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Faculty Senate Minutes of November 28, 1995 (vol. xxv. no. 14)

Called to order by Chair Simpson at 2:04 pm.

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

Visitors: B. Fischer, R. Tucker, J. Anselment, B. Cole, President Jorns, J. Nilsen, T. Weidner, P. Chen, H. Breidenbach, A. Oseguera, K. Brown

Motion (Walker/ Wolf) to approve the minutes of November 14, 1995, with one correction (J.Fesak corrected to Ferak) passed (14/0/1).

I. Communications

- A. Letter to Heidi Keibler from Shelly Flock regarding the DEN article "Salary hikes higher for administrators than faculty" clarifying errors in the chart.
- B. Memo from Doug Davis to President Jorns with copy to Faculty Senate regarding access to the Internet.
- C. Minutes from College of Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee.
- D. Minutes from President's Council meetings of 11/8/95 & 11/15/95
- E. Item forwarded by John Allison to Faculty Senate leaders of Illinois public Universities regarding legislative alert.
 1. State pension formula.
 2. Early retirement.
 3. State University sick leave accrual.
- F. Memo from Jill Nilsen and Kim Furumo regarding next CUPB meeting: Arcola- Tuscola room at 9:00 am on December 8, 1995
- G. Copy of letter to President Jorns regarding Faculty Senate motion (11/14/95) requesting an additional Faculty Senate member, Chair of Fiscal Budget Oversight Committee, be voting member of CUPB.
- H. Memo from VPAA Weidner Re: Policy change "Certification for Graduation"
- I. Contact from D. Broline regarding faculty canceling classes on Friday before Thanksgiving break. The Senate does not support cancellation of classes.
- J. Copies of the current list of retiring faculty members.

Chair Simpson stated that the reception to honor retiring faculty members will be held Friday December 8, 1995 in the 1895 room of Union from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Motion (Allison /Walker) to award plaques to Faculty Unit A and B members for this semester, pending adequate funding. Motion passed (14/0/1)

II. Information from Dean Gladsky, Graduate School

- A. International Programs Update
 1. International Committee now in place; 12-13 people representing all colleges and students.
 2. Search underway for Associate Dean of Graduate School. Study Abroad Coordinator eliminated and incorporated into this 3/4 time position.
 3. Forming committee to establish Fulbright Chapter; closest in Chicago; chapter organization meeting in January.
 4. Search underway for individual to head Intensive English Program - International students not yet admitted; would be a cost recovery program.
 5. Investigating Center for International Services for faculty/ student exchange programs; also cost recovery program.
 6. Planning to join International Exchange Program (ISEP) next year.
 7. Extended invitation to faculty interested in international exchanges or visiting dignitaries to contact him.

- B. Graduate School Update
 - 1. Faculty International Travel Opportunities funded through Faculty Development to foster international collaborative research initiatives.
 - 2. Will begin discussion of five point plan next semester regarding assistantships
 - a. How to increase the number of GAs
 - b. How to increase the stipend for GAs
 - c. How to increase flexibility within colleges and the graduate school in assigning GAs
 - d. How to support developing programs
 - e. How to create an allocation system for GAs
 - 3. Acknowledged crisis in stipend amount and minimal number of GAs allotted to graduate programs; general funding problems to graduate programs needs to be addressed in strategic plan

III. Information from Dr. Nilsen, Special Assistant to the President Re: CUPB

- A. Updated information regarding status of line-itemed funds for priority requests will be forthcoming from Kim Furumo next week
- B. The President's involvement in requests from VPs before reaching CUPB was clarified with a flow chart of the process distributed by Dr. Nilsen
Senators Allison and Walker voiced concern that requests were filtered through the President's office after CUPB had prioritized them. Dr. Nilsen and President Jorns both stated that requests were not changed in any way after reaching CUPB. Walker and Allison persisted in stating that the chart was not an accurate reflection of the process. President Jorns stated that Senators Allison and Walker should bring forth any and all information regarding their perceptions and that until that was done, the Senate should move on to other matters. Senators Allison and Walker stated that they were only trying to elicit information.

IV. Student Senate / Faculty Evaluations

- A. Rick Tucker distributed an updated draft of the Course Evaluation Form and asked for suggestions. Discussion followed regarding procedures, purpose, wording of questions, and access to results. Tucker is continuing to make revisions and will forward changes to the Faculty Senate.
- B. Kelly Brown will coordinate this project after December graduation.

V. Old Business

- A. Senator Simpson reported the Search Committee for Assistant Director of Student Life met and narrowed to 7-8 candidates. Next meeting is 11/30/95 at 3:30 pm and they are working toward phone interviews.
- B. Senator Richard requested candidates for the Faculty Excellence Awards Committee. Names must be forwarded by December 1 to VPAA Weidner.

VI. New Business

- A. Cynthia Nichols will chair search committee for University Legal Consultant.
- B. Discussion regarding Legislative Hearing at EIU on 11/27/95. Chair Simpson highlighted the inaccurate perception of legislators in regard to library allocations. Several suggestions were made regarding methods of educating legislators on the cost of periodicals and books.

VII. Senator Walker moved to adjourn at 4:04 pm.

Tentative agenda: Faculty / Student evaluations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Richard, Recorder

Angela Mapes, Secretarial Assistant