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Called to order: by Chair Ed Marlow at 3:00 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library.
Present: William Addison, Gary Aylesworth, Marietta Deming, Craig Eckert, Gary Foster, Michael Goodrich, Robert Jorstad, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Matthew Monippalli, Richard Wandling, John Craft, Jane Lasky.
Absent: David Carpenter.
Minutes: A motion by Deming (seconded by Jorstad) to approve the Minutes of September 1, 1992 with the following corrections passed (13-0-1):
II.A. *William Smith, (LST) alt
III.C. He also stated that five people are to be invited to interview, and at least three names...
IV. Senator Deming asked if, pursuant to Article 5, Section 5 of the Faculty Senate Constitution...A motion (Jorstad/Leal) that the Chair request that the Student Senate appoint three non-voting members...

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RESPONSES

- A. Agenda of the President's Council, August 26.
Chair Marlow explained that Acting Vice President Hencken noted that enrollment should end at 10,330. He also stated that Vice President Colbert noted that minority student enrollment is at an "all time high." He then added that since the University's Americans with Disabilities Act representative left (Richard Pyles), EIU needs a replacement for the next meeting.
- B. Memo from Dr. Frank McCormick, Phi Beta Kappa, announcing that Dr. Daniel Shea will present a lecture entitled, "The Masks of Louisa May Alcott," on Thursday, September 17, 7:30 p.m. in Coleman Auditorium.
- C. Memo from Mr. John Flynn, Director of Financial Aids, requesting that the Senate appoint an additional member to the Financial Grants Committee.
Senator Deming asked if the Senate had a copy of bylaws of the committees to which it appoints faculty members. Senator Foster, as a former Chair of the Senate, did not remember the Senate having such information. Senator Miller stated that three years ago Senator Carpenter asked that the Senate request a set of bylaws from the committees and found that many committees were defunct and had been for many years. He also suggested that the Senate check with Senator Carpenter in regard to current bylaws of each committee. Senator Goodrich suggested that the Chair contact Mr. Flynn and request bylaws for the Financial Grants Committee.
- D. Senator Eckert related that Assistant Dean Lynch, Liberal Arts and Sciences, had contacted him in regard to the "black sheep of the family," quote in the 9/1/92 Faculty Senate Minutes. Prof. Lynch wanted to make certain that faculty members knew that EIU had been given the same opportunities regarding the telecourse as other BOG schools. Senator Eckert stated that the first course (on religion) was "shot down" when the Philosophy and Sociology Departments had first examined the course proposal and jointly agreed that "it was pathetic." He added that the second year the course (on basic economics) was accepted in the Economics Department, but didn't make it through the LASCC or CAA. Thus, the issue was one of campus autonomy regarding the course adoption and implementation process, not one of Eastern's willingness to accommodate non-traditional students and programs. Chair Marlow stated that the quote was more from the perspective that Dr. Pringle thought that maybe EIU was reluctant to adopt "new, innovative ideas."
- E. Senator Marlow received a communication from Vice President Hill scheduling a meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on Tuesday, September 15, 1992, at 7:30 a.m. in regard to a number of matters, including core curriculum and assessment. He also added that if anyone has concerns, to contact one of the members of the Senate Executive Committee (Marlow, Leal, Eckert).

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. APPOINTMENTS TO FACULTY-STUDENT BOARDS/COMMITTEES, 1992-93
The motion (Goodrich/Addison) to approve the following recommendation in regard to faculty boards/committees passed unanimously:

Library Advisory Board
Life Sci, Phy. Sci, MAT

Norbert Furumo (CHM) 1994
*Clay Pierce (ZOO) alt

*indicates a new appointment. Generally an alternate replaces the regular member at the expiration of his/her term.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. FACULTY LEADERS OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES (SUPER SENATE)
Chair Marlow informed the Senate that State Representative Mike Curran expects new legislation on the "5+5 Plan" and that he had no doubt that the public school and community college teachers would be included in it (a "given"), but that he was not sure of whether or not university/college professors would be included. One possibility might be that each institution would decide as to whether "it's in." Early retirees "paid back" 2% last year and that percentage may increase in future years. In addition, early retirees may be able to use accrued sick leave and vacation time as part of their "buyout." Marlow further noted that the state saved \$85 million last year with the early retirement option. Senator Jorstad then asked what was Chancellor Layzell's position on this issue. Senator Miller stated that senators would have remembered if Dr. Layzell objected to the plan when he visited the Senate in the spring.
- B. Chair Marlow stated that the "Super Senate" was going to try to set up a meeting with Governor Edgar before the first of October to explain their position with respect to the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education. He then announced that the next meeting of the "Super Senate" would be Friday. Senator Miller asked if the "Super Senate" has any information in regard to the Governor's Task Force. Chair Marlow stated that there was no new information. Senator Miller suggested asking the Governor the status of the task force studying the structure of higher education. Chair Marlow stated that the agenda would be more towards education and the economic growth of the state.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chair Marlow informed the Senate that at the next meeting appointments would be made to the internal committees: Elections, Nominations, Student/Faculty Relations, Social. He announced that Senator Leal was the Chair of the Elections Committee.
- B. Senator Foster stated that several people had asked whether or not the presidential candidate evaluation form requires a signature or is optional. Senator Jorstad informed him the signature is optional. Senator Miller stated that there were people turning them in unsigned and that Senator Carpenter informed the Search Committee that perhaps there may be separate statistical tabulations of the results. Senator Foster stated that he thought more credence should be given to the unsigned forms. Senator Addison suggested that the two runs might be made for "differential weighting." Sen. Miller related that Senator Carpenter did not say that there would be separate weighting, just perhaps two tabulations. Senators Eckert and Foster said that they would take strong "methodological issue" with the idea of either separate runs or differential weighting. Eckert further stated that he would tell his students never to sign a questionnaire asking for their opinions or attitudes. Senator Leal maintained that a signature might keep someone from sending more than the appropriate number of forms, that security over the questionnaires was not exactly "tight." Senator Monippalli noted that security is the responsibility of the person distributing the forms. Senator Deming suggested that it would be better to know what position the person held: faculty, administrator or civil service. Senator Miller informed her that there was a place on the bottom of the form to indicate their status. He then stated that he thought the forms that contain written comments will

be in the Library Search Committee Room for committee members to review. Senator Deming then related that the VPAA Search Committee Secretary typed up the written comments in a separate document that was only for members of the committee to read.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The Senate will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 2:00 p.m. in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Internal committee appointments
Respectfully submitted,
Craig Eckert
Billie Rawlings