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Called to order by Chair John Allison at 2:02 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library

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

Visitors: David Hosick, Jason Anselment, President Jorns, VPAA Hill, Jill Nilsen, Sandy Bingham-Porter, Greg Iaccarino, David Henard, Glenn Robinson, Karl Bridges, Jim Tidwell, VPBA Morgan Olsen

Minutes: A motion (Gholson/Foster) passed with two abstentions to approve the Minutes of February 7. A motion (Weber/Kirk) passed with three abstentions to approve the Minutes of February 14 with the following correction: In the attachment noting faculty elections, there is a mistake in the "Qualifications/Notes" section next to COTE. It should read, "no department in old COE can have more than 2 representatives at a time."

I. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Memo (1/24/95) from President Jorns praising the work of the Drafting Subcommittee of the University Governance Committee.

B. Minutes (2/8/95) of Student Government.

C. Minutes (2/8/95) from President's Council.

D. Memo (2/13/95) from David Mehlich alerting EIU about possible changes in law regulating payment for accrued sick and vacation days to employees under SURS. A newspaper article was attached to his memo regarding cashing in on sick days.

E. Memo (2/16/95) from Faculty Senate Leaders of Illinois Public Universities regarding topics of the next meeting, which will be held Thursday, March 2nd at Sangamon State. One major topic of discussion will be the potential increase of power of the IBHE.

F. Report from Senators Goodrich and Allison on the CUPB meeting. Among other issues, composition of CUPB was discussed. Chair Allison suggested to ask for two faculty members from each college to serve on CUPB. Senator Goodrich reported that the Council of Deans had a different proposal, but that in general, there is indication of increased faculty representation on CUPB.

G. Report from Chair Allison on arranging an ad-hoc meeting concerning appointment/reappointment of chairs.

H. Senator Jorstad reported on the Council of Faculties (COF) meeting that was held at Northeastern. It is possible that EIU and other institutions will pull out of the BGU telecourse program. COF recommended that prospective Boards of Trustees include a non-voting faculty member. This is consistent with what EIU's Faculty Senate felt was appropriate. The COF also passed a resolution supporting local, regional, and state representation on each Board of Trustees, and that no more than one Trustee per board be appointed from any congressional district. Yet another resolution passed by COF supported reallocation of BOG

money to each institution, based on enrollment.

I. Senator Lasky reported on the Drafting Committee's response to Weaver's bill. A draft of the response was distributed to Faculty Senators for their perusal. It identifies both positive aspects of the bill and potential areas of concern. For example, one positive aspect is adding the stipulation that "no member of the Board be directly or indirectly interested in any contract made by the Board nor shall he be an employee of the State or Federal government.." Concerns include the proposed Child Care Services provision, language regarding representation, and qualifications of Trustees. The draft will be discussed at a later meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Visit with David Henard, Computer Services

David Henard reported dramatic increases in computer usage; the number of student users doubled in the last year (4400 have accounts), and faculty usage has also increased. While the increased usage is positive, it does create problems, such as shortage of machines.

A question was raised relating to obtaining the Ethernet system, as opposed to the current token-ring system. Mr. Henard noted the problem is one of providing additional staff support. He indicated that Computer Services is delivering a high level of reliability with the token-ring system and EIU is doing fine without the Ethernet. Senator Jorstad asked about "local talk," using Mac Pluses. Mr. Henard said that the concept is fine but the Mac Pluses are out of date, as are many of the IBM computers in campus offices.

Senator Mason stated that she appreciates the tutorials offered through Computer Services but feels it would be helpful to have workshops on Wordperfect, Windows, Lotus 1-2-3, and so on offered at no cost to faculty and staff. Other Senators agreed that this is a faculty development issue. Mr. Henard agreed to bring up this issue with the Committee on Academic Computing. Senators Mason and Foster asked Mr. Henard to comment on the relative lack of support for faculty and graduate students conducting statistical research. Mr. Henard responded that there is a funding problem. He reported that there has been almost 100% turnover in academic computing since Spring, which would affect the ability of faculty to get help regarding statistical runs or analyses. Employees have been shifted out of information systems to academic computing to try to get more balance, and Mr. Henard expressed his belief that there is a greater balance now between academic and administrative computing. Senator Ozier noted how helpful David Dodd was in helping her and her graduate assistants, and suggested hiring individuals in the future who would be as helpful.

Senator Jorstad asked about ECN, its resources, equipment, budget, etc. Mr. Henard predicted it will be dissolved, and hopes it will be done effectively, so service will not be disrupted. He thinks it will be helpful to have local computer technicians. Senator Lasky asked about equipment availability, that faculty do not have equipment to do more than the basics. Senator Eberly asked about getting "smart terminals" that would help in gathering performance indicator data and would be helpful to department chairs in generating data. Mr. Henard said they do have something similar right now. Main frame data bases and files are available, and it is possible to do statistical analyses with the data bases.

Senator Allison noted the problem of faculty buying their own computers, hooking up from home, but not being able to get on UX1 because the lines are busy. Mr. Henard acknowledged the problem, said there needs to be a long-term solution, and added that every university faces a dial-in problem.

Mr. Henard emphasized that equipment problems have increased greatly. Since 1990, 660 microcomputers have been added, but no additional technicians have been hired. However, a help desk has been added.

B. Visit with Jerome Rogers, Director of Compliance and Student Services for the Athletic Department

Many questions were asked regarding Mr. Rogers' job description, athletic tutors, study tables, and NCAA compliance. His office is in Stevenson Hall. He reports to the Athletic Department, not Academic Advising. He explained that approximately 25% of his time is spent with compliance and 75% is spent on academic advising. Compliance includes checking eligibility, making sure athletes are making satisfactory progress, checking squad lists, and so on. When asked later about NCAA rules and who regulates them, he answered that he does and he communicates with AD McBee and John Craft.

In terms of academic advising, each athlete will have an advisor in his/her major area of study, but there are 400 student athletes who are eligible for academic advising through the Athletic Department. He monitors study table (which is held in Taylor Hall Monday through Thursday from 8-10 p.m.) once a week; graduate students in Educational Psychology monitor them three times a week. He indicated that study table is mandatory for freshmen and junior college transfer students. If an athlete's GPA falls below 2.5, he/she needs to attend study table. He added that the graduation rate of athletes is similar to the overall graduation rate for students at EIU. Senator Wolf asked about the contact he has with students. He stated that he has met with prospective students who visit campus, and during those visits, he addresses issues related to athletics, requirements for being a student athlete, and making

the transition to college.

Mr. Rogers reported that Athletic Department tutors are juniors and seniors from the Honors Program whose pay is funded out of his budget. There are now eight tutors with different specialty areas, and Mr. Rogers expressed his belief that the athletes' tutoring needs are being met. Senator Lambert suggested recruiting students from Education and Senator Mason suggested graduate students.

When asked about faculty response rate to the progress cards that are sent out, Mr. Rogers responded that it was about 85-90%.

Mr. Rogers spoke about the NCAA Life Skills Program that will be implemented. He proposed this program to AD McBee, and completed the program application for EIU. EIU was one of 100 schools accepted. He attended a conference related to the NCAA Life Skills Program. According to a handout distributed to Faculty Senators, the mission is to "develop well balanced lifestyles for student-athletes; to encourage growth in decision-making, planning and fulfillment of career and life goals; and to enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience within the university setting."

Senator Goodrich noted the necessity of time management, and wondered if there is something being done to help student athletes with this. Mr. Rogers noted that the Life Skills Program addresses this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting is 2:00 p.m., February 28, BOG Room, Booth Library. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEM:
Visit from Chancellor Layzell; University Governance

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Mason, Recorder