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Called to order by Chair Simpson at 2:02 pm

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, D. Wolf.

Visitors: R. Fischer, K. Klein, J. Tomer, J. Anselment, B. Cole, J. Nilsen, L. Henken, K. Allee.

A Motion (Walker / Beck) to approve minutes of October 24, 1995, with the following amendments (12 / 0 / 2):
Senator Foster stated that in the third to last line on the last page it should have been that people would print and sign their names on the outside of the envelope for absentee balloting. Senator Tidwell noted that in the 1st line of the back page should read more and better computers, and in line 6 'the' should be deleted. Senator Beck stated that in the 5th line from the bottom in the second column it should have been the literature from the computer center. Beck also stated that his name had been omitted from the roll call on October 3, 1995, when he was, in fact, present at that Senate meeting.

I. Communications:

A. e-mail from Stuart Michelson re: the referendum. Simpson noted that the referendum did not say ' Faculty of EIU ' but rather-Faculty Senate.

B. Documents from Roy Meyerholtz re: The Optional Retirement Plan and last meeting of the SURSMAC 10-30. Senator Allison stated that he had spoken with Mr. Meyerholtz and that he would be more than willing to come to speak with the Faculty Senate. Senator Tidwell noted that someone from benefits should be here also. Chair Simpson stated that he would contact them.

C. e-mail from Linda Moore, Chair, Search Committee, Assistant Director for Student Life, to Chair Simpson re: the first Committee meeting 10-27.

D. e-mail from Chair Simpson to Linda Moore regretting being unable to attend the first meeting because of prior obligation.

E. e-mail from Linda Moore acknowledging Chair Simpson's absence from the Search Committee's first meeting.

F. Foster stated that he had received a phone call from Cal Smith conveying his support of Rich Wandling's letter and he urged the Senate to move swiftly.

G. Senator Walker posed a question as to whether or not the Senate would receive anything on the graduation requirements that have been proposed by the President's Council. Chair Simpson stated that he would contact the President and get back to the Senate next week.

II. Old Business:

A. Referendum: Chair Simpson stated that after reading the rules of order, he determined that the vote on a motion made by Senator Allison last week failed. It was then agreed that a motion made by Senator Fraker would remain deferred for the time being. Senator Foster asked if everyone had received the e-mail communication sent by him regarding balloting. Everyone had, and Senator Allison asked Foster if the Elections Committee had any recommendations or advice. Senator Foster answered by saying that the Committee had 5 recommendations- 1/ Hand or machine tabulation, regardless of what the ballot looks like, but explained that the ballot could be an 8x10 form with the referendum printed on it and 2 bubbles with a 'Y' and 'N' above each of them to be darkened in. 2/ On- sight balloting- which would be in the Union building, on the bridge way. 3/ Voting to take place either on Nov. 9 and 10 (Thursday and Friday) or on Nov. 13 and 14 (Monday and Tuesday). At this point there was much discussion about the date of voting. It was decided that Nov. 9th and 10th would be best. The reasons for this decision were 1/ It could be tabulated before the Senate would meet again, and therefore it could be ratified before Thanksgiving break, and 2/ It would likely cut down on absentee balloting. Senator Tidwell moved that November 9th and 10th would be the set dates for voting which Senator Allison seconded. This motion passed, 10/0/4. At this point Senator Foster stated the rest of the recommendations from the Election Committee, 4/ Absentee balloting. It was decided that absentee ballots could be received from Senator Foster and it was also decided by consensus that they could be returned to testing services, if that would be agreeable to them, or to Gary Foster if not. Senator Ozier stated that it might be in the best interest of the Faculty to send out a flier to announce the election and details, considering the lack of time if it were only broadcast in the minutes. Senator Beck stated that people need to be able to read the referendum and the actual resolution as it appeared in the 6-1-95 minutes before they go to the polling place, therefore giving them more time to consider all the facts before they vote. Senator Allison moved that copies of the Senate resolution and the referendum be sent out to the faculty with a cover letter stating the time and place for voting, and information on absentee balloting. Senator Nordin seconded the motion. There was an amendment made to the motion at this time to attach the actual 6-1-95 minutes to the informational packet, along with the clarification that Senator Gholson was present at that meeting, even though the minutes do not reflect that, and it was amended in the 6-8-95 minutes. This packet would then be sent out as soon as possible. A modification was added by Senator Kirk with the agreement of both Senators Tidwell and Allison that the cover letter would also state that absentee ballots should be received by Friday, November 10th. Senator Simpson asked if the Senate was ready to vote, and a vote was taken. The motion passed 8/4/2. Senator Walker called for a vote on Senator Fraker's motion that had been deferred, which was as follows: As it is written the question being asked in this referendum is unclear. There is no way of knowing if a vote is an indication of support/ no support for the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate on June 1, 1995, or if it is a vote of confidence, the results of this referendum will be uninterpretable, and therefore meaningless. The motion failed 4/5/5.

B. Appointment of Recorder: Chair Simpson volunteered to act as Recorder for the remaining of the Semester, and asked if there were any interested parties for this position. Senator Richard responded by saying she would consider it, but wanted more information on what the job would entail. Gholson moved to accept Chair Simpson as the

acting recorder with a second made by Senator Fraker. Senator Allison suggested that the Senate vote by consensus, to which Senator Gholson agreed. There was consensus.

C. Reports: Senator Wolf Stated that Senators Kirk, Schmidt, and she are scheduled for a meeting with Rick Tucker on Thursday November 2, 1995 concerning faculty evaluations, and that there would be more information later. Senator Walker requested that the members of the Fiscal Oversight Committee meet immediately after the Senate meeting to set a date for their next meeting. Senator Foster reported on the Task Force of Integration of Lower Division Students, stating that the Task Force would be meeting later in the week with an individual from Ball State. The Task Force is looking to create a more systematic first year for undeclared majors' experience and for a more systematic application process. Senator Richard stated that she had continued to work for a resolution with the library for appointments, and also that she would bring a resolution to the Senate. At this point Senator Allison asked Senator Richard concerning the CUPB if the chair of the Faculty Senate was a voting or non voting member, to which Chair Simpson replied that he had passed documentation around before stating that the Chair was indeed a voting member.

D. United Way / Cate Borsi : Senator Foster stated that Cate Borsi submitted a request asking the Senate to endorse a statement to the effect that charitable and philosophic efforts were laudable and worthwhile and that Faculty should inform themselves fully of the opportunities to participate in such efforts through avenues such as payroll deduction. Senator Allison asked if anyone had any objections to this kind of language; Chair Simpson asked if there was consensus; there was.

E. Faculty Staff Club: Senator Walker suggested this matter be deferred until next semester. This suggestion was agreeable, and Chair Simpson stated that he would send out memos indicating such.

III. New Business:

A. Senator Richard asked if there were a committee for by-laws review and revision, to which Senator Allison answered that there was, adding that he and John Simpson were on this committee. Chair Simpson then asked Richard if she would like to join this committee; her reply was yes. This met with Senate consensus. Senator Allison informed Richard what was happening at the present in this Committee, namely that the language of the Constitution and the By-Laws had to be cleaned up. Senator Walker moved to adjourn at 3:45 pm.

Tentative agenda: Weber vacancy

Respectfully submitted,

John Simpson, Chair, Acting Recorder
Angela Mapes, Secretarial Assistant