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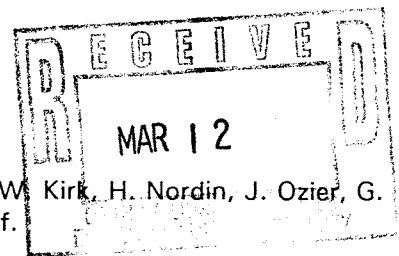
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Called to order by John Simpson at 2:02 pm.

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

Visitors: B. Anderson, B. Cole, M. Olson, T. Weidner

I. Approval of the Minutes

A motion (Tidwell/Ozier) to approve the minutes as corrected passed (9/0/3).

- A. Correct spelling of H. Krehbiel.
- B. Senators Allison and Eberly drafted the Trailmobile statement.
- C. R. Wandling had attached a memo stating that a petition usually requires approximately 10% of voters in a state.
- D. Article XIII, change "questions" to "question" in first sentence.

II. Communications

- A. Report of the Taskforce on Lower Division Student Academic Services from VPAA Weidner.
 - 1. Attached minority report from Frank Hohengarten.
 - 2. Faculty Senate will discuss report next week.
- B. Memo from John Simpson to the Faculty Senate re: Constitution Forum to be held Wednesday, March 13th at 4:00 p.m. in Coleman Hall.
- C. State of the University Address to be held at 3:30 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall on Wednesday, March 6, 1996.
- D. Document of authorization to pay catering bill for Retirement Tea of 1995.
- E. Memo to John Simpson from T. Babbs re: Endowment Spending.
- F. e-mail from Jill Nilsen re: Board of Trustees meeting to be held Monday, March 11, 1996. J. Simpson will provide a brief report as part of the agenda.
- G. Senator Allison referred to the Staff Senate Minutes re: a plan to restrict the number of hours a person on staff can serve on various committees. Senator Allison's concerns were if this arrangement would deprive staff of service opportunities and the possible restricted composition of university committees.
 - 1. J. Craft asked for specific restrictions in plan, but Allison was not sure and deferred to Staff Senate Minutes.
 - 2. F. Fraker questioned the motivation behind the plan. J. Allison responded that it might be an attempt to insure meeting job responsibilities as well as an attempt to spread positions around. J. Tidwell affirmed that his understanding was concern by some managers over staff being away from their jobs for long periods of time. However, J. Tidwell stated that the Staff Senate did not support the proposal and it is not an established policy yet.
 - 3. Senator Tidwell and Gholson will bring specific information back next week. Senator Allison requested that we also ask members of Staff Senate to attend.

III. VPAA T. Weidner and VPBA M. Olsen

A. Program Priority Requests

Dr. Weidner stated that Program Priority Requests were being prioritized by CUPB and will be submitted to IBHE to be acted upon this fall. IBHE will then make recommendations to the Legislature for Spring of 1997.

- 1. \$890,000 in new monies from IBHE; can be redesignated based on EIU priorities. EIU has this right which allows the university flexibility. One Example -IBHE recommended 3% salary increase, but EIU made own determination to increase that.
- 2. Senators voiced concern over EIU using monies differently than IBHE recommendations. Weidner and Olson assured members that EIU is not ignoring IBHE recommendations. IBHE uses "statewide initiatives" and other general terms that have some ambiguity to allow individual universities some flexibility. For example, IBHE may designate a dollar amount for undergraduate education. EIU has the responsibility and flexibility to determine how those resources are allocated with undergraduate education initiatives. In addition, EIU has sometimes gone ahead and allotted or spent money on an area prior to the funding actually being issued from IBHE because it was an institutional priority that couldn't wait. Olsen

also explained that IBHE looks at EIU's data and expenditures to see where money was spent. If there are ever questions or problems, they are dealt with at that time. The audit process allows the IBHE to review expenditures while granting the university some autonomy. Currently, many constraints are actually in place which structures how the budget is spent using these public funds. Many universities are presenting arguments to IBHE which would allow more internal flexibility than presently exists.

3. Senator Gholson asked why money had not been allocated to Summer School, whose funding has consistently eroded over the last several years, in the CUPB rankings currently under consideration. Dr. Weidner stated that the President's Council is aware of this and it is a priority, but several other issues are prerequisite at this time (e.g., how to pay faculty in summer). It will probably become a priority at a later time, but not in this round.
- B. Duplicating Contract
- Process began in January of 1994 which led to lease agreement for copiers. Information on copying costs was obtained from every academic area. Each department was provided with money to match the same number of copies that had been consumed the previous year. The estimate was for 12 million copies, and the error was within 1% of that estimate (11,876,555). That resulted in a financial penalty to the company (\$2,800). Lease agreement has resulted in every department having a new copier which limits down time and frees up equipment money by not having to purchase new copiers. Machines on campus are worth approximately 1.1 million dollars. System has worked well and other universities (Southern Illinois University and Illinois State University) are making inquiries regarding EIU's contractual agreement.
1. J. Allison commented on differences by department (i.e., some better off than others under agreement). He also asked if there was a way to assist smaller department to finance copy machines with amenities (e.g., stapler). T. Weidner responded that there is a recognition that some departments have general operating cost problems, but in general, all department were provided money to match their copying output from last year. New funds to help in departmental operating costs go to college deans and they determine which departments receive various amounts.
 2. F. Fraker asked about the future. T. Weidner responded that they will continue making adjustments; the agreement is costing some department more, others less. But the total benefits for campus are significant. M. Olsen added that leasing rather than purchasing machines allows EIU to retain more money on campus. The contractual agreement is based on volume; individual departments still have freedom to make some decisions as to how they function within the contractual agreement.
 3. J. Tidwell asked about the "fiasco" in the library as a result of the agreement. T. Weidner stated that most of the technical problems in the library have been resolved. Their machines are different because they actually receive income from the machines. M. Olsen was not aware of the request and problems regarding nickel by nickel copying vs. a card system. He encouraged anyone experiencing problems to let them know so they can work with a department to resolve them.
 4. J. Ozier asked what the actual price per copy is under the new agreement. The cost is \$2.28 cents per copy for base machines, i.e., that covers everything but paper.

IV. Old Business - Committee Reports

A. Elections Committee - Gary Foster

1. Recommendation from the Elections Committee is for faculty elections to occur on March 28th and 29th (Thursday and Friday).

A motion (Gholson/Tidwell) to accept the recommendation of the Elections Committee regarding faculty election dates passed (14/0/0).

A motion (Gholson/Ozier) to accept the Elections Committee list of candidates as presented passed (8/4/2).

2. Faculty election slate of candidates and question responses are attached to the minutes.

B. CUPB Bylaws Subcommittee - John Simpson

CUPB Bylaw Subcommittee met on February 29, 1996 and will present recommendations at next CUPB meeting.

C. Faculty Senate Executive Committee - John Simpson

1. The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 4, 1996 at 12:00.
2. Articulation Initiative discussion concerned commercialized education vs. public/private education.

3. Discussion regarding Faculty Senate taking a proactive stance on developing plan to initiative to infuse technology in classroom/academic setting. Major dollars are being spent on new computer equipment that may be expensive word processing; may not be reaching into the classroom to improve academic instruction. Two issues evolved in discussion
 - a. Importance to conduct faculty training in new technology. T. Weidner stated that this is underway/in planning stages;
 - b. Conceptual issue of how to utilize technology in instructional mode. Senator Tidwell agreed to serve as a liaison between the Faculty Senate and Academic Computing Committee to gather information on this issue.
- D. Parking Committee - Hal Nordin
 1. There will be a new parking lot across from the Burl Ives Studio this spring that will consist of 16 new parking spaces. Buzzard renovations have resulted in the loss of 14 spaces.
 2. Discussion to raise fines if not paid within first 24 hours as a deterrent.
 3. Discussion regarding shuttle service; cost will be a factor.
 4. Discussion to investigate leasing space from some area churches.
 5. WEIU-TV was granted one space (temporarily) along 7th street.
 6. Enforcement of no parking under the bridge on the west side of the Union will be taking effect.
 7. Committee waiting for response from the President's Council concerning raising fees for reserved spots in front of Old Main.
 8. Discussion of enforcement of 15 minute parking spaces, possibly by giving tickets every hour or having the violator towed.
 9. R. Gholson voiced the concern that rather than focus on parking spaces and shuttle, energy should be given to enforcing current parking regulations.
- E. Grade Appeals Committee - Deb Wolf
A report should be presented sometime next week.
- F. Senior Seminar Advisory Committee - Ron Gholson
The Committee will hold a Reception/Forum on Friday, March 29, 1996 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Union Rathskeller, west balcony. An invitation is extended to all current teachers of Senior Seminars as well as those who are interested in teaching one and would like more information. Refreshments will be served.
- G. Negotiations - Jim Tidwell
Laurent Gosselin would be happy to provide Faculty Senate with an update.
- H. Constitution/Bylaws Committee

A motion (Richard/Tidwell) to approve Article XIII as revised passed by roll-call vote (12/2/0).

Yes: Richard, Craft, Gholson, Foster, Kirk, Fraker, Wolf, Schmidt, Ozier, Tidwell, Eberly, Simpson.
No: Allison, Nordin.

A motion (Richard/Wolf) to delete Section 3 of Article XI was passed by roll call vote (11/2/1).

Yes: Craft, Gholson, Foster, Kirk, Fraker, Wolf, Schmidt, Ozier, Tidwell, Eberly, Simpson.
No: Richard, Nordin.
Abstain: Allison.

These two items will be included on the ballot for faculty approval.

Senator Allison moved adjournment at 4:02 p.m.

Tentative agenda: TaskForce on Lower Division Student Academic Services

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Richard, Recorder

Angela Mapes, Secretarial Assistant