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

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

Absent: R. Gholson.

Visitors: B. Anderson, J. Anselment, B. Cole, L. Coon.

I. Approval of the Minutes

A motion (Ozier/Foster) to approve the minutes as published passed (12-0-0).

Senator Foster clarified that the minutes included a revision in the Faculty Elections chart for UPC.

II. Communications

- A. Ron Gholson sent notification re: absence to J. Simpson.
- B. Request from H. Kraible regarding clarification on election eligibility
- C. Report from John Simpson regarding Faculty Forum. Discussion focused primarily on Constitution and Bylaw revisions; some comments on building safety procedures.
- D. Memo from Leo Comerford re: request to be considered for appointment to Library Advisory Board.
- E. John Simpson has contacted Monty Bennett, Director of Purchasing, re: questions on duplicating contract. Tentative date for visit to the Senate is March 12, 1996.
 - 1. J. Tidwell mentioned a memo re: penalties for under-copying.
 - 2. J. Allison referred to his memo from last week.
 - 3. J. Ozier and B. Kirk reiterated the confusion which exists on campus regarding the copying contract.
 - 4. G. Foster mentioned that part of the problem may stem from dissolving the BOG and contract terms not being explained or modified.
- F. J. Simpson reported on phone conversation with Laurent Gosselin re: UPI Representative to CUPB. Faculty Senate will not be involved in that appointment; it will be part of UPI procedures.
- G. Document from Chris Merrifield re: 2 Senate Bills.
 - 1. 17-17 - Amends pension code to provide early retirement incentives.
 - 2. 17-18 Amends State University Article of Pension Code to provide early retirement incentives.
 - 3. Expect bills to go to subcommittee for summer hearings.
- H. Document from CUPB re: FY 97 Planning Initiatives. J. Simpson requested responses forwarded to him by Monday, March 4, 1996.
- I. Communication from Lewis Coon re: Senate Bill 241 - demise of BOG Central office.
- J. Request from J. Allison to invite Charles Evans to address the Senate re: task force recommendation on university college concept. G. Foster requested that the invitation be delayed until the Faculty Senate has received the report and had a chance to review it.
- K. Memo from Elizabeth Hitch re: CEPS Open House at the International House on Feb. 29, 1996 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- L. Trailmobile Resolution prepared by J. Simpson and C. Eberly.
- M. Revised Faculty Club Survey submitted by C. Eberly.
- N. Memo distributed by J. Allison to Faculty Senate from R. Wandling re: Faculty Senate Constitution revisions. S. Allison clarified an error in the document regarding Article XIII.

III. Committee Reports

- A. Trailmobile Resolution - Senators Eberly & Allison

A motion (Eberly/Tidwell) to approve the following resolution passed 13/0/1:

- **Whereas the Charleston community suffers from the economic effects of the impasse at Trailmobile, and**
- **Whereas the emotional impact on the community is at least as great as the economic impact,**
- **Therefore, the Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University urges the parties of the dispute to resolve their differences in a mutually respectful and cooperative manner for the good of the entire community.**

It was requested that dissemination of the resolution be to the community at large.

- B. Faculty Club Questionnaire - Senator Eberly
 - 1. Senators should review and be prepared to discuss next week. C. Eberly requested that specific suggested changes be forwarded to him via campus mail.
 - 2. H. Nordin suggested that the Senate contact the University Foundation Board to determine if they could lend any support.
- C. CUPB - Senator Tidwell
 - 1. Library Acquisition will be moved to fixed costs. Allison questioned if that move would still allow for input re:distribution of funds; Tidwell responded affirmatively.
 - 2. \$500,000 for equipment will appear in the budget every year.
 - 3. An additional \$200,000 (approximate figure) will be added to the base for replacement of faculty computers on a systematic basis each year.
 - 4. Last year CUPB approved a 10% increase in operating costs for Academic Affairs. This year, 7% will be added to the operating budgets of Business Affairs and Student Affairs; 3.5% added to operating budget of Academic Affairs.
 - 5. \$200,000 designated for accrued sick-leave.
- D. Grade Appeals Committee - Senator Wolf
 - 1. Present process moves from instructor to department chair to departmental grade appeals committee to VPAA.
 - 2. Problems cited in current procedure include possibility of one person (VPAA) making a ruling if grade appeal exhausts entire process.
 - 3. One suggestion to modify process would be to move through instructor to department chair to college grade appeal committee, who would work under majority rule.
 - 4. Another concern voiced regarded ethical conduct/treatment in the classroom.
 - 5. Forward input or suggestions to Deb Wolf
- E. L. Coon Memo
 - 1. J. Craft requested the opportunity for brief discussion on the issue.
 - 2. J. Allison stated that the issue is beyond the scope of the Faculty Senate; it is within the boundaries of the bargaining unit. D. Wolf and J. Tidwell agreed.

IV. Old Business

A. Constitution Revisions

A motion (Ozier/Foster) to remove Article XI from the table passed (13/0/1).

A motion (Richard/Foster) to divide consideration of Article XI into sections passed (12/2/0).

A motion (Richard/Foster) to approve Article XI, Section 1 c. (i.e., change "a majority" to "two-thirds") failed on roll call vote (2/11/1).

Yes: Richard, Foster.

No: Fraker, Kirk, Craft, Shelton, Wolf, Schmidt, Ozier, Nordin, Tidwell, Eberly.

Abstain: Simpson

A motion (Richard/Kirk) to approve Article XI, Section 2 (i.e., change "ten percent" to "twenty-five percent") failed on roll call vote (9/5/0).

Yes: Richard, Fraker, Foster, Kirk, Craft, Wolf, Ozier, Eberly, Simpson.

No: Allison, Shelton, Schmidt, Nordin, Tidwell.

A motion (Richard/Foster) to approve non-substantive changes in Article XI, Section 3 passed by consensus.

A motion (Richard/Foster) to approve Article XI, section 3, second paragraph (i.e., change "twenty percent" to "one-third"; change "five percent" to "twenty-five percent") failed (9-5-0).

A motion (Tidwell/Nordin) to strike Article XI, Section 3 from the Constitution passed (12/1/1).

Section 3: By a two-thirds vote of the members of the Faculty Senate, this constitution may be amended if the change is only a revision of names, or some similar detail of language, made necessary by a corresponding change of name(s) or language by the administration, the Board of Trustees, or another duly constituted body. In no instance shall the Senate on its own authority and without approval by the Faculty amend substantively any provision of this Constitution.

If it is asserted by twenty percent of the members of the Senate or by five percent of the faculty that proposed amending language has substantive implications, then the Senate shall revert to section 1 of this Article.

A motion (Ozier/Richard) to approve non-substantive changes in Article XI, Section 4 by consensus passed (14/0/0).

A motion (Kirk/Ozier) to consider Article XII-Bylaws by section passed (12/0/2).

A motion (Wolf/Foster) to approve Article XII, Section 1 (i.e., change "majority" to "two-thirds") failed (1-11-2).

A motion (Ozier/Foster) to approve Article XII, Section 2 (i.e., change "ten percent" to "twenty-five percent") failed (9/5/0).

A motion (Richard/Allison) to approve non-substantive changes in Article XII passed (12/2/0).

A motion (Kirk/Wolf) to approve the first sentence in Article XIII (i.e., change "twenty percent or more" to "twenty-five percent") failed (9/5/0).

A motion to approve additional sentence to Article XIII (i.e., "Author(s) of said petition must present the petition to the Faculty Senate and explain the intended purpose of the referendum") passed on roll call vote (10/3/1).

Yes: Richard, Fraker, Foster, Kirk, Craft, Wolf, Ozier, Eberly, Simpson, Tidwell.

No: Allison, Shelton, Nordin.

Abstain: Schmidt.

Article XIII: When twenty percent or more of the faculty eligible to vote in Faculty Senate elections petition the Faculty Senate to hold a referendum on a questions that does not relate to collective bargaining as determined by the Regulations for collective Bargaining by Academic Employees, the Senate shall hold a referendum within four weeks following receipt of said petition. Author(s) of said petition must present the petition to the Faculty Senate and explain the intended purpose of the referendum.

Nordin moved to adjourn at 4:03 p.m.

Tentative Agenda: Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws, Faculty Club Questionnaire

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Richard, Recorder

Angela Mapes, Secretarial Assistant