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Faculty Senate Minutes of August 22 (Vol. xxv, No. 1)

Called to order by Chair John Simpson at 2:03 p.m., BOG Room,
Booth Library

Present: J. Allison, R. Beck, G. Foster, F. Fraker, R. Gholson, W.
Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J.
Tidwell, L. Walker, W. Weber, D. Wolf

Visitors: K. Allee, J. Anselment, S. Bingham-Porter, J. Nilsen,
T. Weidner

Chair Simpson congratulated senators who had achieved victories during
the spring election: Beck, Foster, Nordin, Richard, and Schmidt.

Minutes: A motion (Weber/Kirk) passed to approve the May 9
Minutes (11/0/4).

A motion (Ozier/Gholson) passed to approve June 1
Minutes (9/0/8).

A motion (Weber/Fraker) passed to approve the June 9
Minutes (11/0/4), with the following amendments:
Communications G should read "with the belief" instead
"with contention": **Communications N** should read
"stating the belief that" instead of "contending."

A motion (Ozier/Wolf) passed to approve the July 14
Minutes 11/0/4).

I. Communications

- A. Memo from Charles Evans (7/20) requesting that Senator Foster serve
on the Task Force Of Lower Division Student Services, with
understanding that the Senate may wish to nominate some other senator.
- B. Conversation between Jill Nilsen and Chair Simpson (7/21) to report
plans to increase the compensation of Legislative Liaison Chris
Merrifield from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Senator Nordin asked if the
Legislative Liaison was unwilling to continue at her initial salary,
noting that the increase represents a 43% increase in just six months.
Dr. Nilsen stated that the increase reflects the Liaison's increased
duties with the demise of the BOG and makes the position more
competitive.
- C. E-mail from Senator Allison (8/7) to Lou Hencken. The memo poses
the following questions: 1) Is a search for an Associate Director of
Athletics underway? 2) Has the position been advertised in the
University Newsletter, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and NCAA
News? 3) Is Ed Marlow the Chair of the Search Committee? 4) If a
search is going on, have the finalists for interviews been selected?
5) If a search is going on, why was the Faculty Senate not informed or
asked to nominate a faculty member? In an e-mail response (8/8), Mr.
Hencken responded in the affirmative to questions 1-4. Senator Fraker

and others noted that Mr. Hencken had not responded to question 5 about Senate representation. Senator Walker pointed out that an Internal Governing Policy approved during Sept. 93 allows the President to appoint whom he will to such committees. Walker advised comparison of the 9/93 policy with the earlier one to see in what way the President's power of appointment may have changed. Allison noted that since the 8/8 e-mail from Mr. Hencken, Mr. Hencken indicated that the Chronicle was not used to advertise the position since the NCAA News is the customary vehicle for advertising athletic positions.

D. Memo from Janet Lambert (8/17) citing an overload resulting from "the chronically underfunded and overenrolled Department of Elementary and Junior High Education" as the reason for her resignation from the Senate.

E. Memo with three attachments from Lewis Coon (8/19) requesting all BGU Faculty Senates to "assume full leadership in matters affecting [their] faculty after the dissolution of the BGU."

F. Chair Simpson's conversation with VPAA Weidner (8-20) in which the VPAA offered funding for a professional secretary for the Senate and offered regularly scheduled reports from the VPAA regarding Senate concerns. Allison asked if the secretarial arrangement might decrease CUs for the Senate Recorder; Weidner indicated that the matter can be "negotiated."

G. Memo from Lankford Walker (8/21) requesting "a referendum to allow the Faculty to ratify" the Senate resolution of June 1 containing the language the "Faculty Senate . . . has full confidence in, and supports the President."

H. Memo from Richard Wandling (8/21) requesting amendment of Senate's June 9 minutes to reflect his earlier request for a referendum allowing the faculty to vote on the Senate's resolution of June 1.

I. Voice mail from Rory Carson, Chair of COTE, requesting Senate advice concerning procedures for an alternate for a COTE member who must miss four meetings. After discussion, Chair Simpson agreed to seek more information about the specific details of the situation.

J. Senator Allison reported conversation between the Senate Executive Committee, the President, and the VPAA during a summer meeting. Allison stated that the President voiced a need to achieve cost savings through attrition of faculty through retirement, fewer renewals of temporary faculty contracts, and some additional consolidation. Allison also noted that VPAA Weidner suggested combining some classes into larger ones and that the President replied in the affirmative when asked if the measures are intended in part as an exchange of personnel for equipment. After Allison's remarks, both the VPAA and Senator Foster, who were present at the Executive meeting, clarified that some savings would be used for additional tenure-track lines. VPAA Weidner reaffirmed commitment to increase the proportion of tenure-track faculty.

II. Old Business

A. IBHE Articulation Plan: Senator Allison requested the Senate to continue discussion of the matter under "Old Business" at the next meeting, agreeing to provide new copies of his alternative drafts for

Senate members, especially since new members did not yet have copies and had not had an opportunity to share in discussion during earlier months. Senators agreed by consensus.

B. Policy Regarding Full-Time Status of Summer Students: Senator Gholson asked that the matter be continued as a subject of Senate business under "Old Business" at the next meeting. Senators agreed by consensus.

C. By communication with Chair Simpson, Jane Lasky noted the need for a faculty member to serve as chair of the Affirmative Action Committee. She indicated Johnson Kuma's willingness to serve. After discussion, Walker nominated (Allison seconded) Kuma. The nomination passed -- 8/0/4

III. New Business

Note: At the request of Senator Nordin, the Senate agreed to reverse the original order of items A. and B. so that a recorder could be elected before discussion regarding VPAA Weidner's offer of secretarial support for a recorder.

A. Election of Recorder: Senator Walker nominated (Nordin seconded) Senator Allison as recorder. After brief discussion, Senator Weber moved (Tidwell seconded) that nominations be closed (12/0/2). Allison was elected, 12/0/2.

B. Discussion of Services of Professional Secretary: Senator Gholson moved (Allison seconded) that the Senate avail itself of the services of a professional secretary. During discussion, Senator Fraker asked for assurance that the secretary be a person who wants to assist with the minutes and who has the abilities to do so. VPAA Weidner indicated his intention to assist with an appropriate selection. Senator Allison suggested that any truly professional secretary is likely to cope, even with the Senate's Byzantine operations. Senator Gholson requested that Allison not be the only person to consult with the VPAA about the selection of a secretary and suggested that the other two Executive Committee members be involved. Allison expressed a desire for help from all quarters. After Allison indicated willingness to accept fewer CUs in light of professional support, a number of Senators expressed concern that the Senate might lose hard-gained and much-needed CU's. Senator Beck suggested that the Chair determine an award of CUs to a senator with an especially heavy load of service. Allison indicated the difficulty of knowing at the start of a semester just which senator might become especially busy with Senate service. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would continue discussion with VPAA Weidner. Senators agreed to defer voting on the Gholson motion as a matter of "Old Business" next week.

C. Senate Representation on the Task Force on Lower Division Student Support Services: Allison nominated (Tidwell seconded) Senator Foster. The nomination carried -- 12/0/2. As Assistant VPAA Evans had

mentioned in a memo that the Task Force might recommend organizational changes, Allison suggested the advisability of reports from Senator Foster, as well as occasional updates from Assistant VPAA Evans.

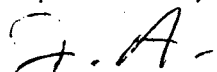
D. Appointments to Senate Committees: Senators agreed to defer the matter as an item under "Old Business" for the next meeting.

E. Request for a Faculty Vote on the Senate's "Confidence Vote" of June 1: Chair Simpson read a press release (6/30) issued by Shelly Flock to indicate the timeliness and good effect of the resolution, noting his view that the matter ought not be brought to the "public eye" once again. A range of discussion ensued about interpretation of the Senate's resolution and the suspension of Robert's Rules to assure swift approval of the resolution at the June 1 meeting. Senator Allison noted that the Staff Senate brought language to its constituents and revised the language accordingly before passing a resolution. In response, Chair Simpson and other senators noted the issue of timeliness and the fact that so many faculty are gone during the summer months. Senator Ozier stated that senators knew that the Senate would not achieve a quorum for any later meetings during the summer. Senator Allison expressed surprise that Senator Ozier and others had known that there would be no quorum after the June 1 special meeting -- that as chair at the time, he was not aware that senators knew that there would be no quorums for the remainder of the summer. Senator Gholson noted the defeat of persons who used "strong rhetoric" during the spring faculty elections, stressing a desire on campus for constructive progress. Senator Fraker moved (Beck seconded) for the Senate to affirm that the Senate's action represented the Senate members present at the special meeting, not the view of the general faculty. Following additional discussion from senators stating that they were representing constituents and praise of the Senate's resolution from Senator's Richard and Weber, Fraker and Beck agreed to drop the motion. At this point, Senator Richard moved (Tidwell seconded) that the Senate drop item E. from discussion and that the Senate not return to the issue next week under "Old Business." Allison, Gholson, Walker and others requested a roll-call vote, which follows: Fraker--yes, Gholson--yes, Beck--yes, Foster--yes, Walker--no, Weber--yes, Richard--yes, Ozier--yes, Schmidt--no, Nordin--no, Tidwell--yes, Allison--no, Simpson--abstention. The motion carried (8/4/1).

F. Collection of Senators' Phone Numbers and E-mail Addresses: Allison agreed to publish the information along with the request for faculty concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Tentative Agenda for August 29: IBHE Articulation Plan, Summer Full-Time Status for Students, Committee Appointments, Secretarial Support.

Respectfully submitted,


John Allison, Recorder

CALL FOR ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The Preamble and Article II of the Faculty Senate Constitution include the following language:

Further, in representing its constituency, the Faculty Senate must be responsive to the common and several needs not only of faculty but of all students and all members of the academic community involved in sustaining the climate of learning.

All matters affecting the welfare of the University are the necessary concern of the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate would appreciate your advice about issues and concerns facing EIU. All matters but those related to collective bargaining and the Board of Governors Policies and Regulations are within the purview of the Faculty Senate.

Using the space below, forward your suggestions for issues and concerns to any of the current members of the Senate; you may also call or use e-mail: John Allison--6978 (cfjba), Roger Beck--5529 (cfrbb), Gary Foster--6215 (cfgsf), French Fraker--2400 (cfflf, Ron Gholson--5931 (cfreg), Bill Kirk --6416 (cfwgk), Hal Nordin--6331, Jayne Ozier--2124 (cfsjo), Gail Richard--2712 (cfgjr), Joan Schmidt--5390 (csjks), John Simpson, chair -- 5214 (cfjms), James Tidwell--2812 (cfjat), Lankford Walker--6009 (cfclw), Bill Weber--6328 (cfwvw), Deborah Wolf--2612 (cfdwvl).
