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Faculty Senate Minutes of January 30, 1995 (Vol. XXIV, No. 18)

Called to order by Chair John Allison at 2:07 p.m., Room 219, Old Main

Present: J. Allison, C. Eberly, G. Foster, F. Fraker, R. Gholson, M. Goodrick, R. Jorstad, W. Kirk, J. Lambert, J. Lasky, G. Mason, J. Ozier, J. Simpson, W. Weber, D. Wolf

Visitors: V.P. Barbara Hill, Kelly Allee, Jamie Riley, David Carpenter, and Dave Hosick

Minutes: A motion (Weber/Wolf) passed with two abstentions to approve the Minutes of January 24 with the following correction: Under Communications, "G.," the possible dates for Chancellor Layzell to visit are February 14 or February 28 (not February 7).

**I. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. President's Council Minutes (1/18/95). The Illinois Senate Minority Leader will be here on February 10 to meet with faculty, staff, and students.

B. Memo (1/24) from David Ebdon regarding the position of Deans and Chairs representatives on appointment/reappointment of Chairs. The memo reports that the "deans and chair representatives reaffirmed their support of the selection procedures approved by the President's Council of June 15, 1994."

C. Memo (1/25) from President Jorns regarding appointments and charges for the Faculty Excellence Awards Committee. The seven committee members are Dr. L. Campanis (HEC), Dr. J. Guzowski (ENG), Dr. J. Ivarie (SPE), Dr. L. Leal (PSY), Dr. M. Monippallil (ACC/FIN), Dr. G. Richard (CDS), and Dr. Susan Woods (HST). There are 43 awards available for 1995 at \$1,300 each.

D. Memo from Janet Lambert (1/25) noting she will miss the February 14 Faculty Senate meeting in order to attend the AACTE Meeting in Washington, D.C.

E. Distribution of a section from the "Weaver Bill" that focuses on Eastern. Upon examination of this section, Senator Jorstad noted that Admissions requirements for EIU are listed as part of the Bill. Discussion ensued as to where admissions requirements are initiated (IBHE, ISBHE, etc.) Chair Allison also noted some faculty concern about community college transfer credits. Senator Ozier responded that the (mis-)perception that general education courses are easier at a community college is not the force driving community college students to complete general education courses before transferring to a four-year college. She didn't want the impression to be given that education at community colleges is less rigorous or of less quality.

Further related discussion is under "**Old Business.**"

F. Communication from Jane Lasky noting that the University of Minnesota is implementing a "Scent Free" policy on the campus that prohibits wearing perfume within some areas of campus.

G. Report from John Allison regarding his conversation with WIU Chair, Paula Wise. They discussed possible teleconference topics, including governance proposals and the IBHE Articulation Plan.

H. Chair Allison reminded Senate that NCA visitors will be on campus February 6, 7, and 8. VP Hill added that the University community is ready for the visit, and expressed her appreciation to those who have worked to prepare for it.

I. The search committee for the Governmental Liaison position has forwarded their selected candidate(s) to Jill Nilsen.

J. Senator Lambert indicated she will not be able to serve on the search committee for the Director of Housing and Dining Services.

A motion (Jorstad/Weber) passed to have Bill Kirk replace Janet Lambert on the search committee for the Director of Housing and Dining Services.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion of Governance and Teleconference**

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the teleconference. Senator Fraker suggested finding common ground with WIU to see where we might coordinate and pool support. The notion of issuing a joint resolution was brought up. At a later point Senate was informed of a power-outage at WIU which caused the teleconference to be canceled. Discussion of university governance continued.

Discussion focused on how to improve the current structure if the BGU stays intact. Senator Foster maintained that the Board shouldn't be applauded for doing things they should have done years ago and not doing things they shouldn't be doing. Senator Kirk wondered if data exist regarding previous transitions within states from central governance to local governance, suggesting that a prototype would be useful.

Chair Allison indicated there might be a problem with local boards if significant competition among systems (local boards) develops when communicating with the Legislature. Senator Lambert suggested we need a "level playing field." Senator Simpson noted that we will always be competing with U. of I., asserted that we have not done well with the current system, and said we will never have a level playing field. (In other words, we can't compete with the U. of I.) Discussion of the "level playing field" continued. Senator Goodrick remarked that he benefits from the U. of I. in terms of use of libraries and other facilities.

Discussion occurred regarding current Board membership and lack of advocacy until Mack Hollowell was appointed. Senator Gholson asserted that EIU has been at the bottom generally in terms of funding. Senator Weber reminded Senate that there is no guarantee that a local board will be better if it's poorly staff. It was pointed out that having a local board does not necessarily mean local people. There will be representation from across the state.

Chair Allison presented the following suggestions regarding a local board: 1. Local Boards are consistent ("level playing field" idea), 2. A faculty member is on the board at least in a nonvoting position (the current proposal includes a non-voting student member but not a faculty member), 3. Experience and eligibility for Board members is specified, and 4. Assure Board has oversight responsibility, not managerial control. Lasky added that Board members should have a university degree. Senator Simpson suggested having EIU alumni as Board members. Senator Weber suggested ensuring that the Board serve as an advocate for EIU rather than an adversary, and that the local Board support tenure, academic departments, and liberal arts and sciences. The issues of political appointees and related problems were addressed.

Senator Wolf stated that the list is a step in the right direction and Senator Goodrick suggested the Drafting Committee develop a draft for Senate. Other parts of the Bill were discussed briefly.

By consensus, it was decided that Chair Allison will compile his ideas regarding local board configuration for Faculty Senate and the Drafting Committee will write some reactions to the Bill that may be sent on to WIU's Senate for their perusal. VP Hill suggested the Drafting Committee also look at existing legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40. The next meeting is 2:00 p.m., February 7, Casey Room, MLK Union. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Visit from Mitch Vogel, UPI President/University Governance

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Mason, Recorder