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Called to order by Chair John 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, A. Shelton, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf.

Visitors: K. Allee, B. Cole, B. Gutraj.

I. Approval of Minutes

A Motion (Schmidt / Kirk) to approve the minute of November 28, 1995 passed (9/0/6) with the following corrections:

A. Senator Allison stated that under Communications there should have been:

- K. Reference to a Times Courier article indicating the initiation of a Search Committee for Legal Council, chaired by Cynthia Nichols, the Affirmative Action Director.
- L. Reference to a Times Courier article indicating that there would not be an opportunity for faculty participation during the two day orientation for the new members of the Board of Trustees.

B. Senators Allison and Walker presented a document requesting clarification under III B. The Senators asked that the following be replaced after "of the process" in line 6:

President Jorns then took the floor. After characterizing Allison and Walker as "irritated because they did not win one this time", the President stated that Allison was relying upon "dim" memory and mere "innuendo". The President concluded his address by accusing the "two men" (Senators Allison and Walker) of wasting the Senate's time throughout the semester, and he advised the Senate to "move on" to other business until such time as Senator Allison and Walker could produce documentation. In response to the President's remarks, Senator Walker commented that he "was not interested in winning anything" but was seeking "information". Senator Allison said that he, too, was seeking answers to questions. He went on to express concern about the personalization of the business, the impugning of individuals' characters, and the possibility of senators becoming so intimidated as to refrain from asking questions in the future.

A motion (Beck / Nordin) passed (9/2/4) to include the clarification statement into the minutes.

C. Senator Gholson stated that he would like the minutes to reflect that during discussion of faculty evaluations, he stated that he has always been open about his teacher evaluations and is very willing to share them with students.

II. Communications

- A. Faculty Senate Resolution from Senator Tidwell regarding funding of DEN.
- B. Memo from Mary Anne Hanner re: Proposed Syllabus Policy. This proposal will be discussed at CAA on Thursday, December 7th. Faculty are invited to attend and express opinions. (11-29)
- C. Memo from Dean Gladsky correcting misinformation on new monies for the Associate Dean position. (11-28) Specifics of the memo will be clarified.
- D. Memo from Judy Gorrell re: Administrative Evaluation, President Jorns. (11-27). Senator Allison requested more detail with a more complete breakdown of data in all 4 areas.
- E. The President's Report for the Trustees of the Board of Governors Universities and other agenda items pertaining to the final BOG meeting on December 7, 1995 in Chicago.
- F. Memo from Senators Allison and Walker re: Screening of New-Dollar Requests and CUPB Rankings. Discrepancies were highlighted from Dr. Nilsen's presentation to the Faculty Senate.
- G. **Invitation to the university community for the Reception honoring retirees on Friday, December 8 from 3:00 - 5:00 in the 1895 Room.**
- H. Reminder from Senator Allison to Simpson to secure space for the President's Address in the spring.

III. Discussion with Ken Hadwiger, faculty member who is also on the Airport Authority Board, regarding airline travel from Coles County Airport. Mr Hadwiger made the following points:

- A. Coles County Airport has four slots to O'Hare and the airport is on a "use it, or lose it" basis. Three flights a day go to O'Hare and one a day to Meigs Field through Springfield.
- B. The fares are comparable or better to those around and the convenience of location and parking make it more attractive.
- C. United Airlines also has a student fare that is discounted.
- D. Candidate interviews should be encouraged on campus rather than O'Hare. It is cheaper and the best selling point for candidates is the attractiveness of the campus and community.
- E. Statistics also show that safety on commuter airlines by comparison is better than on regular Airlines.

IV. Old Business

- A. Course Evaluations
Senator Wolf stated that Rick Tucker was in the process of updating the evaluation with input from various sources. Kelly Brown will be taking over next semester, and the Student Senate will try to meet at the beginning of the Spring Semester.
- B. Committee Reports
 - 1. Senator Gholson reported that there had been discussion with Staff Senate members concerning making it a campus wide policy not to allow food or beverages in classes and lecture halls. This will be an item of further discussion.

2. Senator Foster reported on the Task Force for Integration of Graduate Student Services. Discussion with representatives from two programs where this is already, Ball State and University of Oklahoma, was helpful. A set of recommendations has been formulated for debate by the task force.
3. Senator Foster reported on a recommendation from the Elections Committee, requesting that a memo from Faculty Senate be sent to the chairs of UPC, COTE, and CGS asking for reformulation of areas of representation to reflect current college structure.

A motion (Allison/Walker) to accept the recommendation of the Elections Committee was approved (13/0/1).

4. Senator Schmidt reported on the Search Committee for the Executive Director of Development. The committee is evaluating credentials now and will narrow the list at their meeting on Thursday.
5. Chair Simpson reported the Search Committee for the Assistant Director of Student Life narrowed the candidates to four, and will meet Thursday at 3:30 to finalize procedures for interviews this spring.
6. Senator Kirk reported that candidates for the Assistant Director of Placement are currently being interviewed on campus.
7. Senator Allison asked if there are any student members or Faculty Senate representation on the Search Committee for Legal Counsel. Chair Simpson will check.

V. New Business

A. The following resolution was moved (Tidwell/Beck):

Whereas, Free speech and a free press are critical to maintaining a vibrant academic community where students and faculty alike can freely and openly share diverse ideas and opinions, and

Whereas, A recent resolution passed by the Student Senate would allow student government to exercise direct control over the budget of student publications, and

Whereas, Such a change would seriously jeopardize the editorial independence of Eastern's student publications - the Daily Eastern News, the Warbler, Minority Today, and the Vehicle,

Be it resolved, That the Faculty Senate goes on record as supporting the existing funding process for student publications, and

Be it further resolved, That the Faculty Senate urges student government leaders or other persons to pursue any concerns they have about student publications with the university's Student Publications Board.

- B. Comments by B. Gutraj, the student authoring the student resolution, indicated that the students were planning to resolve the differences with Student publications and forge a compromise. Student concerns were the following:
 1. Unsure why Faculty Senate was involved in student issue
 2. Proposed funding was in place until 1990 with no problem; students are requesting a return to previous arrangement
 3. Current money goes through VPAA which implies academic area rather than student services, which seems contradictory
 4. Questioned why the funding request made it a constitutional/First Amendment issue
- C. Senator Allison responded that all matters realign to the university's welfare are appropriate for Faculty Senate involvement
- D. Senator Tidwell confirmed that a compromise was apparently in process from his discussions with President Jorns. Further comments included the following
 1. A change in conjunction with content of the paper is violation of First Amendment
 2. Guaranteed a lawsuit if the student resolution was approved
 3. Reason for change in funding previously was to minimize friction between Student Publications and Student Government
 4. Encouraged avenue of working through Student Publications Board
- E. Senator Gholson expressed appreciation for Senator Tidwell's expertise, but also wanted to represent the student point of view and not impose a faculty preference at this time. Suggested that the above resolution not be voted on today, but a motion encouraging a compromise be presented.

A motion was made (Tidwell/Allison) that the Faculty Senate go on record as supporting the existing funding process for Student Publications, and that the Faculty Senate urges student government leaders or other persons to pursue any concerns they have about Student Publications with the University's Student Publications Board. Motion passed (9/0/4).

VI. Senator Walker moved to adjourn at 4:10 pm.

Tentative agenda: Course Evaluations, Committee reports, Resolution on Publications Funding

Respectfully Submitted,

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