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Faculty Senate Minutes of January 23, 1996 (vol. xxv. no.17)

Called to order by Chair Simpson at 2:04 p.m.

Present: J. Allison, J. Craft, C. Eberly, F. Fraker, R. Gholson, W. Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, A. Shelton, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, D. Wolf.

Visitors: J. Anselment, B. Cole, B. Anderson, T. Weidner, M. Olsen, J. Nilsen.

I. Approval of the Minutes

**A motion (Richard / Allison) to approve the minutes of January 16, 1996 as corrected (14/0/0):**

- A. In visitors, replace K. Alle with B. Cole.
- B. In IV. E. Senator Nordin's name should have been capitalized.

II. Communications:

- A. Memo from Senator Allison re: subcontracting remedial 1000 courses; attachment proposal from Charles Evans. (1-22-96)
- B. Memo from Senator Allison inquiring as to whether an open search will be conducted to fill the Registrar position.
- C. Letter from C. Nichols inviting J. Simpson to the "Opening Doors: Diversity at Eastern" workshop & luncheon. Due to a schedule conflict, an alternate volunteer was requested and Senator Ozier accepted.
- D. Letter from M. A. Hanner to John Simpson re: a Faculty Senate representative to serve on a subcommittee to review the current grade appeal procedures; Senator Wolf volunteered (1-16-96)
- E. Phone call from Harvey Petrie, intern with C. Merrifield, concerning coordination of EIU Day in Springfield.
- F. Memo from Frank Hohengarten re: a faculty representative replacement for Brian Beakley on the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee; Senator Schmidt volunteered.
- G. Conversation with Judy Gorrell re: attempts to confirm schedule for Faculty Senate Executive Committee meetings.
- H. Announcement re: e-mail sent to Kim Furmo from Chair Simpson inviting her to the Senate to discuss the Business Priority Report.
- I. Announcement re: e-mail to Judy Gorrell regarding a date for the State of the Union Address and Spring Faculty Forum.
- J. Announcement of e-mail between President Jorns and Chair Simpson regarding Faculty Club.
- K. Document from Jim Quivey re: Task Force on Faculty Roles and Responsibilities for the Faculty Advisory Committee. Chair Simpson highlighted comments included in the report which relate to Faculty Club.
- L. Verbal communication from building worker in Coleman Hall with chair Simpson re: classroom maintenance responsibilities which could be completed by faculty (e.g., erasing boards, turning off lights, re-organizing chairs/desks).

III. Old Business

- A. Tuition Increase
  - 1. Morgan Olsen was introduced and welcomed to the Senate by Chair Simpson. Olsen clarified that IBHE directed a negative adjustment on 11/12 Illinois campuses for the Monetary Award Program (MAP). This resulted in a reduction of \$135,000 from the EIU general funds budget. Eastern was last assessed in 1989. Olsen reiterated that 1.3% of the 4.3 % tuition increase is NOT lost; in fact incremental revenue at EIU will increase as a result, but by \$135,000 less than anticipated.
  - 2. Senator Allison asked if students had been informed of this prior to approving the tuition increase and Olsen responded that they were not; EIU administrators did not know at that time. Allison asked if that meant that students and the committee making the tuition increase proposal did not have accurate or complete information when making their decision. Senator Kirk and J. Anselment both responded that, in their opinions, the committee had operated on the best information available at the time; the information was sincere and as accurate as possible; and student discussion was thorough and explored every possible ramification.
  - 3. Senator Gholson expressed his anger re: the impression that because students and parents agreed to pay higher tuition, the state decided money was available to meet their needs. M. Olsen stated that regardless of the amount of tuition increase, the state would have made the MAP adjustment.

- B. Revision of the Senate Constitution and By-laws
  - 1. Chair Simpson requested a meeting of the Constitution subcommittee to review non-substantive changes presented by Senator Allison and to determine if substantive changes are needed. He expressed the desire to translate the document into clearer wording which eliminates ambiguities in interpretation.
  - 2. Senator Allison questioned whether the committee should be making substantive changes. Several senators expressed the opinion that review of the constitution was the charge of the subcommittee and the preliminary decision of substantive or non-substantive changes should originate in the subcommittee and then presented to the Senate as a whole. Senator Allison reminded the Senate of the extensive process involved in making substantive changes and asked Senators to read Article 11 of the current constitution.
- C. Faculty Club
  - 1. Discussion regarding interpretation of the term was extensive. Senator Foster questioned if the reference is faculty or faculty/staff. Chair Simpson stated that his understanding was non-exclusive and would include units A, B, and staff. Senator Schmidt expressed the crux of issue being whether we are talking about a place/facility vs. an organization for exchange of ideas.
  - 2. Senator Gholson raised a question regarding the lack of details (e.g., cost, purpose, etc). Senator Eberly stated that the feasibility of a Faculty Club was explored several years ago and a report was presented to the Faculty Senate. Following further discussion, it was pointed out that a copy of this report was shared with the Faculty Senate this year in October. Senator Kirk suggested that this report be discussed and individuals involved be invited to share information.
  - 3. President Jorns mentioned to Chair Simpson via e-mail that the President's Council could reintroduce the Faculty Club as an item for their agenda.
  - 4. Consensus was to consider this item for inclusion in the Faculty Forum this spring; invite individuals to discuss previous recommendations; and continue discussion under Old Business at Faculty Senate.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Senator Wolf stated that she had spoken to Kelly Brown and was told there would be an article in the Daily Eastern News on Thursday (1-25) concerning the faculty/course evaluations.
- B. Senator Nordin reported that he had spoken with Police Chief Larson concerning parking. Due to weather, construction, and start of a new semester, parking has been difficult. One option might be to make a map of current staff parking areas for general distribution. Other options generated will be channeled to the committee by Senator Nordin.
- C. Replacements on Faculty Senate  
Senator Allison requested that the record show that John Craft replaced John Simpson, John Simpson replaced Lankford Walker (who was replacing Gail Mason), and Charles Eberly replaced Roger Beck - resulting in the current Senate composition.
- D. Consensus was to attempt scheduling the Faculty Forum in late February.

#### V. New Business

- A. Buzzard Renovations
  - 1. Bathroom facilities are very inadequate, among other things.
  - 2. Several faculty have contact Senators to express concerns.
  - 3. Dr. Weidner stated that the administration was in the process of designating one contact person for all concerns related to Buzzard renovation so there was a consistent channel to focus responses and solutions.
  - 4. Senator Ozier stated that despite the problems, she wanted to express her appreciation that some things have continued to run smoothly, thanks to various accommodations people have been willing to make.
  - 5. This will be made an agenda item for discussion and various individuals will be invited who may be able to address questions or provide insight.

VI. Senator Tidwell moved to adjourn at 3:54 p.m.

Tentative agenda: Buzzard Renovations, Faculty Club, and Faculty Forum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Richard, Recorder

Angela Mapes, Secretarial Assistant