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- Called to order: by Chair Ed Marlow at 2:00 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library.
- Present: David Carpenter, Gary Aylesworth, Marietta Deming, Craig Eckert, Gary Foster, Michael Goodrich, Robert Jorstad, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Matthew Monippallil, Richard Wandling, John Craft, Jane Lasky.
- Absent: William Addison.
- Visitor: Beverly Miller, Phyllis Rearden, Maurice Libbey, Richard Keiter, Lewis Coon, Dean Lanham, Karl Grisso, Kathleen Jenkins, Chris Karwowski, Daily Eastern News.
- Minutes: A motion (Jorstad/Monippallil) to approve the Minutes of September 15, 1992, as amended, passed unanimously.
1. III.A. Vice Chair Leal reported that there were representatives from Northern Illinois, Eastern Illinois, SIU-Carbondale, SIU-Edwardsville, University of Illinois and Sangamon State Universities and the ... a generic letter (issued 9/3/92) ...
 2. Senator Lasky wanted to make it clear that the Library staff made every effort to contact departments and liaisons before cutting any journals or periodicals.

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RESPONSES

- A. Minutes of the President's Council, 9/9/92.
- B. Memo from Provost Hill in regard to appointments to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.
- C. Agenda of BOG meeting for September 24, Minutes of July 23 BOG meeting, and Chancellor's Report #62.
- D. Minutes of May 3-4 Council of Faculties meeting and Report on Shared Governance.
- E. President's Report for September 24.
Chair Marlow noted that the graduation rate of athletes at EIU was 50th of 248 universities, 86% (above the average 68%), 53% black males (national average 33%), and 100% of black females.
- F. Agenda for October 4-5 Council of Faculties meeting at Governors State University.
- G. Meeting Notes from "Super Senate" meeting Sept. 11, 1992.
Chair Marlow noted that the IBHE will rewrite university mission statements in October and added that Northern, Sangamon State and Southern were very upset.
- H. Memo from Dr. J. Quivey in regard to FAC reports. Dr. Quivey noted that the first meeting was primarily an organizational meeting and that PQP was discussed in the most general terms, but it was clear that changes would be made.
- I. "The Value of Useless Research" from *Wall Street Journal*, 9/21/92.
- J. 1991-92 Student Disciplinary Referrals.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH EVALUATION FORMS
Senator Carpenter noted concern about how the presidential candidates' evaluation forms were handled. He informed the Senate that there were both unsigned (17%) and signed (83%) forms and a total of 865 turned in. The Search Committee used a total score of both, with no distinction being made. Senator Wandling understood that the tabulated results were not to be released but he said that a "media-type student" had reported some numbers to him for his comment as to their accuracy. Senator Carpenter also said that a WEIU reporter had "run some numbers by him" but that Carpenter had merely questioned their accuracy and reported the statistics noted above. Asked by Senator Wandling as to what happened to the raw data sheets, Senator Carpenter reported that he had destroyed them.
- B. STUDENT ABSENCE POLICY
Senator Craft distributed copies of the CAA Minutes approving the current student absence policy in the catalog and also the recommendation for the Internal Governing Policy manual. He also distributed the student absence policy listed in the 1992-93 catalog and the 1985-86 catalog and page 79 of the Internal Governing Policy manual. Senator

Carpenter informed him that the CAA is to make recommendations to the President and that the President's Council acts on the Internal Governing Policy. Senator Monippallil explained that when this item came before CAA that faculty members insisted on maintaining control of their attendance policy. He added that most problems arise when a student is excessively absent. He also noted that if a student and an instructor cannot come to an agreement, the student should go to the chairperson of that department to seek help, and then the chair, student and instructor should try to resolve the conflict. Senator Carpenter informed the Senate that the policy that CAA approved is the result of a recommendation by the Senate to CAA. Senator Craft objected to the phrase "due consideration," in that it gives the instructor the prerogative to say no to illness, death, etc., and would rather see it clarified now than to wait until it is in the grade appeal process. Senator Monippallil stated that if an instructor acts in an "unreasonable manner," that the student should see the chair. Senator Jorstad noted that what appears in the 12/5/92 CAA Minutes and what appears in the 1992-93 catalog are not exactly the same. Senator Marlow agreed to write a memo to Vice President Hill in regard to this perceived discrepancy regarding the student absence policy.

C. RESPONSE TO NEGATIVE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON FACULTY TEACHING

Senator Jorstad wanted to thank Chair Marlow for his assistance in this project. He then distributed a draft of the proposed response. Senators will read over this draft and send revisions to Senator Jorstad. Dr. Coon suggested that in addition to the newspapers, a copy of this letter should be sent to the appropriate boards and appropriate key people in the legislature. He also suggested that the Senate should inform faculty what dates and newspapers these articles were from.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Senator Carpenter informed the Senate that there will be a reception for the newly appointed President on Thursday, September 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom and all members of Eastern's community are invited to attend. Some senators voiced concern (Deming, Jorstad) that the process that brings all presidential finalists back for a final interview with the BGU Board left something to be desired. Both Chair Marlow and Senator Carpenter noted that this process is official Board policy. Senator Foster argued that just because it is Board policy did not mean that it could not be criticized.

B. ASSOCIATE VPAA SEARCH

Senator Wandling reported that the Associate VPAA Search Committee met yesterday (9/21/92). He reminded everyone that the deadline for nomination is September 25th. The tentative schedule is as follows: Oct. 2 - review the applications; Oct. 19 - submit top ten to chair; Oct. 20 - meet to go over the top ten; November - interview; early January - recommendation to Vice President Hill. He also noted that there are currently forty-five candidates. Senator Leal related that the search committee hoped to keep the interviews to one or one and a half days per candidate.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. DEAN ALLEN LANHAM - DISCUSSION OF PERIODICALS/JOURNALS

Chair Marlow introduced Dean Lanham to the Senate. He then asked Dean Lanham to explain the development of the list of journals/periodicals listed in Friday's campus newsletter. Dean Lanham stated that every year the Library conducts a periodical and standing order review and a tentative list is developed in September and the decision must be made by September 30 or the library is obligated to pay for the subscriptions. This year, the University budget does not allow the Library to pay for the entire list. In FY91 the total periodical and book budget was \$827,000. The IBHE recommended that the Library be given a 10% increase for books and materials to cover inflation. The inflation rate is 10-13% for most national publishers and even higher for foreign publishers. The President's Council then approved a one time \$90,000 increase, making the Library's total budget \$910,000. Then in January 1992, the University suffered a "budget semi-crisis." The library gave back \$151,000, giving up the \$90,000 plus \$61,000. This all came from

books and other materials and was very well publicized. In April 1992, the President's Council returned \$30,000 to help defray the \$151,000 cut. This year all budgets were funded at the 94% level, so the library books and other materials budget has gone from \$910,000 to \$771,000. There were several factors to consider when making the decision to cut the journals and periodicals listed in the newsletter. The first is inflation; second, many departments were overdrawn from last year. Lanham argued that the decision to cut periodicals as well as books would stand up in any library evaluation system --- that there must be a balance between journals/periodicals and books. Senator Deming asked if the Library had greater or lesser cuts than other departments. Dean Lanham stated that he assumed that the Library had taken a greater hit in the last two years than other colleges.

Ms. B. Miller related that Dr. Hill had said that the academic core would be the last to be hit, "the most protected area." She further stated that she has been at EIU 20 years and her program was eliminated. She added that the Library is an academic area, and a university can't survive without a good library. She also said that the budget cuts seemed to hit academic areas first. She urged the Senate to discuss the matter with Dr. Hill. Chair Marlow informed her that Provost Hill will be at the next Faculty Senate meeting and it will be one of the topics of discussion.

Senator Jorstad asked if any effort was being made to maintain periodicals by not replacing personnel. Dean Lanham explained that at this time we have a centralized budget and the money for personnel goes to the President's Office. He also noted that the library is operating with a "skeleton staff" as it is. Senator Wandling stated that he could not support a reduction in the library staff.

Dr. R. Keiter asked if departments that have most of their money in periodicals took bigger cuts than departments with more money in books. Dean Lanham stated that the cuts were equal (journals/periodicals vs. books) and that no department was looked at as those who would support reductions more than others. Senator Jorstad said that this is the second year of cuts and his department is past trimming the fat and asked what could be done in the future to alleviate this problem. Lanham said that without money, there was not a lot that could be done. Ms. Rearden explained that the librarians always spend every cent of their budget and that things are not going to get better -- less people would be subscribing to journals and the publishers would raise the rates. Dr. Coon suggested that faculty members should go to the library and check out items to make the circulation records show that faculty need to use these items. Dean Lanham reported that the circulation record is the first document that administrators use when cutting. He also noted that he recognized the fact that journals are used and replaced on shelves. Senator Lasky suggested that possibly a service fee for library services be added to the budget. Senator Monippallil stated that the fee would just go to the state. Dr. Keiter stated that the Faculty Senate should suggest to the vice presidents that the library has no more money to give.

Senator Wandling then raised the issue that the newsletter stated that departments had two working days to respond to this list and that two working days is not enough time to get the department together to make recommendations. Dean Lanham said that he would try to adjust the time limit. Chair Marlow asked if there was any coordination across state in regard to journals that were cut. Lanham said that there has been an attempt to do this. He added that he is in a five member group, but that they have been unable to meet because of drastic budget cuts. Senator Deming asked what libraries could do to discourage publishers from raising prices. Ms. Rearden stated that this is a big issue with the American Librarians Association. Senator Jorstad asked what was the status of the electronic library -- "can you pay to download articles?" Dean Lanham explained that it was expensive to use this process. Senator Deming asked if the foundation had any money for the Library. Dean Lanham stated that nothing that was matured at this point.

B. FACULTY CONCERNS
See Attachment to the Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The Senate will meet on Tuesday, September 29, 2:00 p.m. in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Overload Payment Policy, Response to newspaper articles on faculty teaching, Visit from Vice President Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Eckert
Billie Rawlings