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Called to order by Chair Simpson at 2:03 p.m.

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

Absent: W. Weber

Visitors: K. Evans, H. Cregar, K. Brown, R. Tucker, G. Aylesworth, C. Gallagher, S. Boehme, T. Weidner, President Jorns.

Chair Simpson moved to defer approval of Oct. 3, 1995 minutes due to insufficient time to read them before the meeting. There was consensus.

I. Communications:

A. A letter to Chair Simpson from VCAA William Pearman of the University of Hawaii (9-27) stating that a recommendation was made that Hilo would pursue a unified faculty senate. They requested a copy of EIU's Faculty Senate Constitution. A general consensus was reached that Chair Simpson would in fact forward a copy of the Faculty Senate's Constitution and By-Laws.

B. Minutes of the President's Council were distributed in which the first item was the feasibility of a Faculty Club on campus that would have to be totally self-supported. (9-27)

C. Letter from Rick Tucker, Chair of the Student Senate Academics Affairs, concerning teacher evaluations. (10-2)

D. Documents from Hal Nordin regarding a University Faculty Club.

E. Memo from Jill Nilsen regarding Senate appointment to the Task Force on Administrative Evaluation, (10-3) Dr. Nilsen requested the Senate to forward a name of a person willing to serve by October 20th.

F. Memo from Lewis Coon regarding monthly vs. contract year salaries. (10-5)

G. Memo from Lewis Henken to Pres. Jorns regarding the naming of the tennis courts south of Weller Hall.

(10-5) A meeting was held (10-5) and a message forwarded stating that it would be appropriate to name the tennis courts. Chair Simpson stated that a recommendation on the name would be made later.

H. E-mail from W. Weber stating that he would be absent from 10-10 Faculty Senate meeting due to a professional conference. (10-6)

I. Phone conversation with John Beabout regarding 1. the scheduled Radio-TV Center Board meeting and 2. the apparent need for the Senate to clarify Senate representation on the Board (10-9) New by-laws are being forwarded to Chair Simpson and will be distributed next week. In the new by-laws the Faculty Senate nominates 1 representative. Allison reminded senators that during the spring semester the Senate voted to retain its customary appointment of 3 members.

J. Phone conversation with Kate Borzi, of the local United Way, concerning SECA (State Employees Combined Appeal) and the status of giving in the county and on campus. (10-10)

K. Phone tag with Jim Roust, in charge of ordering computers through the Union Bookstore. Chair spoke with Harry Nelsen of Computer Services on the phone regarding the hopeful scheduling of informational meeting with the Senate. Mr. Nelsen

will visit the Senate on 10-24, 2:00 pm. Chair Simpson stated that he would try to get in touch with Tom Hyatt and Jim Roust to schedule a meeting with them at the same time, assuming it met with consensus, which it did.

II. Old Business

A. Articulation: Chair Simpson welcomed and introduced Carroll Gibbons from Lakeland College and asked him to speak concerning Lakeland's view of articulation. Mr. Gibbons stated that he had been a co-chair of the Humanities panel and served as a member of the Steering Committee for general education transfer. He also stated that the Articulation Plan will clarify what is transferable for a student who is going to transfer, since basic agreement about adequate preparedness for general education and majors would be consistent throughout the state. Senior institutions would no longer have to guess concerning the appropriateness of courses for transfer. Mr. Gibbons stated that Articulation would provide a more outlined packet specifying what classes could be counted for what areas, thereby clarifying the fields of study for everyone. Chair Simpson asked Mr. Gibbons if he foresaw any changes in the relationship between Lakeland and Eastern after Articulation. Mr. Gibbons replied no, that Lakeland would be making minimal changes. Other, larger community colleges like the College of Du Page would have to consider many changes, some of which would be difficult. At this point Senator Fraker asked Mr. Gibbons if there had been any discussion about numbers of hours and areas of transfer. Mr. Gibbons stated that the number of hours would be discussed after the programs were arranged. Senator Gholson indicated that some faculty at senior institutions believe that the state is exercising excessive central control of programs and asked Mr. Gibbons about the community college perspective. Mr. Gibbons responded that he didn't see it as a state controlled process, expressing that the state didn't try to force anything on them. Senator Tidwell asked about the management of transfer for cases in which students had not received associates degrees. Mr. Gibbons responded that it didn't mean that the Senior colleges must accept all courses but that a clear listing and explanation of courses within the Articulation Plan would help identify courses that should be suitable for transfer. Chair Simpson asked if anyone had further comments on Articulation. Senator Allison replied that Senator Ozier had mentioned advisability of inviting additional guests, particularly from community colleges be invited to speak on this matter. Allison expressed hope that the Senate would formulate a position after hearing so much information concerning it; he suggested that the Drafting Committee might prepare a statement for the Senate's consideration. After discussion, senators agreed that formulating a document would be premature. Many senators also agreed that in the future the Senate could recommend graduation requirements to compensate for areas in which the eventual plan might be problematic, such as recommended acceptance of "D" courses. Senators, Gholson, Fraker, Allison and Tidwell all agreed that it would be good to have more information from a variety of sources as the process unfolds, with Fraker stating that it would also be a good idea to hear again from Kathleen Shank considering her panel has not yet met. Senator Kirk asked what kind of time table exists for implementation of the Plan. Allison recalled that VP Evans stated that the process would continue into the next century. It was decided to continue consideration as stages of implementation occur. Senator Walker asked that our guest speakers keep the Senate informed and updated on progress. And he once again expressed thanks for their help.

B. Academic Computing Committee: Senator Allison determined that there was an appointment made in Oct. of 1994 to this committee. The person appointed was Dana

Ringuette, who wishes to continue service on the committee. Chair Simpson stated that the Academic Computing Committee would be notified accordingly.

C. Appointments: Senator Foster stated that he had been in contact with the College of Education and Professional Studies indicating that there was a vacancy on COTE. Foster stated that Special and Elementary Education were excluded from filling the vacancy because they already enjoy representation. Secondary Education contacted Foster and at this point there is only 1 candidate, Dr. Earl Cummings. Foster also stated that Physical Education had indicated that they might have 2 candidates, but there has been no verification. Senator Foster stated that he had been in contact with Art, Music, and Theater regarding a vacancy and an alternate position for UPC, with no interested parties replying. The chairs of Art, Music and Theater have returned to their faculty a second time, with no takers. At this point Senator Richard stated that as far as CUPB was concerned, Jane Laskey thought that there should be a special election instead of an appointment. Senator Allison asked Richard if anyone had come forward with interest, to which Richard's reply was no and that it may be more appropriate to arrange an election. Richard suggested the Senate make a decision on election or appointment. She also expressed concern that a delay of the minutes led to insufficient advertising of the positions. Senator Tidwell asked if this was just a temporary appointment and Senator Fraker asked if it wouldn't just be an interim appointment. It was decided that it would in fact be an interim appointment, and that it would accordingly be done by appointment rather than election.

After Chair Simpson asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Administrative Evaluation Task Force, Senators Walker and Fraker volunteered. An election was held, with Senator Fraker elected (10/4).

President Jorns stated that this was a very important Board to have, and, after being questioned by Senator Fraker on the whereabouts of the President's evaluation, President Jorns replied that it was being prepared and should be finished in a week or so. He stated that continuing preparation was at his request because the report didn't have enough detail and he himself wished for fuller reportage.

D. Committee Reports: At this point Senator Walker reported on the CUPB meeting. He reported the following FY 1995 planning commissions received funding-- Support for the Library (#1) received \$85,000 / NCA Accreditation (#2) received \$30,000 / Academic Equipment (#3) received \$318,712 / Minority Development (#7) received \$6,948 / Publication of Eastern Alumni (#8) received \$9,600. Planned Priorities 4-6 were carried over to this year and funded this year. President Jorns stated that these would not be carried over after this year. Senator Walker also reported on Deferred Maintenance, stating that 40% of the value of the campus is lost, and presently Eastern's average funding level for deferred maintenance is inadequate -- only \$612,000. Senator Walker also mentioned that this coming year there would be changes in the vision statement. President Jorns added that the whole base plan requires review. Senator Tidwell asked President Jorns about the status on this year's money, to which President Jorns replied that it had been distributed.

E. Telefund: Richard expressed concern that overhead costs are too high, and that as the money travels it is lost, 27-65% in fact. Richard went on to suggest that these expenses might be consolidated. Senator Schmidt mentioned that there was some confusion about what happens to the money after it reaches campus. Both Allison and Nordin agreed that there were many benefits to keeping the Telefund and that they would hate to see it go. Allison also stated that the Senate's Budget Oversight Committee could look into this situation to find some clear

answers about where monies go and why they go there. President Jorns stated that Karla Evans does a good job with what she has to work with and that it should be looked into because the process is inefficient. He suggested linking the operation closely to a unified annual campaign strategy as a means to increase efficiency. Senator Walker echoed the suggestion made by Allison that the Budget Oversight Committee look into the Telefund operation. A consensus was reached to have the Budget Oversight Committee investigate.

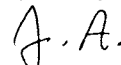
III. New Business

A. United Way / SECA: Chair Simpson asked if we should make an invitation to Kate Borzi to address the Senate concerning this issue. Senator Allison suggested that it would be wise to investigate possible repercussions, and he also mentioned that such an invitation may open the Senate to other charitable organizations soliciting equal time. Senator Walker stated that he thought it should be an individual's decision to give, and that the Senate probably should not comply with the request to urge all faculty to donate to a particular organization. Fraker asked about discussing the matter after Chair Simpson has an opportunity to investigate implications. There was consensus to pursue Fraker's suggestion.

B. Student Senate / Faculty Senate Evaluations: Foster stated that at one time faculty members had an option as to whether or not they wanted their evaluations published in the Eastern News, and that the students could get evaluations from there. Senator Ozier stated that was no longer done. She also stated that if faculty members chose not to have evaluations printed their names were still put in the paper --- in bold print. She further stated that was a bad policy because it hurt people, even though the reasons not to report had nothing to do with a bad evaluation. She went on to explain other means of letting the students know more about the faculty, such as a gathering of syllabi by Student Senate. Senator Kirk noted that this subject was worthy of discussion and that the faculty should be responsible to be measured in some way. Senator Allison voiced concern that there might be potential for lawsuits should anonymous comments be broadcast affecting people's professional reputations and livelihoods. Mr. Rick Tucker stated that the evaluation would basically be yes or no answers to such questions as "are you a teacher who uses multiple choice testing or essays." Students would be able to make a decision on a teacher based on particular information. Both Ozier and Kirk stated that syllabi include such information. A question arose about whether all syllabi are supposed to be on record at Booth Library. There was consensus that the Student Senate might assemble syllabi, as well as statements of teaching philosophy from faculty agreeing to provide such statements. There was also consensus that students at EIU, like students at many other campuses, could conduct their own surveys of student satisfaction. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Tentative Agenda for October 17: IBHE Articulation, Faculty Club, Telefund, Bookstore Computer orders, Student / Faculty Evaluations.

Respectfully submitted,



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