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Faculty Senate Minutes of February 14, 1995 (Vol. XXIV, No. 20)

Called to order by Chair John Allison at 2:04 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library

Present: J. Allison, G. Foster, F. Fraker, R. Gholson, M. Goodrich, R. Jorstad, W. Kirk, G. Mason, J. Ozier, J. Simpson, W. Weber, D. Wolf

Absent: J. Lasky, J. Lambert

Visitors: Jamie Riley, Lewis Coon, Kelly Allee, David Hosick, Jason Anselment, President Jorns, Jill Nilsen, David Carpenter

Minutes: A motion (Jorstad/Gholson) passed with two abstentions to postpone approving the Minutes of February 7 until the next meeting.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. From WEIU (1/22/95) letters/addresses/fact sheet regarding funding for Public Broadcasting (PBS). Individuals are encouraged to send letters to United States Senators and Representatives in Congress expressing support for continued funding for public television.

B. Minutes (1/23/95) from Staff Senate.

C. Chair Allison distributed copies of news releases regarding the Office of Civil Rights.

D. Minutes (2/1/95) of President's Council.

E. Minutes (2/2/95) of Super Senate.

F. Chair Allison distributed two documents regarding enrollment management: (1) Memo from Betsy Miller, Records Office, identifying the number of students with "deficiencies" who were admitted to EIU on a provisional basis, and (2) Memo from Charles Evans regarding the advising of students entering Fall 1994 on provisional admission.

G. Chair Allison distributed the interview schedules for the Dean of the College of Sciences position. Faculty Senate could not meet with the candidate today because of conflicting meeting times.

H. Report by Chair Allison of the following discussed during the Executive Meeting (2/9/95) with President Jorns (where Senators Foster and Mason were also in attendance): (1) President Jorns indicated that the North Central Accreditation visit was very positive and reaccreditation is virtually certain. (2) President Jorns expressed his general agreement with Faculty Senate on their recommendations regarding composition of the EIU Board of Trustees. (3) Responding to concerns expressed, President Jorns said there are no plans to reduce student staffing of the DEN. (4) Also, there are no plans to replace full-time employees in areas such as the Counseling Center and Human Resources, particularly faculty positions. (5) Various issues regarding the OCR and athletics were discussed.

I. From Gary Foster (2/9/95), documents related to 1995 Faculty Elections. Questions to ask candidates are the same as last year with the exception of CAA, which changed its questions. Discussion of voting procedures ensued. The Elections Committee (Senators Ozier, Kirk, and

Mason) will meet to discuss whether to have mail-in or on-site balloting for the next election. Attached to Minutes is information related to Spring elections.

J. Memo from VP Barbara Hill asking Senate to submit the name of a faculty member to serve on the search committee for the Dean of the Graduate School.

A motion (Gholson/Simpson) was made to recommend John Allison to serve in this position. It passed unanimously.

K. Chair Allison distributed copies of the revised draft of the recommendations for university governance and his statement submitted to the Illinois Senate.

L. Addressing the Faculty Senate, Lewis Coon indicated that he believes that union dues have been improperly assessed and collected, resulting in an overcharge of 11%. Senators received a copy of a document detailing this situation that also suggests specific action for members and non-members.

M. Memo (2/13/95) from Richard Wandling regarding EIU Board composition. He suggests following language from the Board of Governors Act that "not more than 2 members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall be residents of the same Congressional district at the time of their appointment."

N. Memo from President Jorns regarding the composition, structure, and functions of CUPB.

O. Report of phone call by Chair Allison to Mark Erikson in the regional office of the OCR. Mr. Erikson indicated the OCR never recommended elimination of any sports at EIU, it was a University decision, and it became part of the agreement only after the University proposed it. He also stated he did not know if Eastern's request for additional time will be granted, but indicated EIU's timeline was the same as that for other comparable universities. In response to these comments, President Jorns stated that Erikson's response was "disingenuous."

P. Referring to the DEN article regarding university governance, Chair Allison noted he was incorrect in saying that a new board's power over courses of study, textbooks, and apparatus was "unprecedented." However, he responded that the language of the bill is nevertheless dangerous because a new board could exercise such power.

Q. Senator Ozier reported that the drafting committee was working on a response to Weaver's bill, and she solicited feedback from Ping Liu, Department of Technology, regarding reference in the bill to the term "technology park." In a written response to her request, Dr. Liu indicated that "technology park" is a way to promote economic growth, and "originated from the concept of technology transfer from the research base of the universities to private and public sector."

## II. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Discussion of Chair Allison's revised draft of Recommendations for University Governance.

Some minor corrections, deletions, and additions were suggested for clarifying the five recommendations stated in the draft. There was some disagreement as to whether or not Board members should have a baccalaureate degree. Most Senators felt that a baccalaureate degree is preferable.

A motion (Gholson/Ozier) was made to strike any reference to baccalaureate degree in the recommendations concerning Board composition.

Senators Ozier and Gholson pointed out that people can be qualified to serve and express interest/understanding in higher education without a college degree. Senators Fraker and Simpson argued that holding a degree is at least an indicator of interest and understanding of higher education.

The above motion failed (4-8-1).

Senator Kirk suggested that the language be changed so that it states "prefer" (selecting Board members with baccalaureate degrees) rather than "require." It was generally agreed that such a change was appropriate.

A motion passed unanimously to accept the draft. Several suggestions were made as to who should receive a copy of the recommendations. The final document is attached.

Before adjourning, a brief discussion of Athletics ensued. It was decided to ask Jerome Rogers, Athletics Advisor, to visit Senate on February 21.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03. The next meeting is 2:00 p.m., February 21, BOG Room, Booth Library. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS:

Dave Henard, Academic Computing, Jerome Roberts, Athletics, and the Drafting Committee's report regarding the Weaver bill

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Mason, Recorder

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

FACULTY SENATE, EASTERN ILLINOIS

UNIVERSITY

As the representative voice of the faculty of Eastern Illinois University, the Faculty Senate advocates the following recommendations for university governance.

In the event that the state legislature establishes a Board of Trustees at Eastern Illinois University, we recommend the following measures:

- 1) Establish such Boards consistently throughout the state, not just at universities within the Board of Governors and Board of Regents systems;
- 2) Require trustees on these Boards to possess working knowledge of and interest in issues affecting higher education, with preference given to nominees holding at least a baccalaureate degree;
- 3) Assure that the Boards oversee rather than manage the operations of the universities. Administrators, staffs, and faculty committees and councils exist to manage daily operations of universities;
- 4) In addition to one nonvoting student member, include at least one nonvoting faculty member on each Board. Also, insure that each Board include local, regional, and state-wide representation. In particular, include on each Board no more than one member from any university's county and contiguous counties, taking great care that no Board member be directly or indirectly interested in any contract or financial decision made by the Board;
- 5) Specify that one of the purposes of each Board is to advocate the financial health and academic well being of its university.

Should the Board of Governors remain in place, we then recommend continued decentralization of administrative responsibilities to provide greater autonomy for the administrators, committees, and councils of the universities within the system. The proper function of the Board, we believe, is to coordinate universities' activities, to monitor decisions of university administrations, and to advocate the universities' economic and academic well being.

We respectfully request members of state government to consider these recommendations.

TO: Candidates in the 1995 Faculty Elections  
 FROM: Elections Committee, Faculty Senate

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
 1995 FACULTY ELECTIONS

As a candidate in the upcoming faculty elections, your response to the following, appropriate question will be published in the Faculty Senate Minutes. Please prepare your response to the relevant question and return it to Gail Mason (Speech Communication, Coleman Hall 231H) by 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 2, 1995. PLEASE SINGLE-SPACE YOUR RESPONSE.

Faculty Senate: Comment on the discussions and actions of this year's Faculty Senate. Mention where you agree and where you disagree. What are the issues that you feel the Senate should discuss next year?

Council on Academic Affairs: How do you perceive your role as an individual CAA member? What would you like to accomplish as a CAA member? What do you see as the major challenges CAA faces in the next three years?

Academic Program Elimination Review Committee: Under what circumstances do you consider it appropriate to eliminate an academic program? What kind(s) of information should the members have available in the decision-making process?

Council on Graduate Studies: What do you identify as the major issues facing graduate study at Eastern Illinois University today? How would you propose to address these issues as a member of the Council on Graduate Studies?

Council on Teacher Education: What issues do you believe the Council on Teacher Education should address and what contributions do you hope to make?

University Personnel Committee: The main responsibility of the UPC member is to evaluate teaching performance, research accomplishments and service contributions of faculty (generally in a discipline other than his/her own) for the purpose of retention, promotion, and tenure and justify these decisions in a written form to the faculty. The decisions are made solely on the basis of documents provided by the faculty (i.e., student and peer evaluations and abstracts) without the benefit of observing faculty teaching ability or research potential. Please respond briefly and concisely to the following two-part question: 1. In your opinion, what characterizes a competent teacher and a competent researcher? 2. What sort of indications would you look for in faculty portfolios to establish this?

Council/Committee	To be Elected	Qualifications, Notes
Faculty Senate	5 at large	Faculty in at least 4th semester of employment
Council on Academic Affairs	3 at large	Faculty in at least 4th semester of employment
Academic Program Elimination Review Committee	1 from former College of Business 1 from former College of Applied Science 1 from former College of Fine Arts	Faculty, by area
Council on Graduate Studies	1 from Art, English, Music 1 from Acct/Fin, Mgt/Mkt, Tech, Gerontology & former College of HPER	Graduate Faculty, by area
Council on Teacher Education	1 from Bot, Chm, Mat, Phys, Zoo 1 from Ecn, Geo/Geg, His, Pol Sci, Psy, Soc/Ant 1 from former College of Fine Arts 1 from former COE (El & Jr High)*	Faculty, by area  *no dept in old COE can have more than 1 rep at a time
University Personnel Committee	1 from former Fine Arts 1 from Library & Counselors 1 from Pol Sci, Ecn, His, Soc/Ant, Phi	Tenured Faculty, by area (no chairs)

Constitutionally, a list of candidates must be released by March 10, and elections must be held by March 25.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

PETITION FOR NOMINATION TO UNIVERSITY COUNCILS  
(see reverse side for information about available positions)

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With the approval of the individual herein designated, we, the undersigned,  
do hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the  
name of nominee

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
name of council area, if applicable

Name	Faculty Rank	Department
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