason and J. Owen was formed to further discuss the proposal. L. Gosselin suggested that there be discussions with the individuals involved in the Career Occupations program to see if the programs are similar. L. Gosselin felt that there may be issues that affect the union contract. Faculty Senate will not take action on the proposal at the present time. Individuals are encouraged to put their ideas in writing and send to members of the CAA sub-committee.

C. Taskforce on Counseling Center Report

B. Kirk and F. Fraker distributed a written report. The report provided a rationale for the taskforce and gave a brief historical perspective of the development of the Counseling Center and the mission of the Center. The report included the changes in the philosophy and services provided by the Center and the impact these changes had on students and staff. L. Gosselin gave a summary of why the Counseling Center was added to the bargaining unit in 1984 and the issues now with faculty and ASP appointments as a result of current changes in structure.

Faculty Senate will discuss the taskforce report in greater detail at the April 1, 1997, meeting. No action has been taken on the report at this time. After thorough discussion by the Faculty Senate, action will be taken.

A copy of the taskforce report is on reserve at the library. The report will also be placed on the Faculty Senate web site.

D. Acknowledgement of Retiring Faculty - The Executive Committee selected a desk set in place of the plaque.

E. Ad Hoc Committee on Technology - Policy & Planning - 3/28/97 is first meeting.

F. Committee Reports

1. Nominations - The nominations for Distinguished Faculty Award are due March 28, 1997. Attached are the available positions for Boards and Committees. Individuals should put their interest in committees in writing and submit to A. Zahlan.
2. Elections - J. Tidwell distributed a work schedule and G. Foster reviewed voting procedures.
3. Executive Committee - Jill Nilsen was appointed by the President to chair the Provost and VPAA Search.
4. Parking Committee - H. Nordin reported on the recommendations of the committee to increase fees for reserved parking and faculty/staff/ and student parking.

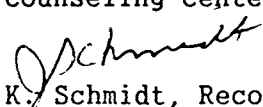
V. New Business

A. Agenda Items for April 1, 1997

1. Results of Faculty Elections
2. Taskforce Report on the Counseling Center

Adjourn at 4:02.

Respectfully submitted:


Joan K. Schmidt, Recorder