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Faculty Senate Minutes of September 7, 1993 (Vol. XXIII, No. 2)

Called to order: by Vice-Chair John Miller at 2:00 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library.

Present: J. Allison, G. Aylesworth, D. Carpenter, J. Craft, J. Dennee, G. Foster, R. Gholson, R. Jorstad, J. Lasky, G. Mason, E. Marlow, J. Miller, L. Walker, R. Wandling.

Absent: W. Addison.

Visitors: Dr. Jorns, Dr. Hill, Mr. J. Ferak, Dr. Coon, Dr. Whittenbarger, Mr. A. Nevalainen, Ms. J. Tizzard.

Minutes: A motion (Jorstad/Marlow) to approve the Minutes of August 31, 1993 as corrected passed unanimously.

1. IV.D. He then asked Dr. Jorns if this was a real goal or just rhetoric in view of the University's history of underfunding the Library.

2. IV.A. A motion (Aylesworth/Foster) that for the purposes of settling the present dispute, and preserving precedent, the Senate will continue to seat the person who replaced Craig Eckert originally for the remainder of Craig Eckert's term passed (8-4-3).

3. III.A. Senator Jorstad reported...

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. From Dean Jon Laible, update on the search for the Director of Affirmative Action and Cultural Diversity, 8/30/93.
- B. From Dr. Kandy Baumgardner, memo in regard to the NCA Self-Study, 9/1/93.
- C. Memo from Dr. Mike Goodrich requesting a leave from the Senate for Fall Semester 1993. A motion (Walker/Carpenter) that Jean Dennee will replace Mike Goodrich on the Senate for Fall Semester passed unanimously.
- D. From Dean Allen Lanham suggesting that due to restructuring the Faculty Senate should evaluate the appointment process for new members to the Library Advisory Board, 9/1/93. Vice-Chair Miller suggested that Senator Lasky ask the Appointments Subcommittee to study this and make recommendations.
- E. Vice-Chair Miller informed the Senate that 54 computers from computer labs will be replaced. He noted that Dr. Hill had suggested to him that the Senate may wish to request some of the used computers for Senators who did not have computers in their offices. A motion (Jorstad/Dennee) that the Faculty Senate request of Associate Vice President Weidner that any Senator who did not have a computer be given one passed unanimously. Those Senators are Carpenter, Gholson, and Mason.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Search for the Director of University Housing & Dining Services
Senator Gholson reported that he had attended the first meeting of this committee and that the next meeting would be this afternoon.

2. Ad Hoc Committee on Summer School

Senator Aylesworth reported that the Committee had made no recommended change in the format for Summer School, therefore, the intersession, five-week and eight-week sessions will remain the same. He noted that questions remain about the specific courses suited for intersession. He further stated that departments should keep academic integrity in mind when scheduling courses for intersession and five-week session.

3. Faculty/Student Textbook Rental Review Committee

Senator Wandling reminded the Senate that Dr. Jorns had been posed a question in regard to the use of multiple texts in sections of the same course. Dr. Jorns answered that on May 11 he had sent the Senate a report on how this had been carried out. He stated that within the Council of Deans reaction was mixed, for example, HPER supported the proposal provided that faculty checked with chairs first; in the Lumpkin College of Business it is important for accreditation to use the same texts. Senator Wandling stated that the decision should be made at the department level. He then asked to what extent faculty and chairs were consulted. Dr. Jorns answered that he would check into that question, but that it was his understanding that the Deans consulted with Chairs, and that the Chairs had consulted with faculty on this issue. Dr. Hill then noted that in the letter to the Senate it said that the dean is to notify Textbook Rental, not to make the decision. Dr. Jorns again stated that he would see how much consultation was done on this matter. Discussion then centered upon supplements and if they were a way around required texts. Dr. Hill then stated that she would speak to the deans about use of multiple texts and ask them to poll their departments and reply in written form.

B. PROPOSED UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Senator Aylesworth asked if Article 3 of the Senate Constitution is going to apply to this plan. Dr. Jorns asserted that if the Senate chooses to invoke Article 3, he will honor it. Senator Carpenter noted the importance of Article 3 in that it provides the campus community time to respond to the Senators, and it would give the Senate and its constituents time to ask the President specific questions and get specific answers. He then added that he believed it would be a mistake to invoke Article 3 after the President has made his decisions. Dr. Jorns reminded the Senate that this is a CUPB document, and all of the responses will go back to the CUPB. He again maintained that if the Article 3 were invoked, it would have to be honored. He explained that things would stop until this plan is in place. Various Senators expressed concern about Article 3. When asked what would happen after September 15, Dr. Jorns briefly described a tentative calendar to the Senate. Senator Aylesworth noted that it is important that the Senate make sure discussion on this issue takes place and that the Senate does what they can to make sure the faculty are being franchised. Senators expressed concern that this issue be considered very carefully. Senator Foster voiced a concern about the lack of specificity in the document. Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Jorns discussed the costs and implementation of the "volunteerism" section of the proposal.

At this point the Senate began discussion about the Vision Statement. Senators Gholson and Marlow voiced the concern that the statement was too generic. Senator Gholson further maintained that it does not identify this university's uniqueness. Senators then discussed the following sentence, "Furthermore, the university recognizes its place in the human family and celebrates a faculty and student body which reflects our nation in all its diversity." Senator Mason voiced the concern that statement may not be obtainable. Senator Craft disagreed and voiced support for that statement. Senator Miller brought up the concern that research/creativity should be mentioned after "...EIU will continue to champion a tradition of distinguished teaching in both undergraduate and graduate programs of study." Discussion followed in regard to the wording of the vision statement. It was decided that Senators Gholson and Aylesworth will prepare written revisions for the next Senate meeting.

C. FACULTY CONCERNS

Vice-Chair Miller distributed a "Call for Issues and Concerns," and it was agreed that it will be attached to the Minutes. (See attachment.)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

VISIT FROM CHANCELLOR LAYZELL

Vice-Chair Miller asked the Senate if they would like to schedule a meeting with Chancellor Layzell. The Senate agreed to invite Chancellor Layzell to meet with them.

A motion (Jorstad/Lasky) was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 14, 1993, 2:00 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Strategic Planning, Faculty Concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
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