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Called to order: by Chair Ed Marlow at 2:00 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library.

Present: W. Addison, G. Aylesworth, J. Craft, M. Deming, G. Foster, M. Goodrich, R. Jorstad, S. Larabee, J. Lasky, L. Leal, E. Marlow, J. Miller, L. Walker, R. Wandling.
Absent: M. Monippallil.
Visitors: Dr. Baharlou, Dr. Yaffe, Dr. Jorns.
Minutes: A motion (Craft/Leal) to approve the Minutes of February 9, 1993, passed (12-0-1) with the following corrections: add Dr. Yaffe to the visitors. On page 5, in the sentence beginning with "Senator Wandling related..." revise it to read "...that if some other Faculty member, perceived as friendly with the administration, had been awarded this kind of fellowship, Dr. Carpenter would be asking questions..." On page 6, under E., "billion" should be "million."

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of resignation from the Faculty Senate from Dr. Craig M. Eckert. A motion (Jorstad/Addison) passed (9-0-3) to accept Dr. Eckert's resignation. A motion (Miller/Jorstad) passed unanimously to replace Dr. Eckert on the Faculty Senate with Dr. Lankford Walker (ACC/FIN). A motion (Addison/Leal) passed unanimously to elect Senator John Craft as the secretary for the remainder of Senator Eckert's term.
- B. Minutes from the President's Council, 2/3/93.
- C. Memo from Dr. Steve Whitley, Director of General Education and Senior Seminar, in regard to the new General Education program. This memo included information on when the general education courses were first offered, implementation of the new general education, and courses not taught yet.
- D. The President's report to the Trustees of the BGU for the 2/18/93 meeting.
- E. Memo from Acting VP Hencken in regard to the establishment of a committee to look at the composition of the 1994-95 academic calendar and make recommendations to the President's Council. This memo requests that the Faculty Senate appoint three members to the committee.
- F. Agenda, BOG meeting, 2/18/93.
- G. From Acting VP Hencken, proposed Enrollment Management Council, and request that the Senate make two appointments to the Council. The following names will be submitted for appointment to the Enrollment Management Council: John Miller, Jane Lasky, Stephen Larabee, and Robert Jorstad.
- H. Senator Wandling relayed a request he received from Dr. Calvin Smith concerning the disposition of the communication he sent to the Senate last week.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Senator Addison made a motion to bring the tabled motion requesting that the President, in conjunction with the Faculty Senate, appoint a committee to study the governance structure at Eastern and make recommendations for changes, off the table. Dr. Yaffe requested that a committee be formed to study the feasibility of the governing structure and also study the governing structure of other institutions. Dr. Baharlou spoke in support of studying the non-flexible, centralized governance structure, specifically decentralizing the system. Senator Aylesworth expressed support for the motion in that this is now philosophically the right thing to do. Senator Deming noted support for the motion. Chair Marlow stated that the structure should change with time, therefore it is appropriate to study this issue. Senator Foster expressed

support for a broad-based movement to study our governing structure, but noted reservations concerning the criticisms leveled at the CAA. Senators Jorstad and Lasky voiced support for the motion. Senator Deming raised a question in regard to the composition of this committee. Senator Leal called for a vote on the question. The motion passed unanimously. Senator Addison requested that the Senate and the President consider Dr. Fred Yaffe as a potential member of this committee. He further requested that the President send the Senate a memo on the proposed composition of this committee.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FACULTY SENATE/STUDENT SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE

Senator Wandling reported that the TRS Subcommittee will conduct a forum at 7:00 p.m. tonight. He added that he has received several statements in regard to this issue. He further reported that five faculty members and one student have expressed interest in speaking at the forum this evening. He noted that the faculty members on the committee do not see their mission as being the elimination of the TRS. Senators Miller and Aylesworth expressed the concern that although the committee is functioning well, the manner in which the committee's work has been portrayed in the *Daily Eastern News*, namely as a volatile confrontation, has been misleading. Senator Wandling stated that they (the faculty representatives) have no evil agenda in mind. Senator Wandling further stated that "The faculty members of the Faculty/Student Textbook Rental Review Committee see our mission as examining the textbook situation at EIU with as open a mind as possible; as reasonably and rationally as possible; and with due respect for the diversity of perspectives on campus."

- B. Senator Miller reported that the Committee to Study Eastern's mission statement had completed its task by drafting a statement that the committee felt was appropriate for Eastern. The statement is attached. Senator Miller further stated that the committee is now actively seeking input from anyone wishing to make suggestions concerning the "Mission Statement."

C. VPSA SEARCH COMMITTEE

Senator Deming announced that the first meeting for the VPSA Search Committee will be Monday, February 22, 1993.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Public Administration Association is sponsoring a presentation by Representative Michael Weaver in regard to the BGU and IBHE in the Sullivan Room of the MLK Union at 3:30 p.m. today.

The Senate adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting will be February 23, 1993, 2:00 p.m., BOG Room of Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Faculty Concerns, Textbook Rental System, Proposed Chain of Command.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Craft
Billie L. Rawlings